# Minutes

Woodvale Progress Association





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| Date: | Friday, 6 October 2023 | |
| Time: | 11:00 AM | |
| Venue: | Woodvale Hall | |
| Attendees: | |  |  | | --- | --- | | ***Earth Resources Regulation (ERR)***  Muthu Muthukaruppan (MM)  Ben Gazi (BG)  Peter Panozzo (PP)  Eleanor Waters (EW) | ***Woodvale Progress Association (WPA)***  Brendan Bartlett (BB)  Gary Davies (GD)  Glenys Hall (GH)  Malcom Hall (MH) | |  |
| Apologies: | ***Jacinta Allan Representative:***  Jessica Ireland |  |
| Chairperson: | Muthu Muthukaruppan | |
| Note taker: | Eleanor Waters | |

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| Item | Topic | Presenter |
| 1. | **Project update**  **Core sample removal**   * 160/220 pallets of drill core restacked * Restacking completion – 8 people, Bendigo Forklifts (9-12 Oct). * Relocation to GSV Library (end Oct) * Waste classification to inform landfill disposal and recycling options. * Disposal options to be presented for approval (8 Dec) * Disposal completion (end Dec).   **Evaporation ponds rehabilitation**   * Contract being finalised for detailed site investigation (DSI) to inform knowledge gaps in current Rehabilitation Plan * Sampling when ponds are dry (later this year) * Sampling sequencing ponds 7& 6,3-1 * Ponds to be refilled post sampling to manage dust. * DSI completion (Q2).   Actions:   * ERR will seek review of the sampling, analysis, and quality control plan (SAQP) by WPA prior to execution (as part of the development of the DSI). – BG. * ERR will inform WPA prior to completion of the remediation options assessment (as part of the development of the DSI). - BG | Ben Gazi |
| 2. | **Woodvale Progress Association business**   * Pond 7 top 3 tiers most contaminated   + Don’t create a lot of dust as covered in vegetation. * Dust impact during construction works is a big community concern.   Nearby residents south of ponds need to be consulted prior to summer.   * + ERR will engage with neighbouring residents prior to Summer and provide community updates as and when required. * Hall residence not impacted by dust. * Request input into sampling and analysis plan, remediation option assessment   + Proposed sampling sequence of ponds 7 & 6, 3-1 to be planned in consultation with Coliban Water.   Actions:   * Assess coverage and dust on pond 7 top 3 tiers - PP. * Liaise on community engagement and provide community information for display on WPA website and forwarding to the broader community group – EW. * ERR to consult with WPA in sampling and analysis plan, remediation option assessment – BG/PP. | Gary Davies, Brendan Bartlett, and Glenys Hall |
| 3. | **Project Timeline**   * Removal of drill core Q4 2023 (restoration work may be required after this time to ensure vegetation coverage is suitable) * DSI will result in updated Rehabilitation Plan, remediation options assessment detailed design to expedite rehabilitation of the site. * Civil works to commence Q3 2024 * ERR gave commitment to finding solutions to deliver in timeframe.   Actions:   * Nil | Ben Gazi |
| 4. | **Dust monitoring update**   * Environmental Auditor noted Q1, Q2 dust monitoring results were not indicative of imminent risk(s) associated with nuisance dust and health. * Small number of criteria exceedances for depositional dust – arsenic concentrations remain low and below investigation level. * Ongoing inspections, monitoring, auditor review, dust management will be undertaken as required. * WPA queried if there was a typographical error in dust report pg. 6, Q2.   Actions:   * Investigate dust report error – MM. * Take photographs of pond 7 – PP. | Ben Gazi |
| 5. | **Other matters**   * Community is asking when works will be complete.   + Post completion of the DSI and approval process, the duration for the full rehabilitation works is expected to take up to 2 years, contingent on the determined scope of works and the final rehabilitation option. * Concerned there may be a risk of changes to committed project funding or prioritisation and dependant on DSI more funding maybe required for final scope of works.   + ERR reiterated commitment to progress the project and will seek further government funding if required. * Ponds 4 & 5 require rehabilitation.   + Rehabilitation is undertaken but not tested. * Remediation preference if offsite disposal can’t be secured, is encapsulation contained in one location using a polymer lining.   + Options contingent on DSI * Some community members interested in options for end land use and have expressed interest in purchase.   + Disclaimed land - Currently freehold registration options are under investigation likely in name of the Minister for Energy and Resources. Consultation with Calum Walker in progress.   Actions:   * Review status to confirm proposal for ponds 4 & 5 - MM. * Present remediation options – MM. | All |

### Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in January 2023.