

Minutes

Refuse Disposal Facility Community Reference Group Portfolio Committee – Meeting 52

Date:	15 December 2022	Time:	4:30pm - 7:00pm
Location:	On-site at RDF, Wests Road, Werribee		
Chairperson:	Bruce Turner		
Attendees:	<p>Independent Chair Bruce Turner Phoenix Facilitation</p> <p>Wyndham City Councillors: Cr Peter Maynard Councillor (Iramoo Ward)</p> <p>Wyndham City Council Staff: Simon Clay Manager Waste Management and Disposal Chris Rachor RDF Operations Manager Sam Ellery RDF Operations (for site visit only)</p> <p>Reference Group members: Karen Hucker Community representative</p>		
Apologies:	<p>Cr Heather Marcus Councillor (Iramoo Ward)</p> <p>Stephen Thorpe Director City Operations</p> <p>Bill Corcoran RDF Operations</p> <p>Julian Menegazzo Adjacent landowner representative</p> <p>Joe Ferlazzo Community representative</p> <p>Bianca Bragalenti Community representative</p> <p>Paul Von Harder Community representative</p> <p>Hayley Scott Community representative</p> <p>Michelle Lee Recycling Victoria</p>		

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Topic	Actions
<p>1. Welcome & Apologies Bruce welcomed everyone to the meeting. Unfortunately, there was a considerable number of apologies at the last minute, mainly due to illness or other significant factors.</p>	
<p>2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest No conflicts of interest were declared.</p>	
<p>3. Site visit (see next page)</p>	

We began the tour with a demonstration by Sam Ellery of the capabilities of the newly-acquired sorting machine (pictured at right) in the area set aside for sorting of loads with significant levels of recyclable materials.



We then visited Cell 6 which had started being filled about 10 weeks ago. It has around 2.5 years capacity. The southern section had flooded in recent rainfall events necessitating pumping to remove stormwater.

We also visited the newly-established data storage facility adjacent to the LMS gas recovery/ energy generation plant. The co-location means power can be used at source, avoiding the flaring of gas that otherwise cannot be used due to the capacity limits of the connection to the local power grid.

We then went back to the site offices for a shorter than usual meeting.

4. Adoption of Previous Minutes

The draft notes from the previous meeting held on 25 August 2022 were accepted with no changes.

The Action Tracker was circulated prior to the meeting.
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ACTIONS FROM AUGUST 2022 MEETING		
Action Reference	Action Details	Status
M50-5.1	Simon to initiate contact with Professor Sahajwalla's group at UNSW	Pending. The aim is to explore opportunities for future resource recovery, once the Advanced Resource Recovery and Baling Facility is up and running
ACTIONS FROM MEETINGS PRIOR TO LAST MEETING		
M45-8.1	Report to the CRG recycling initiatives at the RDF at the next meeting.	Demonstration of sorting facility took place at this meeting (#52) Pending Presentation by Bill Corcoran
M47-5.1	Stephen will ask John Nemet to provide an update to the group on dumped rubbish data – particularly on mattresses and shopping trolleys.	Closed. It was agreed the moment had passed on this (and John has changed roles; now at RDF)
M49-4.1	(Justin to) discuss internally with Council how a virtual tour of RDF might look.	Pending. Council developing virtual tour of Advance Resource Recovery and Baling Facility and will investigate if this can be adapted to see all of site. The RDF is acquiring a drone and there is an education opportunity in showing cell construction and rehabilitation, as well as the LMS gas to electricity plant.

5. RDF Membership update and 2022/23 meeting schedule

Simon reported that Ben Hart has been appointed to replace Justin in the Environmental Systems role, including supporting the work of the CRG. He is due to commence on 9 January 2023. One of his early tasks will be to initiate the recruitment of new members with applications for membership sought from 23 January to 10 February (3 weeks) with interviews hopefully being held within about 2 weeks of the closing date. The advertising and promotion will involve various avenues including:

- Local media
- Promotion through current and recent past CRG members
- Proactive communication to local groups and organisations (eg community, environment, business etc)
- Wyndham TV (as suggested by Heather Marcus at August meeting).

Justin had previously circulated the proposed dates for the CRG in 2023. However, as those present discussed, the lead time for recruiting new members (avoiding most of January) means the first meeting of the year will need to shift into March – Thursday 16 March proposed. This date can be flagged in advance to those applying for membership of the group.

From there, we would be looking at meetings in May, July, September and November. The question was raised as to whether the group might meet less frequently (eg quarterly) once it had settled in, depending on the level of interest and information to be shared. This can be discussed further by the new CRG in 2023 (as well as the time of day/ week that suits most members).

6. Member's Report

Karen asked whether there were any plans to expand drop-off points and hours for a wider range of waste types (eg bulbs and bottles) like is already possible for e-waste. Simon indicated that a wider spread of 'satellite sites' is planned. He wasn't sure about extending times but discussed ways to enable after hours drop off that wouldn't require Council officers to be in attendance.

7. Industry Update

Council will continue to liaise with DELWP and RV to find an industry contact to attend these meetings in the future.

Simon reported that Stephen Thorpe had recently met with the CEO of Recycling Vic. They discussed plans to push ahead with expanding waste collections to include glass (ie in a fourth bin). It was noted that NSW and SA are moving to expand the types of glass that will be possible to include in the new bins.

8. Wyndham Waste Strategy and Waste Services Update

Advanced Resource Recovery and Baling facility

Simon reported that interviews with tenderers will take place in early January. The recovery process proposed by the successful tenderer will inform the final design of the facility. Council will need to look again at the resource recovery market and how it is likely to evolve over the next couple of years. He noted there is a proposed plastics to oil facility in Laverton that will need to be looked at.

8. RDF Operations

(See separate report)

Chris reported that a meeting had been held with EPA to rationalise the current PANs (Pollution Abatement Notices) and no new ones have been issued.

Simon reported challenges with the amount of stormwater collecting on-site from recent rainfall. This had to be pumped to clear, but hadn't greatly impacted operations. The leachate evaporation pan is to be commissioned in early February.

Complaints Register

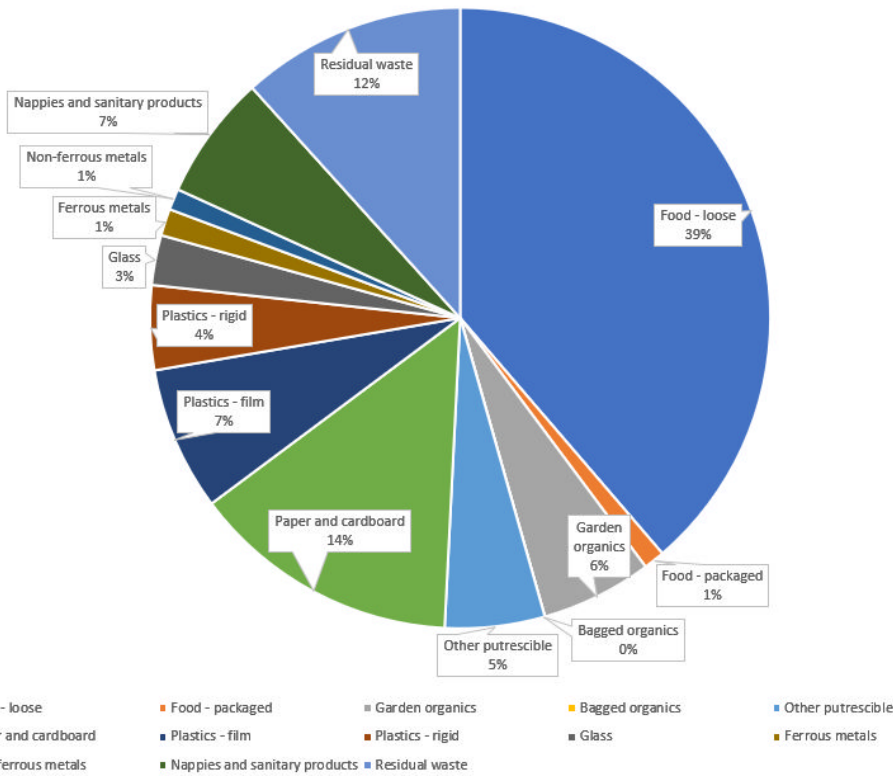
No discussion.

9. Meeting Close/ Details of Next Meeting

The meeting closed at 6.45pm.

Next meeting: 4.30 to 7.00 pm, Thursday 16 March 2023 – ideally at the Civic Centre to enable new members to meet each other and the group (tbc)

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