

Minutes of the **General Meeting** of the
Altona Complex Neighbourhood Consultative Group (ACNCG)

Held on Thursday, 16 July 2015
Hobsons Bay Civic Centre, 115 Civic Parade, Altona
Commencing at 6.00pm

Present:

ACNCG Resident Members

Judy Hindle
Kimberley Foss

Resident

Chris Rider

QENOS

Robert Berton
Les Harman
Kerry Pyne

DOW

Julian West
Patrick Pedrotti

City West Water

Ding Chan
Joe Messina

Council Representatives

Cr Sandra Wilson
Cr Jason Price
Fran McGannon

BASF

Rachael Elhay
Iwona Wlodarczyk

Special Guests

Margaret Kidd
Peter Kidd
Susan Kidd

1. Welcome/Apologies

Cr Sandra Wilson opened the meeting at 6.00pm and welcomed everyone.

Apologies: Brendan Murphy, HBCC
Andrew Lake, Qenos

2. Special Presentation to Margaret Kidd (retiring Community Member)

Cr Wilson welcomed Margaret, Peter and Susan Kidd to the meeting. Both Margaret and Max Kidd were thanked and acknowledged by the Group for their more than a decade of ACNCG membership and their numerous commitments to the wider Hobsons Bay community.

3. Confirmation of Minutes from Meeting Held 9 April 2015

The minutes from the meeting held on Thursday, 9 April 2015 were confirmed as a true and accurate representation of the meeting.

Moved: Judy Hindle
Seconded: Fran McGannon

Carried

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous minutes on 9 April 2015

Nil

5. Company Reports

5.1 Qenos EMT report

Qenos 2015 performance report

- June EMT meetings held, minutes in meeting papers
- 1 odour complaint accepted for ETP odour on 11 May
- 2 noise complaints in early June classified plausible complex
- Qenos odour audit held on 13 June, results presented at June EMT included in the minutes

<http://acncg.info/assets/Uploads/Qenos-June-17th-2015-EMT-minutes.pdf>

EPA

- Licence re accredited
- Invited to participate in Earned Autonomy Pilot Program
- EPA reviewing Groundwater Quality Management Plan and Noise EIP

CWW

- Minor Sulphide excursion for Olefins Trade Waste on 24 April
- Readied plant to receive recycled water

WorkSafe

- Notified WorkSafe –
- 20 April, facial injury @ Resins
- 3 June, cut to knee at Olefins

Energy Safe Victoria (ESV)

- Submitted pipeline licences

<http://acncg.info/assets/Uploads/Qenos-ACNCG-July-2015-presentation-.pdf>

EPA comment

More general news and updates about EPA can be found here:

<http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/about-us/news-centre/news-and-updates>

WorkSafe comment

Not provided

CWW comment

Qenos holds two agreements with CWW, one for the Olefins plant, the other for Resins.

Olefins

A new three-year term Trade Waste Agreement was issued for the Olefins plant commencing from 1 April 2015 until 30 March 2018.

Qenos Olefins requested for the period 22/06/2015 to 26/06/2015 an exemption to their temperature limit of their trade waste discharge from 38°C to 42°C to minimise potable water use for cooling during their furnace decoke activity.

City West Water allowed this exemption for the period stated and for Qenos to provide, following the event, the potable water savings and temperature/flow charts during the period. Information provided by Qenos following the event confirmed that compliance was able to be maintained with the standard discharge limit of 38°C and no potable water was used for cooling during the event.

Resins

Resins is currently meeting the requirements and conditions of its Trade Waste Agreement. No issues to report since last meeting

<http://acncg.info/assets/Uploads/ACNCG-CWW-July-2015-Report.pdf>

5.2 Dow EMT report

Julian West updated the members as follows:

Dow 2015 performance report

- EMT meeting was held on 18 June 2015
- Focus was on the annual remediation review
- EPA and CWW attended the meeting
- Minutes are provided

<http://acncg.info/assets/Uploads/Dow-EMT-Minutes-June-2015.pdf>

EPA

- Three ethylene oxide monitoring activities have been completed
- Dow is now assessing the results against EPA requirements

City West Water

- Minor TDS excursion in the June round of composite sampling

<http://acncg.info/assets/Uploads/ACNCG-CWW-July-2015-Report.pdf>

WorkSafe

- Annual inspection completed on 29 and 30 June 2015
- Full report expected in two weeks time

Safety Performance

- 1 year spill – free, 14 years PSI – free, 0 injury in 2015 YTD

EPA comment

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WorkSafe comment

Not provided

CWW comment

Two minor Total Dissolved Solids load breaches of 217 kg (04/06/2015) & 212 kg (14/06/2015) exceeding the Trade Waste Agreement limit of 200 kg/day. These results were obtained from composite sampling program completed by Dow Chemicals as part of their Trade Waste Agreement sampling requirements. City West Water is currently reviewing this breach and will determine if any further action needs to be taken by Dow.

<http://acnccg.info/assets/Uploads/ACNCCG-CWW-July-2015-Report.pdf>

5.3 BASF EMT report

Iwona Wlodarczyk updated the members as follows:

BASF 2015 performance report

- EMT Meeting held in March this year and next meeting scheduled in September
- March EMT presented at April's ACNCCG.
- It was agreed with the EMT members to meet twice a year instead of three for 2015 as they felt more benefit from two meetings rather than three.
- This presentation has captured site events that have occurred since the last EMT and ACNCCG

Site Shut Down (3 – 8 August 2015)

Planned activities include:

- Vessel cleaning
- Plant upgrades including installation of double mechanical seals on reactor and cooling vessels
- Site Training – CPR, Chemical Management and Internal Emergency Response Training; and
- Regulatory Vessel Inspections
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Waste Review

- Audit of all waste streams on site.
- Testing of waste streams to identify areas where waste can be re-classified or recycled rather than being disposed of as prescribed waste.
- Currently finalising disposal options with Waste Contractors and will report final outcomes in next EMT.

Promotion/Implementation of “My Safe Way” Program

- Safety Leadership initiative through online training program to all site staff
- Series of Tool Box Talks focusing on prevention of incidents and site/self responsibilities
- Guest Speaker talking on the importance of thinking before you act

EPA comment

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<http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/about-us/news-centre/news-and-updates>

WorkSafe comment

Not provided

CWW comment

BASF is currently meeting the requirements and conditions of its Trade Waste Agreement. No issues to report since last meeting

<http://acncg.info/assets/Uploads/ACNCG-CWW-July-2015-Report.pdf>

6. CWW: Update on Altona Recycled Water Plant

Ding Chan reported that supply commenced to the plant on 2 July 2015. Current capacity at 3 mega litres.

7. Hobsons Bay City Council report

Report tabled.

<http://acncg.info/assets/Uploads/ACNCG-Meeting-Applicaions-of-Interest-July-2015-A2170175.pdf>

Interim Guidelines on planning around Major Hazard Facilities

http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/files/19c69a7f-dfab-4b75-8e9c-a3ce01061fa3/Updated_MHF_guidelines.pdf

8. Altona Complex Emergency Alarm Update

Rob Berton confirmed feedback had been positive, and members can still submit their feedback until the end of July. Community consultation will be the next stage. The Chronicle Committee will approve the article to appear in a number of formats including the Chronicle Newsletter, local papers, ACNCG and HBCC websites and Around Altona newsletter. Community feedback will be submitted directly to Les Harman until 11 September. Expected implementation start of 2016.

9. Community Complaints

Les reported on complaints received from May 2015 to July 2015 as per the ACNCG website link:

<http://acnCG.info/complaints/>

10. General Business

Les Harman provided Analytical information on the ACNCG website:

<http://acnCG.info/assets/Uploads/July-2015-analytics.pdf>

11. Cr Wilson declared the meeting closed at 7.55pm

12. Cr Wilson handed over the Chair to Cr Jason Price

13. Cr Price declared the AGM open at 7.56pm

14. Confirmation of Minutes from Meeting Held 10 July 2014

The minutes from the meeting held on Thursday, 10 July 2014 were confirmed as a true and accurate representation of the meeting.

Moved: Judy Hindle

Seconded: Julian west

Carried

15. Nominations for Elected Members – Residents

The following members were nominated:

Judy Hindle (Deputy Chair)

Chris Rider

Troy Ryan

Kimberley Foss

Steffen Pedersen

Moved: Julian West

Seconded: Rachel Elhay

Carried

16. Nominations for Appointed Members and Sub-Committees

Appointed Members

Hobsons Bay City Council

Cr Sandra Wilson, Chairperson
Cr Jason Price, Proxy Delegate
Brendan Murphy (Manager Planning, Building & Health Services)
Sarah Barolo (Minutes Secretary)

Qenos

Andrew Lake

DOW

Patrick Pedrotti

WorkSafe

Brian Moody

BASF

Iwona Wlodarczyk

EPA

Chris Bydder

CWW

Joe Messina

Moved: Judy Hindle

Seconded: Rob Berton

Carried

17. Invitation for comments by Members

Judy Hindle commended all bodies, companies and authorities on their excellent work. Progress is being made and issues have significantly reduced.

Cr Wilson thanked the community members, especially Judy Hindle, for their ongoing commitment and congratulated Chris Rider on his appointment.

Cr Price commended the group for their invaluable community involvement.

18. The AGM was declared closed at 8:15pm

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 12 November 2015