

MINUTES

➤ Waste Management Community Reference Group

A walk around tour and meeting of the Waste Management Community Reference Group was held at the Hazelmere Resource Recovery Facility on Lakes Road Hazelmere on **Monday, 07 February 2022**, tour commenced at 5:10pm and finished at 5:45pm. The meeting commenced at 6.00pm

ATTENDANCE

WMCRG Committee Members

Ms Dianne Katscherian	Chairperson
Mr Malcolm Barker	Member
Mr Edwin Dell	Member
Mr Anthony Fowler	Member
Mr Alan Wicks	Member - Online
Mrs Gina Ogilvie	Member - Resigned
Mr Mark Simpson	Member

Apologies

Ms Carmel Luck	Deputy Chairperson
Ms Jodi Gardiner	Member
Ms Belinda Hamilton	Member
Mrs Belinda Henderson	Member
Ms Kristy Walden	Member
Mr Nicholas Sibbel	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 Isabelle Marie	Coordinator Waste Education
Ms Annette Rakich	Personal Assistant

1 Guided walk around the Hazelmere resource Recovery Facility

2 Opening, Attendance and Apologies

The Chairperson, Ms Dianne Katscherian, opened the meeting.

3 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

The minutes of the Waste Management Community Reference Group meeting held on 31 May 2021, which have been distributed, be confirmed.

Moved Mr Anthony Fowler

Seconded Mr Malcolm Barker

CARRIED

4 Draft Terms of Reference

The terms of Reference to be amended to show 3 years for membership of members.

Anthony Fowler suggested to have a contact list for all WMCRG members (Contact, mobile and email address) ensure permission from the recipients.

Dianne the Chair agreed to send the Terms of Reference to the members who were absent for their feedback. Wendy agreed subject to no adverse comments through a circular motion. Agree / Not Agree through email no more than 4 weeks– Dianne Katscherian 1st motion and Edward Dell 2nd.

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5 Update on the Waste and Recycling conference from WMCRG attendees (Dianne September 2021)

Presentations to provide information on what is happening in the waste area by

- A representative from the Minister for Environment; Climate Action; commerce (not able to attend due to budget being released)
- Michelle Andrews, Director General, Department of Water and Environmental Regulation
- Reg Howard Smith, Chairman, Waste Authority

The plan to phase out single use plastic in WA by end of 2021. Containers for change had already collected 635 million items (6 months) but 500 million items still going to landfill.

Session 1

- Focused on the zombie myth (1/3 of all residents) that all recycling goes to landfill and seek solutions from our expert panel and audience on ways we as an industry can put an end this myth.

Session 2

- Waste avoidance and circular economy – Marcus Geisler discussed the launch of the CEN in WA (CEWA), Kate Ringvall (Case Study: IKEA) presented on the work being done by IKEA to become part of the circular economy.

Session 3

- Product stewardship – Claire Kneller from the WRAP program outlined the need for circular economy focus for the garments industry: annually the textiles industry produces approximately 80 billion garments and directly employs 60 to 75 million people worldwide.
- Sophie Degagny, Eunomia gave examples from Europe
- Shannon Mead from No More butts on tackling cigarette butt waste.

6 EMRC Officer Updates

a) Update from the Chief Executive Officer

- By 2040 Circular Economy will be a \$210 billion-dollar industry. The Circular Economy Masterclass was run in June last year to trigger a discussion at a high level, well received. Ended up with 7 like minded individuals from various companies. From there a not-for profit company CEWA (Circular Economy WA) was created. To be the hub for Western Australia. You can follow CEWA on LinkedIn.
- Aim through CEWA is to develop a Circularity Gap report for the whole of WA. Globally we extract \$400 million tonnes of raw materials, only 9% of this is raw material, we are running out of raw material. Plan to develop a report similar in WA.
- Announcement made at the Circular Economy Masterclass that the EMRC are doing a green deal, the compost nutrients through FOGO should end up back in the land not in landfill. Doing a trial of 2000 cubic metres of FOGO derived soil conditioner at the Kelmscott Level Crossing project.
- ABCR to be fixated in one of our Class 4 cement cells.

b) Update from the Chief Project Officer

- Replaced fencing along eastern boundary and working way along northern boundary, as one of the approval conditions for the Waste Transfer Station.
- Stage 16, Class III Cell works at Red Hill is now complete, took longer than anticipated due to wet weather. Require the CQA to be signed off by DWER.
- Workshop 3 works to start tomorrow (February 8) to replace existing workshop
- Second Section 38 referral in in December to harmonize all ministerial statements as requested by DWER. This will help with in future making less amendments.
- FOGO tender still being worked through. Submitted an application for funding through The Woodwaste for Healthy Soils funding program, aim to hear if successful before the end of the financial year.

c) Update from the Chief Sustainability Officer

- At end the of Strategic Review began working on Sustainability Strategy for whole organisation which went to Council last November. Next step is to take information from Sustainability Strategy and work on revising our Strategic Plan (10-year plan which requires regular reviews, current plan is 2017 – 2027)
- Hydrogen opportunity – Alannah MacTiernan's office looking for leaders in the industry to convert trucks to hydrogen opportunities for refueling centers etc. currently in discussion
- Composition of the current committee, last nominations of committee members was 2019, need to ascertain if current members would like to continue for a further 2 years then to be put to Council. Any gaps in representation will then call for nominations. Email to be sent out over next couple of months.

d) Update from the Coordinator Waste Education

- Upcoming bin tagging, Town of Bassendean to start next week February 14 on 2000 properties. Bin tagging is a community engagement education program where a tag is placed on each bin with a 'happy' or 'sad' face with direct feedback, to ensure message is received. City of Bayswater bin tagging to start May 2.
- New design being looked at for one of the recycling units, some of the Member Council (City of Bayswater and Town of Bassendean) are interested. Receiving quotes and feedback.
- Grant from Waste Sorted received for Community Education and Engagement in Circular Economy. 3 topics, 2 workshops per topic. Textiles, Plastic, Organics.
- FOGO and working with schools, surveys have begun today. School waste auditing to begin shortly.

e) Update from Chief Operating Officer

- Baywaste transfer station trial 4 by 1 contract is in place
- HHW is in process, grant approved. Bayswater to take control, we support the licensing. To go ahead by July this year.
- CDS Coppin Road, 90 000 containers per week. Issues with labor shortage.

7) **Chairperson Update**

a) Chairperson update - Nil to update, open to ideas for opportunity to assist

b) WMCRG members contribution

- Anthony Fowler

Kalamunda tip are opening a re-use area, items to be refurbished to coincide with the Men's Shed

- Malcolm Barker

During a visit to Red Hill staff were very helpful. Trucks coming out from Red Hill landfill going through wheel wash are leaving road stain on Toodyay Road. *This will be looked into.*

Organics recycling for material is not an agricultural site. *This will be part of the second step. Interim facility at the Red Hill Waste Management Facility. Trials with broadacre and viticulture (end markets).*

- Edwin Dell

Publicity and perceptions, less publicity about correct information leads to incorrect perceptions particularly in Mundaring due to 2 independent contractors. Cleanaway with recycling and Volex with waste, the public seeing Cleanaway trucks going up Red Hill into the waste site, these Cleanaway's do in fact have waste as they are from a different area, the public querying if it was recycling.

3 bin system for FOGO, Bunbury have large stickers listing with illustrations all items to go in bin. Suggested this to be carried out here also.

Any particular garden material not allowed? *None specified, all garden material accepted.*

8) Future Meetings of the WMCRG

The next meeting of the Waste Management community Reference Group for 2022:

Monday 12 September TBC closer to date

9) Close of Meeting

Meeting was closed at 7:45pm