

# NEW CHUM COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP

Meeting minutes – April 3, 2024

## Meeting details:

Meeting:	New Chum Community Reference Group
Date:	April 3, 2024
Location:	New Chum Boardroom, Cleanaway, 100 Chum Street New Chum
Start time:	5pm

## Agenda items:

Item	Discussion led by
1. Welcome and introduction	Chair
2. Attendance and apologies	Chair
3. Confirmation of previous meetings	Chair
4. Action items from previous meetings	Chair
5. Correspondence	Chair
6. Site update – remediation, environmental actions, other items	Cleanaway
7. General business	All
8. Next meeting	Chair
9. Meeting close	Chair

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## Minutes:

### 1. Welcome and introduction

The Chair welcomed all attendees and declared the meeting open at 5pm.

### 2. Attendance and apologies

The Chair acknowledged the attendance of:

- **Wendy Davidson** (community member) – apology
- **Yvette Phillips** (community member) – apology
- **Walter Wood** (community member)
- **Ian Dalzell** (community member) - apology
- **Bryan Carmont** (community member) – apology
- **Vicki Carmont** (community member) – apology
- **David Trezise** (community member)
- **Mark Delitt** (community member) – apology
- **Paul Hurley** (community member) – apology
- **Aaron Carter** (General Manager of Solid Waste Services Queensland, Cleanaway) – apology
- **Michael Azevedo** (Regional Manager, Cleanaway)
- **Phil Lutton** (acting as CRG chair and secretary on behalf of Cleanaway)

The Chair noted the attendance as an observer of:

- **Brett Davey** (Ipswich City Council Manager City Design)

### 3. Confirmation of previous meetings

The Chair confirmed the circulation of the minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at 5pm. The Chair provided an opportunity for committee members to comment on the minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes were then adopted as a true record of the March meeting.

### 4. Action items from previous meetings

There were no action items. The CRG reaffirmed its decision to not have the issue about road access for Jackal Recycling as a standing item and accepted Cleanaway would provide an update when new information was at hand.

### 5. Correspondence

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The Chair asked if any correspondence had been sent or received in relation to the CRG or relevant to operation of the New Chum Landfill site of which the CRG should be aware. None was tabled to the meeting.

## 6. Site update - remediation and environmental actions

Michael Azevedo provided an update on remediation and environmental actions at New Chum over the past month.

- Michael said New Chum staff had been keeping a very close eye on the weather forecast with significant rain predicted in early April.
- Cleanaway is in the process of engaging specialty service Weatherzone, which will have site-specific warnings for New Chum. Michael added that New Chum had also been subjected to significant lightning strikes over the summer and there had been times when it was too dangerous for staff to be out on site.
- David, who lives nearby, said a storm on December 23 was very dangerous. His house was damaged, other houses were damaged by trees.
- Michael said a major storm on December 25 was especially concerning for New Chum. He added that on top of the Weatherzone service, the site will have improved an improved lightning detection unit which will be an added safety feature.
- Michael said the site was in the middle of a controlled water release. New Chum took 80mm of rain in five days and a controlled release was required. This was being completed in conjunction with DESI and all approvals and protocols were being met.
- Engineering work on Cell 3B work is hopefully starting this month (April). Short weeks and weather has been impacting construction timelines but Michael said substantial amounts of work had been completed in preparation.
- The second permanent flare to safely dispose of landfill gas has now been installed but is not yet operational. That is contingent on a minor amendment to the EA from DESI, with that application now taking place. Cleanaway is in the process of submitting a minor amendment to DESI and providing a lot of data and odour control information.
- The leachate treatment plant working well after some early issues.
- Cleanaway has also commenced installation of water treatment plant on site. The plant will allow New Chum to treat groundwater and discharge into the creek at an acceptable quality.
- Groundwater has risen on site from the rain over the summer. This is a manageable but ongoing challenge, especially with wet weather forecast over Spring and Winter.
- David asked if the groundwater level was below the liners. Michael said it was lapping the side of some liners but the sides of the cell were all lined so no water could come into contact with any waste.
- David asked if there are groundwater monitoring bores. Michael says yes but they cannot pump water, only sample water. Brett from ICC says there is a groundwater management plan in the 3B design.

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## 7. General business

- The Chair informs the group of the revised Terms of Reference, which will be distributed prior to the May meeting and discussed at that meeting. The update reflects the meeting's change from a flood remediation group to an ongoing Community Reference Group for more general discussion.
- The Chair updated the group about the launch of the Community Benefits Fund, which is now live. The group was asked to share among their communities to promote the fund. Walter asked about who would be judging and how that would be communicated. **ACTION:** The Chair committed to asking Olga Ghiri from Cleanaway when and how that would be communicated.
- Michael says DESI has been doing a drone survey of the New Chum site and had visited the site to coordinate.
- David provided an update on the health of Geoff Yarham. He had suffered a severe allergic reaction to frangipani sap but is now on the mend after a stay in hospital.

## 8. Next meeting

The Chair suggested the next meeting be held on **Wednesday, May 1 at 5pm**, and that date will be confirmed with the CRG in the coming weeks.

## 9. Meeting close

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 5:30pm.

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