
**LANDFILL FOGO COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
THURSDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 2026 COMMENCING AT 5:00 PM**

PRESENT

Councillor Mark Dal Bon (Chair), Stephen Violi (Community Representative), Susan Forner (Community Representative), Wendy Borg (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 Stephen Violi and Susan Forner that apologies be received from Councillor Doug Curran, Councillor Christine Stead, Cate Yates (Community Representative), Lisa Parker (Community Representative) and Brian Irvin (Community Representative).

Wendy Borg entered the meeting at 5:03pm.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Wendy Borg and Councillor Mark Dal Bon that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 4 December 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.

Stephen Violi verbally acknowledged an interest due to his waste business.

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 COMMITTEE MEMBER REQUEST - CATE YATES

Mr Gordon explained to the Committee each item raised by Cate Yates regarding the illegal dumping process, landfill ground maintenance and rubbish on the roads leading to the landfill and Council's plan to vegetate the landfill.

Susan Forner asked the question how often has an offender of illegal dumping been identified. In response, Mr Gordon informed the Committee that identifying the responsible offender can be a complex and a challenging process. He advised that where evidence is found within the waste, it will be investigated accordingly, however, establishing proof that the waste was illegally dumped can be difficult.

Mr Gordon advised the Committee that staff closely monitor the area leading up to the landfill. He noted that changes in wind direction had resulted in some litter being displaced, however, this was promptly addressed and the area was cleaned accordingly.

Mr Gordon explained that Council has to remediate the current landfill area once they are finished with the full profile of the landfill. A Remediation Plan for the Landfill will be developed in accordance with the EPA requirements.

Action: Susan Forner requested that the Committee look at a previous Landfill EPA report and discuss at the next meeting.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Wendy Borg and Susan Forner that the information be noted.

CL02 REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL WASTE AND RECYCLING BINS AT COLLINA OVAL

Mr Gordon informed the Committee that a request was received from a community member requesting additional bins at Ted Scobie Oval. He highlighted the bins are emptied on a Thursday and if they require more frequent emptying, the Parks and Gardens staff can let the commercial collection team know and they will do an additional service or swap the full bins with the additional bins stored at Ted Scobie Oval.

Mr Gordon explained the installation of recycling bins at Ted Scobie Oval is not recommended as it may lead to contamination, therefore not a proactive recycling process.

Wendy Borg asked if the association or booking holders have access to those spare bins, and if so, are they responsible to bring out extra bins stored at the Oval if required? This

question was **TAKEN ON NOTICE**.

Mr Roser informed the Committee when major events are on, the Waste department supply additional bins and services.

Action: Susan Forner requested a formal response from the Parks and Garden department on their observation of the usage and number of bins at Ted Scobie Oval.

Action: Staff provide a plan highlighting where bins are located at Ted Scobie Oval.

Wendy Borg proposed the idea of a seasonal bin management plan, suggesting that additional bins be installed during the daylight saving / summer periods, with a reduced number provided during winter.

Action: In response, a report be prepared and presented to the Committee outlining seasonal bin usage at Ted Scobie Oval, to assess whether adjusting bin numbers at different times of the year would be beneficial.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Wendy Borg and Susan Forner that the information be noted.

CL03 YENDA LANDFILL - DUMP FOR FREE MONTH - OPERATING HOURS

Mr Gordon informed the Committee that feedback has been received to extend the opening hours of the Yenda Landfill.

The Committee discussed different time frames, and monitoring the popular timeframes during this March Dump for Free month.

Action: The Committee requested the statistics of the March Dump for Free Month be brought back to the Committee for discussion.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Stephen Violi and Wendy Borg that the Committee recommend Council open the Yenda Landfill for a full day, 8:00am – 5:00pm on each Sunday over the dump for free period, 28 February – 31 March 2026, with a review at the end of the month.

CL04 WASTE EDUCATION PLAN FOR 26/27

Mr Roser explained to the Committee that Council is required to have a Waste Education Plan, which set outs and highlights initiatives and programs.

Wendy Borg asked how are these programs are being communicated with the schools. In response, Mr Roser informed the Committee that each school is contacted and they have the option to participate.

Wendy Borg raised the concern of the community education program, and queried what is being done in regards to educating adults and the community on how to recycle and dispose of their waste correctly.

In response, Mr Roser informed the Committee that Council has increased its communication efforts through social media, the website, and various advertising platforms and programs. He further advised that, in relation to the FOGO implementation, community education will be significantly expanded, with a strong emphasis placed on raising

awareness and ensuring residents are well informed.

The Committee discussed various approaches to enhancing community awareness including the development of information and infographics to be distributed via magnets, stickers, or flyers. It was noted that distribution methods could include mailbox drops, inclusion with rates notices, the Council newsletter, and other appropriate methods, with the aim of reaching a larger audience. Stephen Violi also raised concerns regarding batteries and electronic items being placed in general waste bins and highlighted the need for increased education to address this issue.

Action: Council staff to present proposed concepts and draft materials for waste awareness to the Committee for consideration.

Mr Roser informed the Committee that Council provides local real estate agencies with a Waste Education Pack for distribution to new tenants.

Action: The Committee requested that a copy of the Waste Education Pack be presented for review at the next meeting.

Stephen Violi left the meeting at 6:20pm.

CL05 UNTIDY STREET - LETTER

The Committee reviewed the draft letter and discussed ways to improve its clarity and presentation. Suggestions included incorporating infographics and images to make the information more visually engaging and easier to understand, as well as clearly outlining the “Dump for Free” months within the content.

An idea Mr Roser raised was an application that is available which allows recipients to scan a QR code and select their preferred language, enabling the written information to be translated.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Wendy Borg and Susan Forner that the letter be revised to include improvements and infographics, and that the updated letter be presented to the Committee for review.

Susan Forner left the meeting at 6:43pm.

6 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

Due to time constraints, the Action Report was not considered at this meeting.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

8 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Landfill FOGO Committee is to be held on Thursday, 14 May 2026 at 5:00 PM.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 6:46pm.