



SEMRC Community Reference Group
Held at 13 Third Road ARMADALE
Commencing at 6.25pm on Wednesday 6 February 2008

MINUTES

1.0 WELCOME AND DECLARATION OF OPENING

There not being a quorum of members, Ms Beven declared an informal meeting open at 6.25pm.

2.0 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

MEMBERS

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| Mr David Munut | Gosnells |
| Mr Ray Norvill | Gosnells |
| Mr Les Edge | Armadale |
| Mr Richard House | Armadale |
| Mr Warwick Boardman | South Perth |
| Mr Alex Sheridan | SEMRC |
| Ms Sarah Muirhead | SEMRC |

APOLOGIES

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| Ms Mei Lin Clarke | Gosnells |
| Mr Steve McLaren | Mandurah |
| Ms Rebecca Brown | Mandurah |
| Mr Andy Gulliver | Murray |
| Mr Marty Ladyman | Claw Environmental |

Ms Beven welcomed Mr Sheridan, the new CEO of the SEMRC to the meeting. Mr Sheridan provided a background of his relevant experience. The CEO joins the SEMRC with experience working with the Mandarie Regional Council (MRC) whilst working at the Town of Victoria Park. With a background in Project and Contract management, including working through the tendering process for an Alternative Waste Treatment facility with the MRC, Mr Sheridan is looking forward to the challenges ahead.

The group welcomed Mr Sheridan and introduced themselves, providing background on why they joined the CRG and their interest in waste management and providing a better community service over landfill.

3.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 7 NOVEMBER 2007

RECOMMENDATION:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2007 be CONFIRMED.

There not being a quorum, confirmation of the minutes has been postponed to the next meeting of the Community Reference Group.

4.0 ESTABLISHMENT AGREEMENT

Mr Sheridan spoke to the group on the process involved in getting the current members of the SEMRC signing the new Establishment Agreement. The Establishment Agreement is basically a constitution and it is necessary to have in place before progressing with a tender for an Alternative Waste Treatment plant. It provides a guarantee to the companies tendering of a waste supply. A number of clauses in the original Establishment Agreement have been revised.

The Establishment Agreement has been adopted by both Armadale and Gosnells Councils; however the City of South Perth is yet to accept the changes as most of the Councillors are new to the Council.

The Deed of Amendment allows the Shires of Serpentine-Jarrahdale, Murray and City of Mandurah to join the SEMRC.

Once the Minister signs the new Establishment Agreement, the name changes from SEMRC to Rivers Regional Council.

5.0 PREFERRED SITES

Mr Sheridan provided an update on the progress of meetings associated with the two preferred sites at McLaughlan Road and Millar Road.

Millar Road

The site is 70 hectare with a footprint of 10 hectare set aside for a SMRC southern Resource Recovery Facility.

There is the potential to work with the City of Rockingham and Southern Metropolitan Regional Council at this site.

McLaughlan Road

Discussions have been positive regarding this site with the Water Corporation representatives happy to accommodate a Resource Recovery Facility at the site. There is potential for Green Waste to be recycled with existing facilities on the site.

There is potential for a 25 year lease with 25 year option.

The site provides a good buffer zone.

Discussions about the suitability of the sites and potential community sensitivity to the proposed operation ensued, however the group provided support to the preferred sites.

6.0 REGIONAL WASTE EDUCATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER UPDATE

Mr Sheridan alerted that the role of Regional Waste Education Officer has been advertised and changed to incorporate further environmental activities, potentially in line with the Switch Your Thinking program.

The Regional Waste Education Officer has accepted a part-time role and will be leaving the SEMRC once a full-time Officer has been appointed.

7.0 AWT COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN UPDATE

The Regional Waste Education Officer updated the group on the progress of the AWT Communications Campaign. Members were provided with an information pack, similar to those posted to schools in the region as well as planning sheets.

Advertisements have been in local newspapers and the Comment News picked up the story with a page 3 article. Each council has produced different plans for information dissemination through displays, posters, information packs, brochure delivery and inclusion on websites.

The CRG was invited to coordinate information sessions if they are available with local libraries. Planning sheets were available for a schedule of displays.

8.0 PLANNING FOR PERMACULTURE GARDEN/NEW WATER TANK

The group decided that with the inherent risks of siting the garden next to an asbestos building, it would be best not to proceed with a permaculture garden.

9.0 EDUCATION PROGRAM UPDATE

The Regional Waste Education Officer provided an update on the progress of the program. The main focus of the Education Program has been with the AWT Communications Campaign, which has resulted in other planned projects falling behind schedule.

Calendars

These have been distributed to schools and placed in council buildings and libraries.

Dry-Cell Battery Collection

The group was advised that this had been postponed.

Discussions resulted in the following advice:

- Seek advice from government body (Department of Consumer and Employment Protection) on precautions for battery collection and specific health and safety hazards (eg a laptop battery short-circuited without being connected to a power source)
- Advise schools on specific dry-cell primary battery types

10.0 CLOSURE, DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The meeting closed at 8pm. The next meeting will be held Wednesday 2 April 2008, commencing at 6.15pm.