

WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP

MINUTES

12 May 2014

(REF: D2014/04922)

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, 12 May 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
Mr Berry	Ambrose	Member
Ms Ruth	Balding	Member
Mr Malcolm	Barker	Member
Mr Edwin	Dell	Member
Mr Anthony	Fowler	Member

Apologies

Mrs Sally	Paulin	Deputy Chairman
Mr Ray	Lewis	Member
Ms Dianne	Katscherian	Member

EMRC Officers

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

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



5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

5.1 MINUTES OF WMCRG MEETING HELD ON 10 FEBRUARY 2014

That the Minutes of the Waste Management Community Reference Group meeting held on 10 February 2014, which have been distributed, be confirmed.

WMCRG RESOLUTION(S)

MOVED MR AMBROSE

SECONDED MR FOWLER

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP MEETING HELD ON 10 FEBRUARY 2014, WHICH HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED, BE CONFIRMED.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

7 BUSINESS NOT DEALT WITH FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Fowler queried how the application of an expression of interest from a potential WMCRG candidate has progressed.

The Director Waste Services advised Ms Brenda Martin, a former councillor of the City of Belmont had been contacted regarding her interest to become a WMCRG committee member. Ms Martin was advised to complete an application form and that she will be subject to the same criteria as other current members.

8 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Nil

9 REPORTS OF RELEVANT RESOURCE RECOVERY COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS

Nil

10 REPORTS OF MEMBERS

Mr Dell enquired whether the EMRC could investigate if member Council public libraries could dispose of documents of a sensitive nature in secure waste bins that will then be recycled. The CEO advised that this would be discussed with the member Councils to determine whether there is potential in providing or trialling this service to their residents.



11 GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 RESOURCE RECOVERY PROJECT UPDATE

The Director Waste Services updated the group on the Resource Recovery Facility proposed for the Red Hill Waste Management Facility.

The Director Waste Services introduced to the WMCRG members Ms Bronwyn Lee as the new Waste Education Officer and Mr Dave Beresford as the new Manager Resource Recovery.

The Director Waste Services advised that the Minister for Environment dismissed all appeals against the EPA report at the beginning of April 2014. The EMRC is currently reviewing the draft ministerial conditions of approval and have had discussions with the EPA on making the conditions easily auditable. There is a 5 year implementation period for installation of the facility at the Red Hill Waste Management Facility. It is likely the final Ministerial conditions will be issued by the end of June 2014, at which time discussions will be held with member Council CEOs as member Councils are required as guarantors for any borrowings which may be required.

11.2 WASTE EDUCATION UPDATE

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

- Regional Waste Education Steering Group:
 - Currently in the process of finalising Waste and Recycling Guides for 2014/2015. These will be printed and distributed through the member Councils; and
 - Member Councils are now receiving monthly feedback on the number of batteries and CFLs collected, as well as recycling data. A project to provide this data to the public is currently being developed.
- Battery Recycling:
 - Between February and April 2014, 3410.2kg of batteries had been collected. The highest contributions of battery recycling were received from the City of Swan, Shires of Kalamunda and Mundaring;
 - A school collection roster had been created and sent to all participating schools along with a letter to the Principals highlighting the changes in the program. The schools were advised that batteries would be collected between April and December 2014;
 - Since the roster notification, the EMRC has cleared a backlog of batteries from a few schools.
- Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFL) Recycling:
 - Between February and April 2014, 184.6kg of CFLs had been collected. The highest amount collected was from the City of Bayswater.
- Tours of Red Hill and Education Centre:
 - Tours of the Red Hill Waste Management Facility were temporarily suspended from January 2014 but have now resumed with all schools in the area notified;
 - Between January and April 2014, two tours were run by the Waste Education Officer - one for Curtin University and the other for Hills Out of School Care;
 - The Education Program and displays are being reviewed as there is potentially a need to update the program to align it with the current curriculum and broaden the age appropriateness to cover primary and high school;
 - The Waste Education Officer is considering outdoor gardening or indoor craft activities as options for schools; and
 - A workshop with representatives from schools, Waste Wise Schools, Earth Carers, the WMCRG and EMRC will be held to advise on potential revisions to displays and other components of the program.



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- Community Event Participation
 - An Earth Carers event sponsored by the City of Cambridge was held at the Perth Garden Festival on 3-6 April 2014. Staff from the EMRC and Earth Carer volunteers attended the event. The EMRC displayed landscaping materials available for the public; and
 - A display of waste education materials and landscaping supplies was developed for the launch of the Mundaring in Transition movement on 12 April 2014.

Ms Balding queried whether electricians were aware of the recycling options for fluorescent lighting, as Ms Balding recently had electrical work done only to find the globe broken and in the rubbish bin. The Director Waste Services suggested that the notifications of fluorescent tube recycling are normally communicated through peak bodies such as the Electrical Trade Union.

11.3 RESOURCE RECOVERY PARK UPDATE

The Manager Resource Recovery updated the group on the Resource Recovery Park (RRP) proposed for Hazelmere, including the Hazelmere Wood Waste to Energy Project, the Public Environmental Review (PER) process underway and the Commercial and Industrial Waste Plant (C&I).

- Resource Recovery Park (RRP):
 - Opus International Consultants was awarded the contract for Engineering Infrastructure and Landscape Design on 1 October 2013;
 - A review of the concept plan by JDSi and Hassel was undertaken. A conceptual design was undertaken to identify areas for further consideration, such as the relocation of the weighbridge, relocation of the water storage tank, realignment of entrances, traffic design study for internal road network and public interface area;
 - The Manager Resource Recovery met with officers from the City of Swan to facilitate a closer working relationship and information sharing to allow incorporation of draft south-west designs for the Hazelmere Enterprise area into the RRP conceptual design;
 - The scheme water conceptual design and approvals are currently with the Water Corporation, the objective is to connect to the Stirling Crescent water main then bring a pipeline to site down Lakes Road;
 - A Geotechnical study is about to be undertaken to provide an understanding of site geophysical properties as well as design information for road pavement design and building footing requirements; and
 - The CEO and Director Waste Services will meet with the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) to progress the negotiations for the land acquisition/swap for Lots 99 (1) and Lot 99 (2), Lakes Road, Hazelmere.
- Commercial and Industrial (C&I) Recycling Facility:
 - Mr Mike Haywood from Sustainable Resource Solutions in South Australia has been engaged as a consultant to assist with the development of options for the C&I plant;
 - A financial model has been generated; and
 - A tender for the Supply of Equipment and Construction of the building is being developed.
- Mattress Springs:
 - Investigations are being undertaken to find options for recycling of the mattress springs, these include:
 - Shredding or bailing the stockpiled springs for shipment to scrap steel recyclers.



Item 11.3 continued

Mr Fowler queried the large areas of hardstand and the resultant water runoff, and whether the EMRC would be harvesting or installing sumps for water collection and whether revegetation would be native plants found in the area. The Manager Resource Recovery advised that there were draft designs for catchment and storing for use in irrigation and that discussions were currently taking place with the Men of the Trees WA on harvesting local seeds and planting back into the site.

The Director Waste Services advised that the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) required a Public Environmental Review (PER) for the Hazelmere Wood Waste to Energy Plant, which was open for a four week comment period. The PER is only required to address air quality.

The Director Waste Services advised the WMCRG members that there will be a Community Information Session on 15 May 2014 at the Midland Town Hall, RSVP's close on 13 May 2014 at 5:00pm. The Community Information Session is open to all residents and has been advertised through the community papers and as well as by a press release. Mr Pearson advised he would notify the Bellevue Residents & Ratepayers Association Inc. and would encourage members to attend. The Director Waste Services advised that copies of the PER were available at all member Council libraries, State Library and copies were available for purchase at the EMRC office or CD's were available free of charge.

Ms Gae Synott advised that filming for an infographic video on the Hazelmere Wood Waste to Energy Plant had commenced and that the Director Waste Services, the EMRC Chairman, Professor Dongke Zhang from UWA, Dr Forster from Strategen and Danny Griffin from Ansac were involved. This would enable the EMRC to reach a different audience and would direct any social media interest to the video.

11.4 LETTER OF THANKS TO MRS SALLY PAULIN AND MS TINA KLEIN

Mr Pearson requested that a letter to retired members, Mrs Sally Paulin and Ms Tina Klein, be compiled to commend their efforts to the WMCRG.

WMCRG RESOLUTION(S)

MOVED MR PEARSON

SECONDED MR AMBROSE

THAT A LETTER FROM THE EMRC BE WRITTEN TO RETIRED MEMBERS MRS SALLY PAULIN AND MS TINA KLEIN ON THEIR DEDICATION TO THE WMCRG.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12 FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Waste Management Community Reference Group will be held on **Monday, 11 August 2014 (if required)** at the EMRC Administration Office, 1st Floor, Ascot Place, 226 Great Eastern Highway, Belmont WA 6104 commencing at 6:00pm.

Future Meetings 2014

Monday	11	August (if required)	at	EMRC Administration Office
Monday	24	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 6:47pm.