

**Waste Strategy Steering Committee**  
**Meeting 3**  
**Minutes**

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Meeting held 22 August 2017 at  
Council Offices – Roberts Ave  
Reception Room  
4:00 – 6:30 p.m.

1. Welcome – Cr David Grimble (DG), Chairman  
Heather Phillips (HP), Rhonda Coffey (RC), David Pratt (DP), Mick Morris (MM), David Bove (DB), Wendy Lynch (WL), Jared Hammond (JH), Bill Schmidt (BS), Steven Schultz (SS), Daryl Hobbs (DH), La Vergne Lehmann (LL), John Martin (JM)
2. Apologies  
Millie Spence, Kelvin Howe  
  
Noted
3. Previous meeting
  - a. Minutes of previous meetings  
Moved: David Pratt Seconded: Heather Phillips that the minutes of the previous meeting were true and correct.
  - b. Action items
    - i. Communications following last meeting  
Media Release has been done.
    - ii. Identification of further stakeholders  
Are there other people that should be involved?
    - iii. Terms of Reference update (conflicts of interest)  
Circulated
4. Vision
  - a. Refinement based on email circulated comments
    - Circulated refined document
    - Can refine over next couple meetings.
    - First 2 are preferred by group – will refine at next meeting. Need to include about engaging community. **Action:** JM to combine first two visions on sheet.
    - DP – feedback about recycling following the 4 Corners show, that it isn't working so why should we bother?
    - MM – need to keep it simple
5. Issues Papers
  - a. Green waste

- Overall cost is cheaper in landfill – consultant found that composting or processing was dearer. Assume that there is a demand for this product.
- Camperdown – have made a profitable venture from green waste.
- Machine from UK will grind up anything from stumps to feathers. Not overly expensive.
- Axis Worx – provide pallets to Biomax. After sawdust – they do not have enough for amount that is needed.
- Need to have something at end of process to make it worthwhile.
- 53/79 Victorian councils do a green waste collection. 9 of those which don't are in this region. Need to look at this collectively – not just as one council.
- Can't see any need for collection in rural areas as they should be able to dispose of themselves.
- Is there a number of bins that are needed to make this viable. How much will each bin cost?
- Need to talk to other councils on how they have gone about implementing this. Voluntary system is difficult to implement.
- If everyone had a smaller bin and paid for larger bin then get green waste bin. Could this work?
- There needs to be a charge for this. There are around 8,000 tenements.
- Should be able to get a grant from State Government as this has happened for various other councils. If feasibility is done – can go to state government to get it started.
- Horsham needs to get with the times

b. Hard waste

- What would insurance costs be if Council did a hard rubbish pick up?
- Things that are going to transfer station are being recycled. If there is a hard waste collection – this is all going to landfill
- Could perhaps offer a very limited pick up service.
- People pay to get things delivered but won't pay to get picked up
- Skip services are available to households and 80% of items that go in bins can be recycled.
- Need to promote services that are already in this region.
- Need to get public on our side and be transparent. Tell community on what fees are and why they are that cost and that things are recycled.
- Every tonne that isn't going to landfill is saving \$150.
- Could have a street garage sale and encourage to get a skip bin for remaining items to be recycled.

c. Extension of services to more rural areas

- Bin service is great out at his rural property
- Would it be viable to have recycling depot in each community

- How many waste bins are done in rural areas compared to recycling bins?
- Need for education in rural area.
- No point in providing service if is only 1 person. Need to get neighbors on board.
- Split truck would still not be viable. Need to promote transfer stations in rural areas.
- Rural people need bigger bin as they are currently putting rubbish and recycling in bin at moment.
- How many are not getting a rubbish service? Not sure
- How many do we currently have in rural area? – 1110 240L rubbish bins and 340 120L bins

d. Bin sizes and collection frequency

- Each time you add a service you should reduce waste bin. Need to have education program with new services.
- Put a sticker on each recycling bin to show what can and can't go in a recycling bin.
- Would it be a food organics bin? Need to have something to do with it. Need to be clear on language used.
- If both of food and garden waste are offered then there isn't a lot left to put in garbage bin
- Nappies are an issue
- Golden Plains introduced a fortnightly bin pick up for garbage. For the smell issue they offered people scented nappy bags for them to be placed in. Seemed to work well.
- May be worthwhile doing an audit on how full bins are before it is picked up. Could have 120 L bin as the norm but if they have a larger family then they can have a larger bin.
- Shouldn't have to pay double, but should have to pay extra for bigger bin.
- Could households that have full recycling bin be targeted to have a second recycling bin
- Have a fortnightly garbage collection and a monthly green waste collection then would be at no cost.
- If someone misses the fortnightly waste collection then will be a month before the bin is picked up. Would have to do fortnightly green waste
- Need to keep it simple
- Free drop off at transfer station for green waste?
- Need to reduce garbage pick up to keep cost for green waste down
- Council to put all ideas into a spreadsheet to show how much each idea will cost.

e. Services for people with limited abilities

- Should be included on all services that are available. 80L bin could be a better option for some people? On call hard rubbish pick up
- Are other Councils incorporating this consideration in their plans. **Action:** La Vergne will look at other councils and see if there is anything.

- Has to be simple to use and educated well.
- Need to think about where the 3 bins would go if someone had a small unit
- Need to also think about vertically challenged people

f. Transfer stations

- Sustainability Victoria has released a guide to better practice
- Quantong over serviced. Need to have something bigger at Natimuk.
- Dooen Landfill is open on weekends and have only had 1 person attend since this started. Need to expand what is happening at Kenny Road and close some of the smaller ones.
- A local recycling facility can process 5 tonnes an hour. A lot of material still goes to landfill that doesn't need to.
- Should be talking to the commercial waste operators about promoting this.
- Not a lot of people know that this service is offered.
- At Natimuk the recycling bins hold mainly bottles. Scrap metal is now being run by Lions Club. In terms of developing a transfer station there – there is no point in having one there that has to be manned and has an opening and closing time.
- In New Zealand there is a shipping container product that has holes in it and is locked and once recycling has gone in then can't be taken out.
- Builders are now told to go to WasteBusters and are charged a slightly lower rate.

g. Kenny Rd transfer station design

- User pays system and get out as much recycling as can
- Need to have it line up with landfill and charge per tonne. One of cheapest transfer stations in Vic
- Any constraints on site?

h. Managing commercial food waste

- Could Biomax fit into this?
- There are a lot of guidelines on what can happen with food waste.
- Residential food waste is larger than commercial.
- Regional Waste Group will be rolling out 'love food hate waste' workshops

6. Engagement

- a. Communication on Issues Papers

7. Objectives

Will send out some info via email

8. General Business

- a. Items Committee members wish to raise

- Four Corners show – only got one enquiry after the show.
    - Should put something on web – even though people aren't asking.
    - Most things were related to NSW. Glass is an issue in Victoria. Is inert – so can be stockpiled.
  - b. Organics tour
    - On Friday going to Pine Gro at Bacchus Marsh, a worm farm and a pig farm.
9. Next meeting
- a. Date 19 September at 4.00pm in Reception Room
  - b. Main agenda items
    - i. Refine the objectives
    - ii. Discussion on further issues papers
    - iii. Education / awareness / engagement

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