



Waste Management Community
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A meeting of the Waste Management Community Reference Group was held at the EMRC Administration Office, 1st Floor, 226 Great Eastern Highway, BELMONT WA 6104 on **Monday, 8 October 2012**. The meeting commenced at **6.00pm**.

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Acting Chairman opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

2 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED

Committee Members

Mrs Sally Paulin	Acting Chairman
Mr Berry Ambrose	Member
Ms Ruth Balding	Member
Mr Malcolm Barker	Member
Mr Anthony Fowler	Member
Mrs Tina Klein	Member
Mr Ray Lewis	Member
Mr David Strain	Member

Apologies

Mr Peter Pearson	Chairman
Ms Dianne Katscherian	Member
Mr Edwin Dell	Member
Mr Mark Simpson	Member

EMRC Officers

Mr Stephen Fitzpatrick	Manager Project Development
Ms Tania Wells	Waste Education Coordinator
Mrs Annie Hughes-d'Aeth	Administration Support Officer (Minutes)

EMRC Apologies

Mr Peter Schneider	Chief Executive Officer
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3 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Nil

4 ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OR PERSON PRESIDING WITHOUT DISCUSSION

4.1 APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The Manager Project Development advised that the Chairman, Mr Peter Pearson, is working overseas for a few months and has requested leave of absence. The Committee suggested the Manager Project Development contact the Chairman to obtain the time frame required.

(Peter Pearson has advised he may not be back until March 2013, meaning he will miss the next two meetings.)



5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

5.1 MINUTES OF WMCRG MEETING HELD ON 14 MAY 2012

That the Minutes of the Waste Management Community Reference Group meeting held on 14 May 2012, which have been distributed, be confirmed.

WMCRG RESOLUTION(S)

MOVED MR AMBROSE SECONDED MR STRAIN

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP MEETING HELD ON 14 MAY 2012, WHICH HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED, BE CONFIRMED.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

7 BUSINESS NOT DEALT WITH FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil

8 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Nil

9 REPORTS OF RELEVANT RESOURCE RECOVERY COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS

The Manager Project Development summarised report item 9.4 of the Resource Recovery Committee Meeting for 4 October 2012 (Waste and Recycle Conference September 2012).

Mr Barker entered the meeting at 6:05pm.

Discussion ensued

The Manager Project Development will request Mr Dell provides a report on his attendance at the Waste and Recycle Conference September 2012 for the next WMCRG meeting.

10 REPORTS OF MEMBERS

In response to a member's attendance at a recent field trial involving lime amended bio clay solids, the Manager Project Development confirmed that the EMRC and the Water Corporation were working on a project at Red Hill to produce lime amended bio clay solids for the agricultural sector.

Members discussed the Container Deposit Legislation (CDL) and the lack of glass and container recycling in the community and the fact that not all plastic containers were recyclable.

A member commented on the relaxed atmosphere at the Public Environmental Review (PER) community information session held at Mundaring on 15 August 2012 and felt that the community was better informed.



11 GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 RESOURCE RECOVERY PROJECT UPDATE

The Manager Project Development updated the group on the Resource Recovery Project, including the status of the environmental approval process for the Resource Recovery Facility at Red Hill. Also discussed was a recent visit to China and the outcomes for the project.

The Manager Project Development briefed the group on proposed developments at the Hazelmere Resource Recovery Park in relation to the sorting of commercial and industrial waste and improvement to the grinder for the screening of nails in woodchips.

A member commented that the appeals process in relation to the EPA can be a lengthy one and this process may need to be checked in relation to its possible affect on the project's timeline.

11.2 WASTE EDUCATION UPDATE

The Waste Education Coordinator updated the group on the following waste education activities:

- Battery recycling - collection from January to October 2012 through school and public place battery recycling programs was 11.89 tonnes;
- CFL globes and tubes collected from January to October 2012 through the CFL recycling program totalled 567.6kg;
- 155,000 Waste and Recycling guides were distributed across the region throughout June and July 2012. A new advert was designed and ran in the local community newspapers throughout July 2012 which informed residents that the new guide was being distributed. A flyer was mailed to all real estate agents in the region, informing new tenants that the waste and recycling guide was available from their local council or could be downloaded from the R-Gang website;
- During July the Waste Education department assisted with the distribution of the Public Environmental Review (PER) along with community information sessions for the proposed Resource Recovery Facility at Red Hill;
- Waste Education officers held an Earth Carers training course in July 2012. The course was well attended with a total of 20 participants from the eastern region. Five workshops ran over 3 weeks and included tours of Red Hill and Wangara Material Recovery Facility (MRF), composting and worm farming demonstrations, the use and making of green alternatives to hazardous materials and other waste related activities. In the final Earth Carer session, participants were asked to commit to 3 changes to reduce waste. Commitments included:
 - Involving their workplace in recycling;
 - Composting and starting worm farms at home to take care of organic waste; and
 - Telling others about what they have learnt on the course.
- EMRC (Waste Education) was awarded the MobileMuster National Working with Schools Award. The award was presented to Cr Pilgrim at the National General Assembly of Local Government in Canberra, by Senator Christine Milne, Leader of The Greens. The EMRC received the award for encouraging and supporting schools in the Eastern Region to take on mobile phone recycling, benefiting the environment by stopping old phones from being sent to landfill;
- Year 12 students from Helena College visited Red Hill Waste Management facility for a site tour to prepare for a community service project they were working on for the Red Hill Environmental Education Centre. Students will be working on recycled art 'dioramas' with the assistance of an art teacher. The intention is that the dioramas will depict an aspect of waste management, such as a working landfill cell or mobile phone recycling;
- Waste Education officers organised a waste education display for the Galleria Shopping to promote tours at Red Hill;
- The City of Swan was provided with waste education material that had been inserted inside of reusable paper battery bags. The bags were handed out to residents at Swan's Recyclable Goods Drop Off days;



Item 11.2 continued

- A workshop was held in September 2012 with the Regional Waste Education Steering Group to determine the waste education priorities for member Councils over the next three years. The information from the workshop and findings from Research Solutions will help to develop a new three year waste education strategy; and
- Waste education staff attended the 2012 WA Waste and Recycling Conference in Fremantle. Of particular interest was keynote speaker Robyn Davidov, who spoke about successful integrated waste management systems.
- The biennial Red Hill open day will be held Saturday 10 November 2012. Guided site tours will be held and recipients of the EMRC Community Grants Program will be announced at an awards ceremony at noon.

Discussion ensued

A general discussion took place on the following points:

- Involvement of primary schools, how to get them involved;
- Plastic containers not showing symbols for recycling, contacting manufacturers;
- Positive feedback to Shire of Kalamunda in relation to quick response by Cleanaway to oil spill in local area; and
- Recycling of plastic bags.

11.3 FUTURE ROLE OF THE WMCRG

The Manager Project Development updated the group on the proposed extension of the term of the WMCRG members in relation to the future role of the WMCRG.

A member commented that once the Red Hill Community Liaison Group (RHCLG) was finalised he did not see the need for the WMCRG to continue beyond the proposed extension of the end of the financial year 2013.

Another member suggested that the WMCRG continues for as long as the EMRC sees a need for the group to be there as a sounding board.

The Manager Project Development suggested that WMCRG memberships be extended to 30 June 2013. The Committee agreed unanimously with this suggestion.

The Manager Project Development will prepare a report for the Resource Recovery Committee.

12 FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE WMCRG

The next meeting of the Waste Management Community Reference Group will be held on **Monday, 26 November 2012** at the EMRC Administration Office, 1st Floor, Ascot Place, 226 Great Eastern Highway, Belmont WA 6104 commencing at 6:00pm.

Future Meetings 2012

Monday 26 November at EMRC Administration Office

13 DECLARATION OF CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Acting Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7:25pm.