

**West's Road RDF & Waste Management
Community Reference Group
AOC
29th Meeting
Accepted Notes
26 April 2018
Conference Rooms C & D**

Present:

Cr Walter Villagonzalo	- Councillor (Chaffey Ward), Wyndham City Council
Cr Peter Maynard	- Councillor (Iramoo Ward), Wyndham City Council
Stephen Thorpe	- Director City Operations, Wyndham City Council
Harry Van Moorst	- Environment group representative (WREC)
Julian Menegazzo	- Adjoining landowner representative
Karen Hucker	- Community representative
Jacqui Scott	- Community representative
Kimi Pellois	- Community representative
Lisa Field	- Community representative
Michelle Lee	- Planner, Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Group (MWRRG)
Simon Clay	- Manager Refuse Disposal Facility, Wyndham City Council
Liza McColl	- Business Analyst Refuse Disposal Facility, Wyndham City Council
Bruce Turner	- Independent Chair

Apologies/ absent:

Cr Tony Hooper	- Councillor (Harrison Ward), Wyndham City Council
Caroline Lavoie	- Community representative
Lindsay Swinden	- Community representative

The meeting commenced at 4.30 pm. No conflicts of interest were declared

1. Welcome and Introductions

Bruce welcomed members to the meeting.

2. Notes and actions from the previous meeting

The notes from the 28th meeting, circulated prior to the meeting, were accepted and will be published on the Council's website.

An 'action tracker' document with the status of outstanding actions from previous meetings was handed out. Bruce ran through outstanding actions:

ONGOING ACTIONS – FROM MEETINGS PRIOR TO 22 FEBRUARY 2018		
Action M24-3.2	<i>Council to provide the CRG with an update on the status and timeline for the redevelopment of the Transfer Station.</i>	Deferred. Transfer Station Redevelopment Plan cannot be implemented until it is reviewed.
Action M24-5.2 And M26-9.1	<i>Council to invite Lend Lease to a future meeting of the CRG to discuss how best to represent the interests of future residents of the Harpley Estate in the CRG process (and wider community engagement).</i>	Lend Lease to attend subsequent meeting.
Action M24-5.3	<i>Council to pursue opportunities for screen planting along the Princes Freeway (in the road reserve in collaboration with VicRoads and/or on private land) to improve the view from the freeway.</i>	Pending. Site investigations commenced. Underground services (high pressure oil pipeline) present may influence/constrain type of trees that can be used. Timing to be advised
Action M27-7.1	<i>Simon to provide information on gas composition and air quality.</i>	Pending. Simon has requested this information from LMS Energy, the operator of the Landfill Gas Management System.
Action M27-7.2	<i>Simon to circulate the auditor's report on the phytocap when this is available, before it is submitted to EPA for approval.</i>	Pending – Council has not yet received the auditor review of Phytocap Design Report.
Action M27-8.1	<i>Simon to discuss with Council's waste strategy team the potential to initiate a dialogue around the opportunity for waste management services for businesses in Wyndham.</i>	Pending. Harry indicated WREC would be able to assist. It was agreed the best time to initiate would be towards the end of the current contract for kerbside collection
NEW ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING – 22 FEBRUARY 2018		
Action M28-3.1-	<i>Liza to circulate a copy of the Wyndham Vale Buffer Study and odour modelling information to all CRG members.</i>	Pending.
Action M28-6.1	<i>Liza to speak to Council's Town Planning Department about whether all buildings and works at the RDF undertaken by Council, but which are NOT needed to comply with a Works Approval, are exempt from a permit requirement.</i>	Buildings and Works will need a permit only if they are NOT needed to comply with a Works Approval, Pollution Abatement Notice or Licence under the Dangerous Goods Act or NOT already approved and shown on the existing planning permit. Action closed
Action M28-6.2	<i>Liza to review terms of reference to determine whether it is adequate to provide the CRG with the necessary power and processes to endorse secondary consent amendment applications to then be considered by the Town Planning Department.</i>	Terms of reference is very broad and doesn't exclude CRG from taking on this role. Action closed
Action M28-6-3	<i>Council to initiate further discussion with City West Water on the idea of recycled water being connection from Browns Road to the RDF.</i>	Pending.

Action M28-8.1	<i>Simon to distribute information on performance data, EPA compliance, cell construction and cell rehabilitation to members of the CRG via email</i>	Completed. Information distributed on 22 April 2018.
Action M28-9.1	<i>Simon to ask Council's Waste Strategy and Education Team for further information about Council's response to the forthcoming e-waste ban.</i>	To be discussed at tonight's meeting at item 3.

3. Members' report

Julian reported that Connie had noticed smoke in the vicinity of the RDF a couple of weeks prior to the meeting. Simon indicated there had been some burning off at that time on land not immediately adjacent to the RDF. There had also been some green waste shredded on a weekend which had generated more dust than anticipated and could have been mistaken for smoke. Shredding was halted when the extent of the dust generation was apparent.

Karen reported that she had picked up a concern in the community regarding what was happening with recycling (in view of recent media reports on China no longer accepting recyclables unless far less contaminated than Australia's current resource stream). Michelle reported that DELWP had started releasing information on this subject. Stephen said Council would be informing the wider community about this too.

ACTION M29-3.1 Information on the recycling situation to be circulated to CRG members.

Jacque referred to the problem of dumped vehicles, shopping trolleys etc. It was explained that Council relies on public reporting of these. It is also possible to contact supermarkets re their trolleys.

Lisa reported the experience of a resident who was dismayed to see green waste being incorporated with hardwaste in one collection truck (Four Seasons) destined for the Calleja Transfer Station. Simon explained that this is related to the new collection contract where the materials are separated at the Calleja transfer station. A higher recovery rate is being achieved with the new arrangement.

Lisa said another resident went to the RDF for the first time and was instructed to dump their green waste in the pit. Simon acknowledged that this does happen and required education and change at the transfer station.

Lisa also reported how disheartening it was for people to see their recycling bins contaminated (with other people's rubbish).

Lisa asked if there was to be any move to revamp the tip shop and involve the community in this. Simon indicated he had had Outlook Environment and the Salvation Army out to look at the potential of the tip shop. Walter referred to the community recycling network. Harry suggested putting the shop in a more accessible area. Jacque asked how people know there's a shop. Michelle pointed out the differences between op. shops and tip shops where larger materials that have been brought to the landfill are available.

ACTION M29-3.2 Topic of the future of the tip shop to remain open for further discussion.

Harry reported that he had written a response to concerns regarding the cost to Council of WREC's action at VCAT (on the current Works Approval application). He said he had sent it to the local newspaper but it had not been accepted. He asked if it would be OK to circulate to the CRG – this was agreed (and left to Harry to circulate, rather than as an action from the meeting).

Harry also raised his concern that it had been inappropriate for Council to have arranged Stefan Fiedler from Russel Kennedy to attend the February meeting and provide Council's perspective on the VCAT appeal. Karen responded that the CRG wasn't WREC and that she felt it was entirely appropriate.

Harry asked for a report on waste baling technology that he understood was with Simon for review. It was agreed that it would be good to see this as soon as possible. Simon advised that the report still needed to be fully reviewed to see if baling of waste was potentially feasible. Stephen also advised that it may need to be discussed by Council to resolve whether it is an item of interest to Council.

ACTION M29-3.3 Simon to circulate report on waste baling technology after it has been fully reviewed.

4. Strategic waste management and resource recovery

a. Collaborative Residual Procurement Project Update

Michelle gave a brief update, essentially as per the previous meeting.

b. Wyndham Waste and Litter Strategy – implementation update

Simon reported that tip tokens have been reduced from two to one per property. To compensate, Council will now offer three hardwaste collections per year and these will include cardboard and have removed some of the conditions on green waste (bundling not necessary). The collectors will pick up from the curb, even though material is supposed to be left on properties.

Simon clarified the situation with recyclables, saying China had not banned them, but had drawn a line on the level of contamination (ie less than 0.5%, when usual levels in Australia are 5-8%). SKM (who process recyclables) want to introduce a gate fee of \$60 per tonne for recyclables and then will review this fee with a rebate for recyclables. This compares to Council previously being paid \$50-80 per tonne for recyclables. SKM's gate fee is essentially offset (for the time being) by \$13 million funding from the State Government to Councils.

c. e-Waste Ban Implementation

It was indicated that 'e-waste' covers anything with a power cord or battery. The ban has been deferred to 1 July 2019 due to the current problems with recycling.

d. Council study tour of European waste facilities

Stephen advised that he, Cr Maynard and Simon were undertaking the tour which was to include visits to new facilities in the UK (to meet Councillors, Council officers and industry to learn more about social, political, commercial and legislative drivers), France and Spain (including baling technology), Munich (a Trade Fair and anaerobic and thermal digestion technologies), Switzerland (other technologies, including incineration). He said they would be blogging as they travelled and a key motivation for the trip was to be more informed when approached by sales people as Council looked to transition away from landfill.

5. Strategic planning context

a. RDF-Wyndham Vale Buffer Study update

The study and odour modelling information are due to be circulated to the CRG as per M28-3.1. The odour information needs to be updated prior to this occurring.

b. Werribee Junction Precinct Structure Plan

It is understood the VPA has approached land owners about making a financial contribution to the cost of the PSP.

6. EPA Works Approval Application

Simon reported that the hearing was scheduled for 21 – 25 May.

7. RDF rehabilitation

This is a standing item. There was nothing to report.

8. RDF Update

a. 'Hot Spot' update

Simon reported that monitoring of the temperature had been very encouraging after careful re-commencement of pumping of gas on Cell 4A.

b. Performance dashboard

[See separate handout]

c. EPA Compliance Summary (landfill gas, daily odour, leachate)

[See separate handout]

d. Site and operational improvements

Simon/ Liza reported re the fence and litter nets, that no responses had been received to the design and construct tender. The design phase was separated out and put out to tender and quotes have been received for review.

Two water tanks are being installed. They are 250,000 litres each. One is purely for firefighting.

The potential for co-location of water and sewer supply to the RDF and new juvenile justice centre has been discussed (with City West Water and Melbourne Water). Environmental surveys are underway and may affect the location.

Karen asked about the CRG's role in relation to odour complaints (from the EPA approval of Cell 4A). She asked for details of the process or system involving both the CRG and complainants. Simon described his approach. Harry raised the question of whether complaints should be reported to EPA for verification. Simon indicated this should be explored with EPA. Julian noted that odour complaints had reduced through working together (between Council, CRG and RDF neighbours).

ACTION M29-8.1 Council to document CRG's role and process for odour complaints including EPA's expectations regarding reporting.

9. Other business

a. Membership renewal

Liza reported that the call for applications to join the CRG (to renew the two resident and one environment group places) had gone on the web that day.

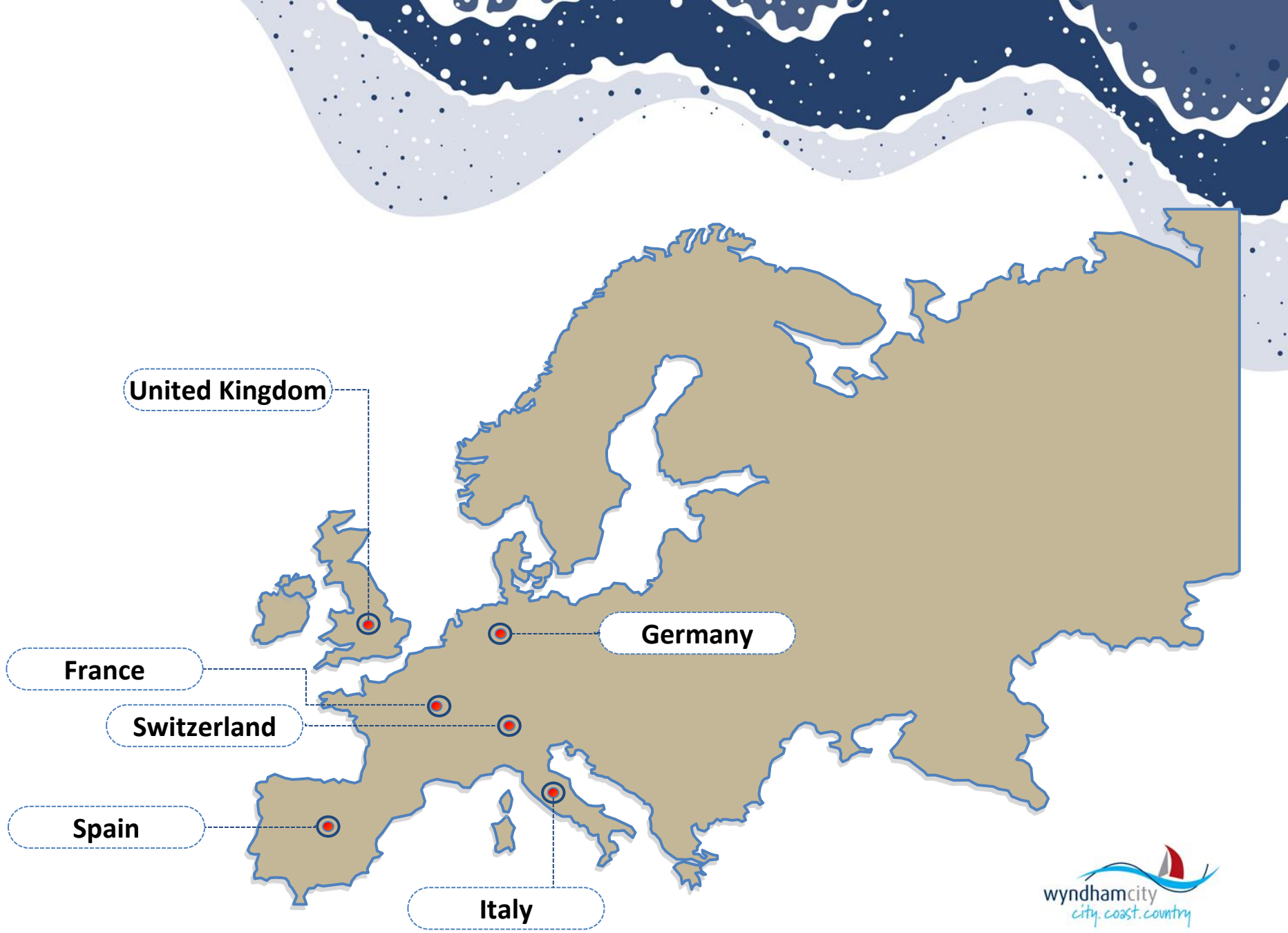
Next meeting

The next meeting is at 4.30 – 7.00 pm on Thursday 28 June 2018



Wyndham Waste Disposal Education Tour

May 2018



Waste Facilities

United Kingdom

- Riverside Waste to Energy Facility
- Milton Keynes Waste Recovery Park
- Allerton Waste Recovery Park

Germany

- IFAT Trade Fair
- Augsburg Anaerobic Digestion (AD) & Waste to Energy Facility

France

- Montblanc landfill (near Montpellier)

Switzerland

- Renergie Waste to Energy Facilities
- Winterthur AD Facility

Spain

- Toledo Eco Park

Italy

- Imperia Landfill
- Macpresse

