# Minutes

Woodvale Progress Association





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| Date: | Friday, 6 October 2023 |
| Time: | 11:00 AM |
| Venue: | Woodvale Hall |
| Attendees: |

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| ***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) |

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| 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.
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### Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in January 2023.