

# NEW CHUM COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP

Meeting minutes – Wednesday, 11 June 2025

## Meeting details:

Meeting:	New Chum Community Reference Group (CRG)
Date:	Wednesday, 11 June 2025
Location:	New Chum Boardroom, Cleanaway, 100 Chum Street, New Chum
Start time:	5:00pm (post-site tour)

## Agenda items:

Item	Discussion led by
1. Welcome and introduction	Chair
2. Attendance and apologies	Chair
3. Confirmation of previous meeting's minutes	Chair
4. Actions from previous meetings	Chair
5. Correspondence	Chair
6. 2025 New Chum Community Benefits Fund update	Cleanaway
7. Site operations and environment update <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Site reopening update</li><li>b. Landfill gas capture update</li></ul>	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 5:02pm.

### 2. Attendance and apologies

The Chair acknowledged the attendance of:

- **Michael Azevedo** (Regional Manager, Cleanaway)
- **Olga Ghiri** (Stakeholder and Community Engagement Manager, Cleanaway)
- **Andrew Musgrave** (acting as CRG chair on behalf of Cleanaway)
- **Ben Davis** (acting as CRG secretary on behalf of Cleanaway)
- **David Curtin** (community member)
- **Amy Gibbons** (community member)
- **Ian Dalzell** (community member)
- **Walter Wood** (community member)

Apologies were received from:

- **Aaron Carter** (General Manager of Solid Waste Services Queensland, Cleanaway)
- **Brett Davey - Observer** (Ipswich City Council [ICC], Manager City Design)
- **Jacques Janse Van Rensburg - Observer** (ICC, Development Compliance Manager)
- **Paul Hurley** (community member)
- **Bryan Carmont** (community member)
- **Vicki Carmont** (community member)
- **Mark Delitt** (community member)
- **Wendy Davidson** (community member)

### 3. Confirmation of previous meetings

The Chair confirmed the circulation of minutes from the previous meeting held on Thursday, 10 April 2025. The Chair provided an opportunity for CRG members to comment on the minutes of the previous meeting.

- No comments were made. Minutes were adopted as a true record of the April CRG meeting.

### 4. Action items from previous minutes

The Chair acknowledged the only action item from the April meeting – sharing links to the application form and eligibility guidelines for the 2025 Community Benefits Fund – had been completed on 17 April.

The Chair provided an opportunity for CRG members to comment.

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- No comments were made.

## 5. Correspondence

The Chair asked if any correspondence had been sent or received in relation to the CRG, or relevant to the operation of the New Chum landfill and resource recovery facility, of which the CRG should be aware.

CRG member David Curtin asked if Ipswich City Councillors have attended site recently?

- Michael Azevedo confirmed they had in late 2024 before Cyclone Alfred.

## 6. Site update – remediation and environmental actions

Michael Azevedo provided a detailed update on reopening and site activities since the last meeting, summarising key developments and challenges faced due to wet weather. Key points included:

- **Site reopening update:**
  - Cleanaway continues to operate under a [temporary emissions licence \(TEL\)](#), obtained from the Department of Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation (DETSI) before Cyclone Alfred, to manage groundwater and stormwater effectively.
  - The site has faced ongoing challenges in managing groundwater following heavy rainfall in March, April and May, with groundwater levels rising approximately 3m in the week following Cyclone Alfred.
  - Michael confirmed the site's stormwater and groundwater management strategies had been successful through the assistance of the TEL.
  - Since reopening, Cleanaway has received a modest volume of construction and demolition waste, averaging between five and 12 trucks a day.
  - The reopened cell 3B has been engineered to support high compaction rates, reducing potential subsidence in the future.
  - No food or green waste is accepted at the site, which, along with existing odour mitigation measures, has helped prevent odour impacts. Other controls include mobile misting cannons and perimeter deodorisers.
  - A scheduled, two-day Category C inspection (conducted by DETSI) was completed recently, with positive feedback received from the regulator.
  - In support of the site's reopening, Cleanaway has provided social media campaign and updated the New Chum webpage with a new fact sheet, FAQs and information about the Griffith University phytocapping and revegetation project.

CRG members commented that there had been visible changes in the landscape during the site tour and noted encouraging progress since their previous site tour in October 2024.

- **Landfill gas capture update**
  - The landfill gas collection system remains active and continues to operate effectively.
  - The second permanent flare remains operational.

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- Construction has begun on the pipeline for the LMS Energy gas-to-energy project, with preliminary approvals secured.
- Connection to Cleanaway's gas collection system is pending and will occur once capping and other related works are completed.
- Until then, captured landfill gas continues to be routed through the flare system.
- Once operational, the LMS Energy facility will generate electricity for the local grid and contribute to local employment opportunities.

CRG members expressed strong interest in the project's environmental and economic benefits.

- **New Chum Community Benefit Fund 2025 Update (Olga Ghiri)**

- Round 4 of the New Chum Landfill Community Benefit Fund opened earlier this year, receiving a record 29 applications.
- Ten successful applicants have been selected by a sub-committee of the CRG and Olga Ghiri of Cleanaway. These organisations will share the \$50,000 funds, with funding intended to maximise the number of projects supported.
- The projects include initiatives in junior sport, disability services, food distribution and community education.
- All applicants have been notified. Successful recipients have been issued grant agreements, with payments being processed.

CRG members noted the increasing popularity of the program and expressed interest in advocating for an increase to the annual fund amount in future years.

CRG member Ian Dalzell questioned whether unsuccessful applicants needed to apply again next year.

Olga confirmed applications were required to be submitted each year and unsuccessful applicants had been informed of this.

## 7. General business

Members were asked if there were any issues or questions they would like to raise with Cleanaway.

- There were no inquiries.
- CRG member David Curtin congratulated Cleanaway on improvements at the site and pointed out there had been no negative media attention from the reopening.

## 8. Next meeting

The Chair suggested the next meeting be held on **Wednesday, 20 August 2025**. This date will be confirmed with CRG members via email.

## 9. Meeting close

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 5:37pm.

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