



## MINUTES

### LANDFILL FOGO COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON WEDNESDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER 2025 COMMENCING AT 5:00 PM

#### **PRESENT**

Councillor Doug Curran (Chair), Councillor Mark Dal Bon, Lisa Parker (Community Representative), Cate Yates (Community Representative), Stephen Violi (Community Representative), Susan Forner (Community Representative)

Quorum = 3

#### **STAFF**

Waste Operations Manager, John Roser, Director Utilities, Graham Gordon and Minute Secretary, Antoinette Galluzzo

#### **1 APOLOGIES**

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Councillor Mark Dal Bon and Lisa Parker that apologies be received from Brian Irvin (Community Representative) and Wendy Borg (Community Representative) and Councillor Christine Stead.

#### **2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Lisa Parker and Stephen Violi that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 5 June 2025, having first been circulated amongst all members, be confirmed.

#### **3 BUSINESS ARISING**

Nil

#### **4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

##### **Pecuniary Interests**

*Members making a pecuniary interest declaration are required to leave the meeting during consideration of the matter and not return until the matter is resolved.*

There were no pecuniary interests declared.

## **Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests**

*Members making a significant non-pecuniary interest declaration are required to leave the meeting during consideration of the matter and not return until the matter is resolved.*

There were no significant non-pecuniary interests declared.

## **Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests**

*Members making a less than significant non-pecuniary interest declaration may stay in the meeting and participate in the debate and vote on the matter.*

There were no less than significant non-pecuniary interests declared.

## **5 ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

### **CL01 FOOD ORGANIC GARDEN ORGANIC (FOGO) PROCESS**

The Waste Operations Manager, Mr Roser, provided the Committee with an overview of the three key components of the Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) process. This included brief explanation of the Waste Collection Policy, Education Plan and Collection Service

Mr Roser advised the Committee that Council is currently engaged in a waste collection contract with JR Richards & Sons, and the FOGO rollout will be initially implemented under this existing contract arrangement. Mr Roser informed the Committee the current contract is set to conclude on 3 November 2028 with a maximum extension period of 2 years.

The Committee held a detailed discussion covering various aspects of the FOGO implementation, including:

- Bin size and configuration options
- Frequency of collection services
- Proposed rollout timelines
- Potential contamination issues
- Community education strategies.

It was agreed that educating residents about FOGO with a well-planned and targeted community education campaign will be highly beneficial and play a vital role in the program's success.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Lisa Parker and Councillor Mark Dal Bon that the Landfill / FOGO Committee request that the Draft Kerbside Collection Policy be referred to a Councillor Workshop, with the view of introducing the Food Organic Waste Organic (FOGO) system on 1 July 2027.

### **CL02 RESPONSES TO ACTION ITEMS**

*Ms Yates left the meeting 5:32pm.*

Mr Roser spoke to his report, which outlined the actions requested at the previous meeting, supported by relevant attachments. He also drew the Committee's attention to the Community Education Program (Attachment D), a key document that staff follow to guide the delivery of educational initiatives. He emphasised that this program ensures schools are consistently provided with relevant information. Additionally, Mr Roser noted that Griffith City Council offers a recycling service for businesses, upon request, with appropriate commercial

fees being charged.

During the discussion, Councillor Curran referred to a chart in the agenda showing a decline in annual recycling rates and enquired about the reason behind the decrease. Mr Roser suggested that the Return and Earn scheme may be a contributing factor to the decrease.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Stephen Violi and Councillor Mark Dal Bon that the Committee note the report.

### **CL03 DUMP FOR FREE MONTH**

The Committee discussed the benefits of the Dump for Free month initiative, highlighting the advantages of having it over a longer period of time.

Ms Forner enquired if the Dump for Free month has any impact on illegal dumping, particularly around Scenic Hill. In response Mr Roser stated there is no significant decline in illegal dumping, this issue still occurs.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Lisa Parker and Susan Forner that the 'Dump for Free Month' initiative proceed as planned for October.

## **6 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT**

The Committee noted the report.

## **7 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Clarification of Social Media Post**

Ms Forner questioned a social media post which stated "Separate: Remove Caps and lids" as to her knowledge it is not necessary to do that.

### **7.2 Informative Stickers for Bins**

Ms Forner suggested with the rollout of FOGO if a sticker can be produced for all three bins highlighting what can go in each bin.

### **7.3 Untidy Street**

Councillor Curran requested if an education campaign / letter box drop in Coolah Street can be arranged to inform landowners that they are liable for any rubbish left out the front of their properties.

### **7.4 Murrumbidgee Irrigation Channels**

Councillor Dal Bon questioned if Murrumbidgee Irrigation will be using our Waste Management Centre for the disposal of concrete from their works program. Director of Utilities to follow this up with Murrumbidgee Irrigation.

### **7.5 Hospital Demolition**

Councillor Dal Bon questioned if the waste from the demolition of Hospital will go to our Waste Management Centre. Director of Utilities to follow this up with the Department of Planning.

## **7.6 Clean up Scenic Hill**

Mr Violi informed the Committee that on 28 September 2025, Riverina Skips will be collecting rubbish on Scenic Hill and encouraging the community to pick up rubbish.

## **8 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Landfill FOGO Committee is to be held on Thursday, 4 December 2025 at 5:00pm.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 6:27pm.