

**West's Road RDF & Waste Management
Community Reference Group
AOC
18th Meeting
Notes**

23 June 2016

Conference Rooms C & D

Present:

Jacqui Scott - community representative
Karen Hucker – community representative
Harry Van Moorst – WREC representative
Peter Haddow – community representative
Kimi Pellosis – Community representative
Michelle Lee – Planner, Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Group (MWRRG)
Cr Peter Maynard – Councillor, City of Wyndham
Cr Bob Fairclough – Councillor, City of Wyndham
David Suder –Director Infrastructure, City of Wyndham
Simon Clay – Manager Refuse Disposal Facility
Bruce Turner – Independent Chair

Visitors:

Hayley Jarvis – Team Leader Waste Strategy

Apologies/ absent:

Lindsay Swinden – Community representative
John Faranda – Werribee South Ratepayers Association representative
Julian Menegazzo – adjoining landowner representative

The meeting commenced at 5.30 pm. No conflicts of interest were declared

1. Welcome and Introductions

Bruce welcomed members to the 18th meeting of the Community Reference Group.

2. Notes and actions from the previous meeting

The notes from the 17th meeting held on 13 April 2016 were taken as presented.

Bruce ran through outstanding actions from the previous meeting:

<i>Action M14-2.2</i>	<i>Finalised notes of the previous meeting, including the notes of the CRG workshop conducted by Michelle, to be published on Council's website.</i>	Yet to be completed
<i>Action M15-2.1</i>	<i>Update the CRG page on the WCC web site.</i>	Yet to be completed
<i>Action M15-3.1</i>	<i>WCC to send a letter to each member of the CRG confirming their term and expiry date.</i>	Yet to be completed
<i>Action M15-3.2</i>	<i>Simon to check with WCC Communications Team about getting a call for expressions of interest for new nominations in Council's January-February newsletter.</i>	Yet to be completed for later edition of newsletter

Action M16-3.1	<i>Simon to provide monitoring data on performance of the gas capture facility (gas used for electricity generation vs. gas flared) and net export of electricity to the grid after electricity consumption at the RDF has been deducted.</i>	completed
Action M16-3.2	<i>Ask Elio Comello to attend the next meeting to further discuss the State Planning development related to the urban growth boundary.</i>	Pending further work being completed at the state level
Action M17-3.1	<i>Simon to resolve this (membership) prior to the next meeting</i>	
Action M17-6.1	<i>Simon to look at including Connie Menegazzo in the survey team and to plot historical complaints and survey results compared to time of delivery and other operating and atmospheric conditions at the landfill</i>	
Action M17 – 6.2	<i>WCC to consider approaching EPA engagement team in planning for the Works Approval application consultation process.</i>	Completed
Action M17 – 6.3	<i>WCC to consider allowing WREC to have a presence at the Works Approval information session.</i>	completed
Action M17-6.4	<i>The option of putting the power extension underground to be considered along with impacts on the landscaping plans and compliance with the Landscape Context Guideline to be undertaken.</i>	Completed
Action M17-6.3	<i>Provide a summary of any landscaping requirements specified in the BPEM document.</i>	Completed
Action M17–7.1	<i>Provide data on recycling from the transfer station</i>	
Action M17-7.2	<i>Confirm whether cardboard is or is not collected in hard waste collection and whether cat litter can be recycled</i>	Completed – confirmed it is not collected
Action M17-7.3	<i>Provide information on cleaning schedule for street litter bins</i>	Completed
Action M17-9.1	<i>Simon to provide information on greenhouse gas emissions</i>	Completed
Action M17-9.2	<i>Simon to provide a response on seaweed and other organic material dumper at the RDF</i>	Completed
Action M17-9.1	<i>Some options for a site visit to the RDF to be proposed to the CRG</i>	

3. Membership renewal

It was agreed that three members turnover each year with a 31 December expiry date. Nomination for new members should commence in September with a view to having nominations endorsed at the November Ordinary Council Meeting with new members commencing in February of the following year.

Peter Haddow initiated discussion of the possibility of having community based meetings, that could be linked to the Ward based Community Open Days, on issues such as the upgrade of the transfer station.

4. Waste management and resource recovery in general

4a. Waste and Litter Strategy

Hayley presented an update on the finalised Waste and Litter Strategy. There was much discussion and interest. Key points discussed included:

- Reduction in the number of ‘tip’ vouchers and increase in hard waste collections
- Extension of the kerbside service to schools, sporting clubs and similar entities
- Implementation of standard bins, lids and sizes could include different bin combinations if there was justification provided. It was asked if early change over in new estates could be considered.
- Reverse vending machines will be in place by the end of the year at AquaPulse, Eagle Stadium and Point Cook Centre.

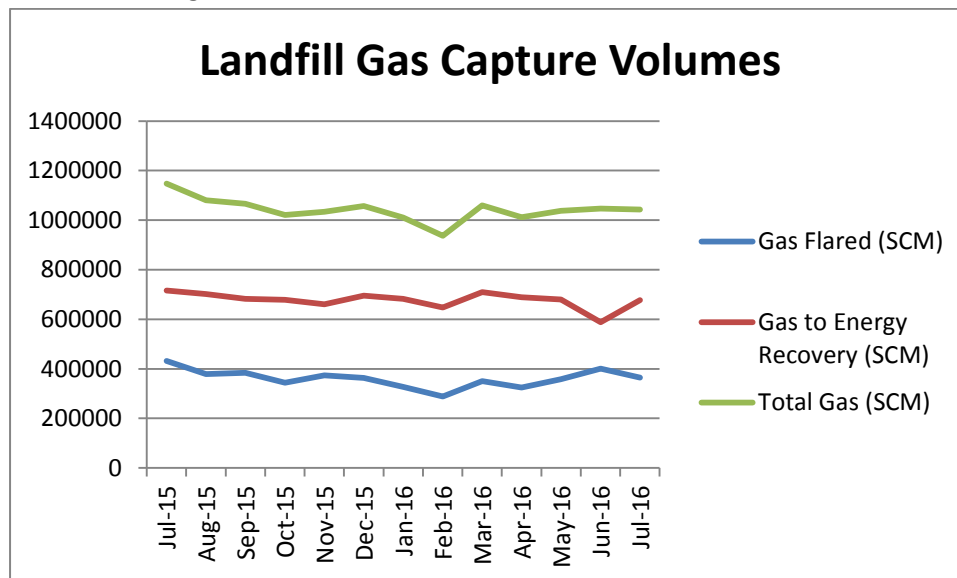
5. Strategic planning context

No further update was available for the meeting. Elio will be invited to a future meeting when there has been further progress on developments related to the urban growth boundary.

6. RDF Update

Landfill gas management update

The volume of gas extracted at the RDF and the split between electricity generation and flaring is shown in the figure below.



The complexities of greenhouse gas calculations were discussed. Peter asked what happened to the money collected for the carbon tax – it is being returned to Councils.

Action M18-6.1 Calculate the CO2 equivalent of the landfill gas using the carbon tax methodology

Simon indicated that new bores had been placed in Cell 4A and that locations had been set for more in Cell 4B. These should be installed and active within two months.

Daily odour measurement results and monitoring regime

Jacqui asked if Connie Menegazzo had reported smelling more or less odour recently. Simon said she had not reported odour concerns for some weeks. He said that the involvement of Council and/or others in the monitoring regime was fine in principle, but had yet to be put in train.

Phytocap Trial

The design is still with the auditor for review.

Action M18-6.2 Circulate the auditor's report when it becomes available

Works Approval update

The community information session is currently being finalised and will be held from 1.30pm-8 pm.

The group discussed both Western Regional Environment Centre and the CRG having a table or profile at the information session.

Landscaping

Discussion included a suggestion from Harry to look at some interim rehabilitation/ landscaping at the RDF, e.g. a tree planting day.

Action M18-6.3 Simon to provide a status update on where things stand with landscaping plans (ie consolidate/ review what CRG has seen and where things are at now)

Other matters

Simon advised that after consideration of the additional costs of putting power underground the power extension at the RDF will remain above ground. Additional landscaping will be undertaken to provide further screening.

Cr. Fairclough provided some information on a new standalone wind turbine and solar lighting system which he thought might have applicability at the RDF.

The weighbridge software is being upgraded with new software becoming operational from 1 July 2016.

A system of alternate daily cover is currently being investigated. This consists of a set of heavy duty tarpaulins which replace the requirement for soil on some of the tipping face area. The benefits include improved operational efficiency and improved covering of waste.

Action M18-6.4 Simon to circulate material on alternate daily cover systems.

7. Members report back

There was insufficient time for discussion under this item.

8. Communications

No additional items discussed. See item 2 above for outstanding actions to be completed.

9. Other business

Options for a tour of the RDF remains an outstanding item of other business.

10. Next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for 5.30 to 8pm on Thursday 18 August 2016.

The Meeting closed at 7:30 pm