

NEW CHUM COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP

Meeting minutes – Wednesday, 1 May 2024

Meeting details:

Meeting:	New Chum Community Reference Group
Date:	Wednesday, 1 May 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. Community Benefits Fund update	Cleanaway
8. General business	All
9. Next meeting	Chair
10. 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)
- **Walter Wood** (community member)
- **Ian Dalzell** (community member)
- **Aaron Carter** (General Manager of Solid Waste Services Queensland, Cleanaway)
- **Michael Azevedo** (Regional Manager, Cleanaway)
- **Andrew Musgrave** (acting as CRG chair on behalf of Cleanaway)
- **Jo Hoban** (acting as CRG secretary on behalf of Cleanaway)

The Chair noted the attendance as an observer of:

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

Apologies were received from:

- **Yvette Phillips** (community member) – apology
- **Bryan Carmont** (community member) – apology
- **Vicki Carmont** (community member) – apology
- **Mark Delitt** (community member) – apology
- **Paul Hurley** (community member) – apology

The Chair acknowledged one member resignation:

- **David Trezise** (community member) – David has been a valuable contributor to the CRG. However, as he has decided to finish up with IRATE, he has also resigned from the CRG.

3. Confirmation of previous meetings

The Chair confirmed the circulation of the minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday, April 3 2024, at 5pm. The Chair provided an opportunity for committee members to comment on the minutes of the previous meeting.

- There were no comments made. The minutes were adopted as a true record of April's meeting.

4. Action items from previous meetings

There were no further action items listed from previous meetings.

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- Wendy asked for an update on the Jackal Recycling road access issue, seeking clarification if there was a “formal arrangement” between Cleanaway and Jackal for access to the road.
- Michael stated feedback from the Department of Environment, Science and Innovation (DESI) and Council is to “let Jackal to continue accessing their site via that road”, otherwise they would not be able to continue their remediation actions necessary under their current EPOs. Cleanaway’s legal team have issued a letter to Jackal and are waiting for a reply. Once a reply is received, Cleanaway will supply the letter to Council and DESI as an explanation of why the company continues to provide access to Jackal.
- Michael confirmed there is no agreement or affiliation between Cleanaway and Jackal.

The Chair provided a CRG membership update:

- David Trezise is stepping down. David is no longer working with the IRATE group and thanked and farewelled the CRG.

5. Correspondence

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.

- The CRG had nothing to note.

6. Site update - remediation and environmental actions

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

- Cleanaway is continuing to manage and prepare for wet weather events. The last big storms were around Easter. Water levels onsite are presently low.
- The team are focused on returning to normal business operations.
- Cell 3B construction works and various maintenance activities have been taking place onsite including:
 - preparatory earthworks and laying of a concrete pad in preparation for the installation of a water treatment plant.
 - Installation of second landfill gas flare. A final minor amendment has been lodged with DESI for approval to run a second flare. Cleanaway is waiting for approval before the start of commissioning.

7. Community Benefits Fund update

Cleanaway Stakeholder and Community Engagement Manager Olga Ghiri addressed the CRG via a video call to provide an update on the 2024 New Chum Landfill Community Benefits Fund (CBF) including the number and type of entries received, and to canvass interest for CRG members to be part of the review panel.

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- Round 3 of the \$50,000 CBF launched earlier this year. Ads were placed in Ipswich newspapers, and a social media advertisement (on Facebook) attracted more than 17,000 “clicks”. Applications closed on 11 April.
- 11 funding applications were received, including from eight sporting clubs and three community groups.
- Ian asked if last year’s successful applicants were eligible to apply again this year. Olga confirmed previous winners can be awarded funding in the following year. Judging depends on their various merits and community outreach value.
- Judging will be undertaken by a Cleanaway/CBF review panel. Olga called for two volunteers from the CRG to assist with the judging. Olga confirmed CRG members Walter Wood and Mark Delitt would assist this year.
- The review panel will collectively decide how to allocate funding among successful applicants. Olga noted that not all applicants can receive funding, however Cleanaway attempts to accommodate as many as possible.
- At the next meeting (Wednesday, 12 June) Olga will provide an update regarding the successful applicants.

8. General business

- Revised Terms of Reference were distributed to CRG members for discussion. Walter flagged that the updated document requested CRG members’ signatures to be adopted. Cleanaway confirmed Terms of Reference would be reviewed offline, amended and provided for review before the next meeting on Wednesday, 12 June.
- Ways to attract new members to the CRG were discussed. While the site remains closed, as the CRG are a key part of Cleanaway’s community engagement, and the company is seeking new members. The Chair encouraged existing members to extend invitations to potentially interested local people in their network.
- The Chair asked if CRG would consider meeting every two months, reflecting the currently lower level of activity at site. There were no objections to the suggestion.
- Ian said the new Terms of Reference should note that the CRG could revert to monthly meetings if required. The Chair said Cleanaway would consider this addition to the updated Terms of Reference.
- Wendy asked Michael if he was confident with the “level of water onsite”, and if he had any concerns there could be more water-related odour. Michael said there had been substantial rain over the summer wet season, continuing into the start of April, with no odour issues arising.
- Wendy asked if anyone looks at the annual emissions reports submitted to DESI as the levels of emissions in those reports seem “quite high”. Cleanaway undertook to review Cleanaway’s annual emissions reports and report back to Wendy with more information.

9. Next meeting

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The Chair suggested the next meeting be held on **Wednesday, 12 June**. This date will be confirmed with the CRG in the coming weeks.

10. Meeting close

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 5:40pm.

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