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**LANDFILL FOGO COMMITTEE  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON  
WEDNESDAY, 13 MAY 2026 COMMENCING AT 5:00 PM**

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**PRESENT**

Doug Curran (Chair) (Mayor, Councillor), Councillor Mark Dal Bon, Councillor Tony O'Grady, Brian Irvin (Community Representative), Lisa Parker (Community Representative), Cate Yates (Community Representative), Stephen Violi (Community Representative), Susan Forner (Community Representative) (via zoom)

Quorum = 3

**STAFF**

Waste Operations Manager, John Roser and Minute Secretary, Antoinette Galluzzo

**1 APOLOGIES**

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Councillor Mark Dal Bon and Lisa Parker that apologies be received from Director Utilities, Graham Gordon.

**Absent:** Councillor Christine Stead, Wendy Borg (Community Representative)

**2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Councillor Mark Dal Bon and Lisa Parker that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 February 2026, 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 CHANGE OF MEETING DAY**

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Councillor Mark Dal Bon and Lisa Parker that the Committee change the meeting day to a Wednesday.

### **CL02 GRIFFITH LANDFILL REQUEST - 3 MAY 2026**

The Committee reviewed a letter requesting a Goodies Junk Shed at the Tharbogang Landfill. The Committee discussed the advantages and disadvantages of this facility, discussing other town's successes or failures, and if it would be suited in our town.

The Committee discussed the option to call for an Expression of Interest and to see if there is a suitable individual or organisation to operate the facility.

*Brian Irvin entered the meeting at 5:13 pm.*

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Susan Forner and Lisa Parker that staff prepare an Expression of Interest (EOI) for the operation of a Goodies Junk Shed at the Landfill, circulate the draft EOI to Committee members for feedback, and then distribute the final EOI to the community.

**SMT COMMENT:** As a precursor to an EOI, Council undertakes an online community survey to determine, amongst other matters, scope of services required including infrastructure - operational location, frequency of operation, community uptake etc. The results of the community survey to be brought back to the committee to finalise the scope of the proposed EOI.

*Councillor Mark Dal Bon was against this Motion.*

### **CL03 MARCH 2026 DUMP FOR FREE STATISTICS**

The Committee reviewed the statistics for the March "Dump for Free" month, noting that the Yenda Landfill had extended operating hours and the benefits of holding the initiative over an entire month.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Councillor Mark Dal Bon and Lisa Parker that the Committee note the information.

#### **CL04 UNTIDY STREET - REFINED LETTER**

The Committee reviewed the Untidy Streets letter and provided suggestions for improvement, including refining the image for clarification and incorporating information about the “Dump for Free” months within the letter.

The Committee also suggested distributing the letter to both the property owner and the tenant to ensure the information is reaching all involved.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Lisa Parker and Susan Forner that the Committee endorse the attached letter and approve its delivery to Coolah Street, with the additions to the letter included.

#### **CL05 ANNUAL EPA LANDFILL REPORT**

Mr Roser provided a brief overview of the EPA Report, noting that it is a comprehensive document and highlighting key points made within initial pages (attached to agenda). The full report is on the website for more information.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Councillor Mark Dal Bon and Lisa Parker that the Committee note the information.

#### **CL06 WASTE EDUCATION PACK**

Mr Roser noted the information is included in the tenancy packs and that they will be updated once FOGO is implemented.

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

#### **CL07 PARK BINS AT TED SCOBIE OVAL**

Mr Roser highlighted that if the bins are full at Ted Scobie Oval, the Parks and Gardens team call the commercial waste department and they will empty the bins.

Ms Yates highlighted that street bins were at capacity at events in the Main Street, Mr Roser noted and acknowledge the issue and highlighted a more proactive approach is vital.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Councillor Mark Dal Bon and Brian Irvin that the report be noted.

#### **CL08 EXISTING BINS AT TED SCOBIE OVAL**

The Committee received the information.

#### **6 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT**

The Committee noted the report.

## **7 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Recycling Baskets on Bins**

Councillor O'Grady suggested the idea of installing recycling baskets on bins so people can easily dispose of cans and bottles. Mayor Curran further explained people rummage through bins, pulling rubbish out to find recyclables.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Susan Forner and Lisa Parker that staff investigate recycling baskets to attach to the street bins in Banna Avenue.

### **7.2 Bookable**

Ms Parker questioned if there is a function on Bookable to request bins. Mr Roser responded that there is.

### **7.3 FOGO update**

Ms Parker asked for an update on the Kerbside Collections Policy, in relation to FOGO, and in response Mr Roser replied Councils currently in the process of tendering for the education process.

### **7.4 Lack of Bins near Valentini Bridge**

Councillor Dal Bon noted the absence of bins at the rest area near Valentini Bridge, as well as at the bridge itself. In response, Mayor Curran advised that when bins are provided in these locations, they are often misused for the disposal of residential waste.

## **8 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Landfill FOGO Committee is to be held on Wednesday, 12 August 2026 at 5:00 pm.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 6:03 pm.