

MINUTES

Waste Management Community Reference Group

A meeting of the Waste Management Community Reference Group was held at the EMRC, 226 Great Eastern Highway, Ascot WA 6104 on **Monday, 31 May 2021**. The meeting commenced at 6:05pm

ATTENDANCE

WMCRG Committee Members

Ms Carmel Luck	Deputy Chairperson
Mr Malcolm Barker	Member
Mr Edwin Dell	Member
Mr Anthony Fowler	Member
Ms Jodi Gardiner	Member
Ms Belinda Hamilton	Member
Mrs Belinda Henderson	Member
Mrs Gina Ogilvie	Member
Ms Kristy Walden	Member

Apologies

Ms Dianne Katscherian (after meeting)	Chairperson
Mr Alan Wicks (after meeting)	Member

EMRC Officers

Mr Marcus Geisler	Chief Executive Officer
Mrs Wendy Harris	Chief Sustainability Officer
Mr Brad Lacey	Chief Operating Officer
Mr Douglas Bruce	Chief Project Officer
Ms Shayde Holbrey	Waste Education Officer

EMRC Apologies

Ms Isabelle Marie	Coordinator Waste Education
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1 Opening

The Chairperson, Ms Dianne Katscherian, was unable to attend the meeting. Ms Carmel, in her capacity as Deputy Chairperson, chaired the meeting.

2 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

That the minutes of the Waste Management Community Reference Group meeting held on 23 November 2020 which had been previously distributed, were confirmed as read with the addition of a minor correction.

Moved Mr Anthony Fowler

Seconded Mr Edwin Dell

CARRIED

3 EMRC Officer Updates

Presentations were provided by the EMRC Officers as follows.

- a) The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) provided an overview of the major initiatives the EMRC are currently undertaking, including:
 - The introduction of the Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) system.
 - Request for tender for the permanent FOGO facility at the Red Hill Waste Management Facility
 - License for the Red Hill Waste Management Facility being updated.
 - EMRC Strategic Review
 - EMRC Constitution Review

- b) The Waste Education Officer provided an update on the Waste Education initiatives. The following topics were discussed
 - Earth Carers
 - Bin tagging
 - Bayswater FOGO support

- c) The Chief Project Officer (CPO) provided an update of the Red Hill Waste Management Facility and Hazelmere Resource Recovery Park. The following topics were discussed:
 - Stage 16 landfill cell construction update
 - Potential impacts of the Main Roads project East Link (Perth – Adelaide Hwy)
 - New admin building at Hazelmere is almost move-in ready
 - Tender for the Waste Transfer Station will go out in the next few weeks

- d) The Chief Operating Officer (COO) provided an update on the Operations at Hazelmere and the Transfer Stations (Community Recycling Centre's). The following topics were discussed:
 - Baywaste Transfer Station trial success and contract, site to be licensed for HHW later this year.
 - CDS at Coppin Road Community Recycling Centre
 - Hazelmere Resource Recovery Park updated license, contract with Western Power to receive and sort power poles into the different categories.

- e) Chief Sustainability Officer (CSO) provided an update on the Natural and Urban environment team projects. The following topics were discussed:

- Development of a Net Zero Tracker has commenced
- A Circular Economy Masterclass is being held in June 2021

Chairperson and individual members input

- a) Chairperson update

Nil from Carmel, Deputy Chairperson

QUESTIONS FROM WMCRG MEMBER – CARMEL LUCK

Question 1:	What will the 3-bin Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) system look like for multi-unit dwellings?
Response:	<i>The needs of each multi-unit dwelling vary and need to be assessed largely on a case-by-case basis. The preferred approach is first to rollout to single-unit dwellings and compile lessons learnt before expanding the program.</i>
Question 2:	How will the Net Zero Tracker assist households?
Response:	<i>Provide education on the tools and behaviours they can implement to reduce emissions. E.g. install solar panels.</i>
Question 3:	What is EMRC doing to implement circular economy in this building?
Response:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Managing organic waste onsite</i> ➤ <i>Looking into sustainable procurement of fleet vehicles</i> <p><i>It was suggested a database of sustainable (local/low waste companies be compiled, using a report card style, in a database and shared.</i></p>

QUESTIONS FROM WMCRG MEMBER – MALCOLM BARKER

Question 1:	Where is the FOGO contents going at the moment?
Response:	<i>Interim facility at the Red Hill Waste Management Facility. Trials with broadacre and viticulture (end markets).</i>

QUESTIONS FROM WMCRG MEMBER – JODIE GARDINER

Question 1:	What is the contamination like in the FOGO contents?
Response:	<i>Contamination was 10% in the beginning but has dropped. Particular issues with social housing and plastic packaging in general. Permanent facility will have more technology to reduce contamination, including a picking line. Looking into increased education, with a focus on putting items in the right bins in the first place.</i>
Question 2:	Who owns the material in the bin on the kerbside?

Response:	<i>Property of the Council or Waste Service Contractor. Issue of so called 'kerb crawling' can be reduced by separating the CDS material and taking yourself or leaving in a bag beside the bin. A note on the bin can also assist.</i>
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QUESTIONS FROM WMCRG MEMBER – ANTHONY FOWLER

Question 1:	Could you provide the Terms of Reference for this Waste Management Community Reference Group?
Response:	<i>Will recirculate to the group.</i>
Question 2:	Why is the number of CFL's 0kg for the City of Kalamunda admin? Are they still accepting tubes?
Response:	<i>Yes, they are still collecting tubes. The City decided to manage the collections and take them to Walliston Transfer Station some time back due to high volumes. The EMRC will begin to reservice this location from next month.</i>
Question 3:	Will the energy from the WW2E plant still go to the airport?
Response:	<i>Yes.</i>
Question 4:	Are you assured there will be sufficient wood waste for operations?
Response:	<i>The EMRC have secured a 5-year contract with broiler growers</i>
Question 5:	Have tours at Red Hill recommenced?
Response:	<i>Yes, numbers are down but we're seeing confidence in bookings return. Virtual Tour to be shared with group.</i>
Question 6:	Will another HHW day be organized?
Response:	<i>WALGA organise these and we will put our hand up to host another one.</i>

QUESTIONS FROM WMCRG MEMBER – BELINDA HENDERSON

Question 1:	Could we know more about the FOGO trial in schools?
Response:	<i>Want to match the system at home with what is provided in schools. 14 school currently in the program. Aim -: Looks at whether the school has appropriate systems/services (pricing and frequency) in the classrooms and school as a whole. Working in tandem with WWS.</i>
Question 2:	What were the common queries you received at Bayswater?
Response:	<i>What is FOGO and what non-typical items can be placed in the FOGO bin?</i>
Question 3:	Is there/ where is the polystyrene compactor at Hazelmere?
Response:	<i>Shown on map. Next meeting to be held at Hazelmere so the group can see the compactor and other features in person</i>

QUESTIONS FROM WMCRG MEMBER – EDWIN DELL

Question 1:	When is Lloyd St expected to be complete?
Response:	2023 subject to funding. Main Roads project.
Question 2:	Has there been any data on CDS in recycling bin?
Response:	WA Return Recycle Renew Ltd (WARRL), who administer the CDS have been collating statistics. For our region the bin tagging data will reveal results the CDS has had on recycling. https://www.wa.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-07/DWER-CDS-baseline-audit-report.pdf

QUESTIONS FROM WMCRG MEMBER – GINA OGILVIE

Question 1:	Where to after landfill?
Response:	~50 years lifespan at Red Hill. Look at diverting material to extend capacity.

4 Future Meetings of the WMCRG

It is proposed that the meetings of the Waste Management Community Reference Group for 2021, be as follows: the meeting to start at 5pm with a walking tour of the Hazelmere facility, followed by the meeting in the new administration building at the Hazelmere Resource Recovery Park. There was consensus by the group in terms of the proposed month (October) and the earlier start time and location.

Monday 11 October (if required) Hazelmere Resource Recovery Park,
77 Lakes Road, Hazelmere WA 6055

5 Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 7:35pm.