

WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP

MINUTES

8 December 2014

(REF: D2014/14666)

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 December 2014**. The meeting commenced at **6:00pm**.

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Chairman opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

2 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE (PREVIOUSLY APPROVED)

Committee Members

Mr Peter	Pearson	Chairman
Ms Dianne	Katscherian	Deputy Chairman
Mr Berry	Ambrose (<i>from 6:07pm</i>)	Member
Mr Malcolm	Barker	Member
Mr Edwin	Dell	Member
Mr Anthony	Fowler	Member
Ms Ruth	Kendall (<i>from 6:05pm</i>)	Member
Mr Ray	Lewis	Member
Mr Mark	Simpson	Member

Apologies

Mr David	Strain	Member
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EMRC Officers

Mr Stephen Fitzpatrick	Director Waste Services
Mr Dave Beresford	Manager Resource Recovery
Ms Bronwyn Lee	Waste Education Officer
Ms Giulia Bono	Administration Officer (Minutes)

EMRC Apologies

Mr Peter Schneider	Chief Executive Officer
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Consultant(s)

Ms Gae Synnott	Consultant, Synnott Mulholland
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3 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Nil

4 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN OR PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

Ms Kendall entered the meeting at 6:05pm.

Mr Ambrose entered the meeting at 6:07pm.

5 PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

The Director Waste Services provided a presentation updating on the Hazelmere Wood Waste to Energy Facility and the peer review outcome.



6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

6.1 MINUTES OF WMCRG MEETING HELD ON 8 SEPTEMBER 2014

That the Minutes of the Waste Management Community Reference Group meeting held on 8 September 2014, which have been distributed, be confirmed.

WMCRG RESOLUTION(S)

MOVED MS KATSCHERIAN SECONDED MR LEWIS

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP MEETING HELD ON 8 SEPTEMBER 2014, WHICH HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED, BE CONFIRMED.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7 BUSINESS NOT DEALT WITH FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil

8 REPORTS OF EMPLOYEES

Nil

9 REPORTS OF RELEVANT RESOURCE RECOVERY COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS

Nil

10 REPORTS OF DELEGATES

Mr Dell notified the group of a recent visit to the tip shop in Hobart. This tip shop is a well-managed facility and employs those with slight intellectual disabilities. Mr Dell advised this could be an avenue the EMRC could investigate. The Director Waste Services advised that a tip shop is proposed to be established at Hazelmere Resource Recovery Park development plans.



11 GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 RESOURCE RECOVERY PROJECT UPDATE

The Director Waste Services provided an update on the Resource Recovery Facility proposed for the Red Hill Waste Management Facility.

The Director Waste Services advised that once an EPA decision has been made on the Hazelmere Wood Waste to Energy proposal there will be further community engagement. The EMRC website will continue to be updated and briefings will be arranged with Hazelmere Progress Association and the Community Action Network.

11.2 WASTE EDUCATION UPDATE

The Waste Education Officer updated the group on waste education initiatives.

- Battery Recycling:
 - Bassendean Primary School is now a part of the schools collection program;
 - Walliston Road Transfer Station is now a part of the Public Place collection program; and
 - Schools and public places will receive collection rosters in January for 2015.

Public Places Battery Collection 2014/15	September	October	November	Year to Date 2014/15	Year to Date in 2013/14
Bassendean	76.3	73.7	41.6	302.2	449.9
Bayswater	88.2	111.9	87.5	459.9	498.8
Belmont	296.3	15.5	246.1	876.5	516.5
Kalamunda	140.7	222.7	388.7	1085.4	1014.8
Mundaring	206.9	0	135.4	431.7	298.8
Swan	232.6	192.3	148.5	991.1	957.8
TOTAL (kg)	1041.0kg	616.1kg	1047.8kg	4146.8kg	3736.6kg

Schools Battery Collection 2014/15	September	October	November	Year to Date 2014/15
Bassendean	79.1	0	38.6	144.5
Bayswater	0	40.9	114.2	237.2
Belmont	122.3	0	0	122.3
Kalamunda	176.8	143.6	19.9	582.7
Mundaring	0	49.3	232.4	775.1
Swan	135.3	314.9	64.1	659.8
TOTAL (kg)	513.5kg	548.7kg	469.2kg	2521.6kg



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- Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) Recycling:

Public Places CFL Collection 2014/15	September	October	November	Year to Date	Year to Date in 2013/14
Bassendean	15.0	5.6	4.2	38.1	40.1
Bayswater	13.5	20.6	4.4	51.6	27.3
Belmont	16.1	0	0	33.2	92.8
Kalamunda	20.8	4.8	10.8	58.5	41.8
Mundaring	15.8	0	5.2	21.8	50.0
Swan	7.8	10.2	7.7	61.2	67.6
TOTAL	89.0	41.2	32.3	264.4	319.6

- Tours of the Red Hill Waste Management Facility and Education Centre:
 - Workshop to review the Environmental Education Centre was successful with 14 participants taking part to review each of the activities that currently exists and give suggestions on how these can be improved or changed to offer up to date curriculum links. Draft revision of the report is available for comments upon request;
 - Since the last WMCRG meeting on 8 September 2014, 17 tours were undertaken;
 - A total of 916 people visited Red Hill on a tour or school excursion in 2014; and
 - School excursions will be promoted for 2015 through brochure drops and mail outs with battery collection program information.
- Event Recycling Trailer:
 - City of Swan has used the trailer for a number of their events including the Ellenbrook Great Day Out, the Ballajura Environment Day and for Tropfest; and
 - Use of trailer may increase as the EMRC Regional Development team now have a bike rack that can be hired out to member Councils.
- Community and School Event Participation:
 - School Events:
 - Two school assemblies have been attended to promote the battery collection program within the schools. These will be offered again to all schools with the program in 2015;
 - Chidlow Primary School's Earth Day was attended which was an all-day event whereby classes rotated through different activities. The EMRC activity focused on how to dispose of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) correctly;
 - The Children's Groundwater Festival was attended at Whiteman Park which was a whole day event whereby the Waste Education Officer ran a landfill activity that showed students the importance of having a lined landfill. It was also a good opportunity for the EMRC to promote its School Excursion flyer; and
 - Scitech Sustainability Week was attended as a joint exhibit with Waste Wise Schools and Mindarie Regional Council. This focused on composting and worm farms.



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- Community Events:
 - The EMRC had a site at the Perth Royal Show in collaboration with the Mindarie Regional Council, Waste Wise Schools, Keep Australia Beautiful and also Living Smart thanks to funding from the Waste Authority. The Waste Education Officer spent a day at the event where positive feedback was received about our site and how much information people were gaining. The EMRC and the other regional Council's Earth Carers' manned the site throughout the week. The EMRC site also won best in show for outside exhibitor;
 - The Waste Education Officer aided in the set up and running of the Waste and Littering Site at the Ellenbrook Great Day Out event with City of Swan Staff on the 10 October 2014;
 - A small business in Midland requested a presentation on ways to reduce their waste. As a result, a partnership between the business and CLAW Environmental was established. CLAW Environmental operates a plastic recycling business in Welshpool and are able to recycle large plastic bases, which are unable to be recycled at our local MRF;
 - Red Hill Open Day was held on the 8 November 2014. There were games and activities set up for children at the Waste Education Centre;
 - A workshop was held at the City of Bayswater in regard to recycling and composting as part of a series of workshops open to residents; and
 - Tours were held for National Recycling Week - there were visits to the Cleanaway MRF, Total Green Recycling and Men of the Trees.

Ms Katscherian notified the group that CLAW Environmental offer polystyrene and plastics recycling. CLAW Environmental will be conducting a trial with local businesses to collect their packaging polystyrene. This is valuable information to pass onto community groups, notifying them of the recycling options for polystyrene and plastics.

11.3 RESOURCE RECOVERY PARK UPDATE

The Manager Resource Recovery provided an update on the Hazelmere Resource Recovery Park progress, including the Hazelmere Wood Waste to Energy Project, the Commercial and Industrial Waste Plant and general site development.

The Manager Resource Recovery advised that Opus International is continuing with the engineering design. The storm water management design will be completed with the consultants and the City of Swan. An electrical engineer was engaged to design the lighting and using street statistics, preliminary design and a conceptual landscape design has been provided. The Manager Resource Recovery advised that the tender for the extension of the scheme water has been evaluated and a report is to be written for EMRC approval. The EMRC is in the process on conducting a feasibility study for the C&I plant for the intake of cardboard, plastic and wood waste from industrial sites.

The Manager Resource Recovery advised that a Hammel grinder will be delivered to Hazelmere Resource Recovery Park in December 2014. This grinder is to be used for mattress shredding and recycling of spring steel.

Ms Kendall queried whether the federal funding is in jeopardy due to the changes in the timeline. The Director Waste Services advised Ansac sought assurances from the Federal Government and have been notified that the funding has been preserved but will not be released until environmental approval has been approved.



11.4 REVIEW OF WASTE AVOIDANCE AND RESOURCE RECOVERY ACT 2007

Ms Katscherian notified the group on the Department of Environment Regulation's final release of the discussion paper on the Review of Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007. Ms Katscherian is happy to coordinate a response from the WMCRG. As the response is due on 23 February 2015, this allows for all members to review the document before the 9 February 2014 WMCRG meeting.

The Director Waste Services formally invited the WMCRG to submit a response in collaboration with the EMRC's response.

12 FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE WMCRG

The next meeting of the Waste Management Community Reference Group will be held on **Monday, 9 February 2015 (if required)** at the EMRC Administration Office, 1st Floor, Ascot Place, 226 Great Eastern Highway, Belmont WA 6104 commencing at 6:00pm.

Future Meetings 2015

Monday	9	February (if required)	at	EMRC Administration Office
Monday	11	May (if required)	at	EMRC Administration Office
Monday	10	August (if required)	at	EMRC Administration Office
Monday	23	November (if required)	at	EMRC Administration Office

13 DECLARATION OF CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7:30pm.