

SLCRG Meeting: Thursday 17th March 2022

Venue: Stawell RSL, 3 Scallan Street Stawell (Memorial Room)

Item	Description	Action
	<p>Attendees:</p> <p>Richard Baum (chair) Gilda McKechnie (community) Lachlan McIntyre (community) Greg Ballinger (community) Rhonda Clark (Cleanaway) Olga Ghiri (Cleanaway) Matthew Smith (Cleanaway) Ramya Gowda (Cleanaway) Stacey Bloomfield (EPA) – via Zoom Sheila Cabral-Sheppard (Cleanaway) – via Zoom</p> <p>Apologies:</p> <p>Roz Byass – Community Melissa Gunn, Strategic Waste Officer – NGSC</p> <p>About these minutes:</p> <p><i>These minutes and supporting information are in line with the agreed Terms of Reference. Any concerns/queries about papers supporting the Stawell CRG should be raised with the Chair/Facilitator, Richard Baum by emailing richard@ashtonforsyth.com.au</i></p>	
<p>1</p>	<p>Welcome and introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitator extended a welcome to new SLCRG member Greg Ballinger (Community) and guest Sheila Cabral-Sheppard (Cleanaway) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Greg had a tour of the landfill site before the meeting and has lived close to the landfill site for five years ○ Sheila is an Environmental Business Partner for Western Victoria at Cleanaway and has been with the organisation for six weeks 	
<p>2</p>	<p>Actions from previous minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleanaway to include images of the new cell form in the next community newsletter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Included in December update</i> • Community members to seek feedback on Pomonal Rd amenity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Loki acknowledged that amenity (prevalence of rubbish) had improved since Cleanaway took over the site</i> 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Matt confirmed that the litter run normally goes 200-300 metres each way and sometimes as far as the racecourse towards Stawell and to Bellellen Rd towards the Grampians ○ Gilda also confirmed that amenity had improved on Pomonal Rd ○ Gilda mentioned that along Pipetrack Rd from the site to the Highway can get quite messy with rubbish flying out of rubbish trucks ○ Gilda mentioned that they occasionally get light plastics blowing into their property (as a result of unusual wind/weather conditions) ● Blasting dates and times to be confirmed with the community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Schedule has been confirmed with the community ● Community members to notify Cleanaway of any additional people that should be on the distribution list <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Olga confirmed Greg was a new community member added to the distribution list ● Cleanaway to post Ramya's presentation to their website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Completed ● Cleanaway to confirm date for next meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Completed 	<p>Greg to chat with neighbours who might be interested in being on the distribution list</p> <p>Loki to chat with members of the Landcare groups bordering the site to see if any are interested in being on the distribution list</p>
3	<p>Operational and environmental management update (Presentation from Ramya Gowda:)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ramya confirmed that the drilling and blasting program is almost complete – there have been nine blasts ● Last blast completed in February (still being assessed) ● Rock crushing will continue until the end of May ● Quarrying completion date at the end of May ● New cell construction will take place from the start of May till August ● Gilda mentioned that the blasting doesn't worry them too much, but that the noise from the rock crushing has significantly impacted them (over seven weeks – particularly between 7.30am and 8.00am) – when Cleanaway have visited their property, there hasn't been any noise – Gilda requested measurement of the noise impacting her property ● Greg also mentioned that he was impacted by the noise from rock crushing as well as reversing alarms from the vehicles operating at the site ● Rhonda mentioned that Cleanaway were keen to explore the source of the noise impacting Gilda (whether it is from the drill and blasting activity required to create the new cell or whether it is from ongoing operational activity) ● Ramya confirmed that the litter fence had been installed last October ● Ramya confirmed there are two water trucks onsite to reduce dust (upgraded to 25,000 litre capacity with water canon) 	<p>Cleanaway to advise community if any further blasts are required</p>

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	<p>landfill activities which results in a cross-over with regard to noise from quarrying activities that Cleanaway are working through – Stacey confirmed that EPA and ERR assess noise compliance based on the same State Government legislation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rhonda hypothesised that Greg’s noise problem might have been caused by rock crushing at the top of cell five – Greg confirmed that he is up-hill from the site and that noise travels up to his property – Greg mentioned that the tour of the site confirmed that it is the rock crushing noise that is causing the issue – Rhonda confirmed that rock crushing had been fairly consistent through the new cell construction process but would be less frequent (on an ‘as needed’ basis) on completion of the cell (late May) • Gilda raised the issue of a second leachate pond being constructed close to her boundary with the site – Cleanaway confirmed that this was not the case – construction of a second pond will commence soon in another location on the site • Ramya confirmed improvement in water tank capacity (40K to 256K) and new fire-fighting pump • Loki raised historical noise issues at the site • Greg suggested the EPA did noise monitoring on adjacent properties in the past (when Statewide operated the site) and this would provide useful comparison data (on levels and character of noise) • Greg mentioned the need for independence in the monitoring and reporting of noise – Cleanaway and EPA confirmed that monitoring is audited externally by EPA accredited auditors 	<p>Cleanaway to provide updates to community on rock crushing timing (post cell five completion)</p> <p>Stacey to provide a noise compliance process overview at the next meeting</p>
5	<p>General business and next meeting</p> <p>Meeting proposed for Sept 2022 – date to be confirmed</p>	