

MEETING NOTES (APPROVED 07/07/2015)

Tuesday, 24 March 2015 at 10:30am	Chaired By: Gareth Jones
Naamaroo Conference Centre, Lady Game Dr, Chatswood	Note Taker: Gareth Jones

ATTENDEES

SITA Australia

- (TL) – Site Manager
- (DM) – Former Site Manager
- (PM) – Compliance Officer
- (GJ) – NSW Stakeholder Engagement Manager

Community

- (JOT) – Killara

Apologies

- (IP) – NMCT
- (CM) – Killara
- (JP) – City of Ryde
- (MF) – Killara
- (DT) – Killara

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

1. WELCOME AND AGENDA

Item	Discussion	Action	By
1.1	GJ welcomed all in attendance. Apologies were noted as listed above. GJ introduced TL and PM, the new Site Manager and Compliance Officer respectively for the Ryde RRC facility. TL is also managing SITA's Rockdale RRC facility, which is similar in operation to Ryde RRC. TL started at SITA about a month ago, and comes from a manufacturing background. PM is the new Compliance Officer for all of SITA's Sydney Transfer Stations, and has previous experience in the waste management industry, having led the waste management team at Ballina Council for 3 years.		

2. ACCEPTANCE OF NOTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Item	Discussion	Action	By
2.1	Notes from the previous meeting were accepted with the following amendment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DM noted that RY needed to be added to the notes. 		

3. OPERATIONS UPDATE

Item	Discussion	Action	By
3.1	TL reported that the site had been operating as normal. The only major change potentially coming is that the Artarmon facility will be shutting		

down for repairs to be made to its operating floor, and some waste would need to be diverted to Ryde. This may require an extension of operating hours. The options were still being reviewed, and times and quantities had not yet been confirmed. SITA have permission from City of Ryde to accept waste from City of Ryde outside the normal operating hours, but are seeking to extend this permission to include waste from other areas.

DM added that the timing of the closure at Artarmon would be dictated by when the Auburn floor works currently underway finish - as soon as Auburn's floor is completed work will start at Artarmon. The CRG will be kept informed when the timeframe became clearer, and will be advised prior to any such change in operations. There is expected to be a maximum of 5 vehicles using the site per hour during the extended operational hours. SITA are trying to use other sites further from residential areas where possible. The work at Artarmon will probably take around 12 weeks to 3 months, and should be underway before the next CRG meeting.

3.2 TL reported that the longterm viability of the garden organics yard was being examined, as volumes have reduced in recent times.

JOT said he was surprised to hear this as he always sees people trimming their gardens and filling their green bins.

DM replied that SITA don't receive the garden organics from Ku-ring-gai Municipal Council anymore.

TL explained that given the reduced volumes it may be possible to handle garden organics within the transfer station building instead of having to do so in an outdoor yard.

3.3 DM added that the floor repair works at Ryde had been completed on Christmas Eve. The new quad-axle trailers are now in operation, and have reduced the number of truck movements out of the site.

3.4 JOT asked what car parts could be accepted at Ryde RRC.

DM replied that most car parts could be accepted but not entire shells – these should be taken to SIMS, Sell & Parker or similar for crushing. Tyres were accepted at SITA's facilities but were charged at \$25 each.

3.5 JOT asked if the Ryde facility had stopped accepting bicycles.

DM replied that both of the charities which had been previously approached have stopped returning emails and phone calls, and as such there is not really any practical reuse destination to send the bicycles delivered to the site. Other options are being investigated, but the site has had to stop accepting bicycles for charity in the meantime. Bicycles are being accepted free of charge as scrap metal for now.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE

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4.1 *PM presented the Environmental Update included with these notes as **Appendix 1 – Environmental Update.***

4.2 PM noted that the noise complaint noted in the Environmental Update was related to the floor repair works.

4.3 DM explained that the EPA ‘risk-based licencing’ approach would be a transition from flat licencing fees to fees which were set based on potential environmental risks, including proximity to water bodies, residential areas, potential impacts, etc.

4.4 DM reported that SITA are currently rebranding to ‘SUEZ environnement’. SUEZ is SITA’s French parent company. All SUEZ companies will now be operating under the same name and brand around the world, in 40 countries on 5 continents.

5. COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Item	Discussion	Action	By
5.1	JOT reported that some noise had been observed at the other end of Albert Dr, and that no-one could determine the actual cause but it could have been related to the floor works.		
5.2	DM said he would be surprised if any odours had been observed recently, as volumes had been fairly low. There has always been less than 1000t in total on the site lately, and normally 500-800t. JOT replied that any odours which do occur always only last a few minutes, and when the wind changes the odours disappear immediately.		
5.3	DM reported that he had taken TL on a tour of Albert Dr, St Crispin’s Green and the surrounding neighbourhood, and explained previous concerns with noise and odour. While in the area DM and TL had noticed some building works, along with road works on Lane Cove Rd around the intersection with Lady Game Dr.		

6. ACTIONS OUTSTANDING

Item	Discussion	Action	By
6.1.1	No actions were outstanding from the last meeting.		

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

Item	Discussion	Action	By
7.1	JOT asked DM how the Belrose facility was going. DM replied that a significant increase in tonnes had occurred since the adjoining landfill had closed in November. Logistics were working well		

but the site was very busy. Most of the incoming waste was normal mixed household garbage. Freight is a challenge, and staffing levels had been increased, with new equipment introduced.

7.2 GJ advised that the remaining meetings dates for 2015 were as follows:

- Tuesday 7 July
- Tuesday 3 November

All meetings would take place at Naamaroo at 10:30am unless otherwise advised.

MEETING CLOSED 11:15AM

NEXT MEETING

Date & Time: Tuesday 7 July 2015, 10:30am

Venue: Naamaroo Conference Centre, Lady Game Dr, Chatswood

ACTIONS OUTSTANDING

Item	Issue	Action	By
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No actions were outstanding. No new actions were raised.

Appendices 1) Environmental Update
