

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

Held on Thursday, 9 April 2015  
Qenos, Cnr Maidstone St and Kororoit Creek Rd, Altona  
Commencing at 6.00pm

**Present:**

**ACNCG Resident Members**

Judy Hindle  
Chris Rider  
Kimberley Foss

**Resident**

Camillo Coladonah

**QENOS**

Andrew Lake  
Andre Olszewski  
Robert Berton  
Les Harman  
Kerry Pyne

**DOW**

Julian West  
Pram Tan

**City West Water**

Ding Chan

**Council Representatives**

Cr Sandra Wilson  
Cr Jason Price  
Brendan Murphy, HBCC  
Callan Riley, HBCC  
Fran McGannon, HBCC

**BASF**

Rachael Elhay  
Iwona Wlodarczyk

**Special Guest Speaker**

Cdr Guy Mccrorie, MFB

**1. Welcome/Apologies**

Cr Sandra Wilson opened the meeting at 6.05pm and welcomed everyone.

Apologies: Brian Moody, Worksafe  
Chris Bydder, EPA,  
Steffen Pedersen, Resident member

**2. Invitation for comments by visitors**

Cr Wilson welcomed Camillo to his first ACNCG meeting. Camillo is a new resident, and had found information on Council's website about the ACNCG. He is curious to learn what the ACNCG was about. Chris Rider was invited by Qenos after attending their EMT.

**3. 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:** Andrew Lake

**Carried**

#### **4. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous minutes on 10 July 2014**

**Action: Muthu Muthukaruppan to advise Ding Chan for next meeting.**

Refer to Item 6

#### **5. Company Reports**

##### **5.1 Qenos EMT report**

Qenos 2014 performance report

- December & March EMT meetings held
- Community briefing & discussion on Qenos Noise EIP conducted
- EMTs moved to evening
- Several new members have joined EMT
- Qenos SHE Excellence Awards
- 3 noise complaints in January for flare noise from Olefins after steam supply interruption.

<http://acncg.info/assets/Uploads/Qenos-March-18-EMT-minutes.pdf>

Judy Hindle acknowledged the Excellence Award winners and agreed they were well justified.

- Discussed draft groundwater Quality Management plan with EPA in December
- Liaising with EPA about future of accredited licence program
- Regulatory noise limits established in residential areas endorsed by EPA
- Minor sulphide excursion for Olefins trade waste 15 December 2014 and 30 January 2015
- Customer notified non compliance in place until ETP clean completed
- ETP clean executed without complaints or non compliances
- Polyethylene production - 93% of production plan
- Significant flare reduction reducing complaints.
- 2 Solvent LOC at Resins
- Water Usages - No recycled water available in 2014, reduced steam production, increased on site water reuse.
- Emissions - Reduction in boiler firing, reduced flaring, reduced fugitive emissions, minor increase in pump seal emissions

<http://acncg.info/assets/Uploads/Qenos-ACNCG-April-2015-Presentation-.pdf>

##### **EPA comment**

The EPA has carried out a licence compliance inspection at the co-gen facility run by AGL at Qenos Olefins.

EPA have had no specific activity at Qenos.

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**

The Annual Inspection was conducted in December 2014, overall good results were observed for the implementation and functionality of selected risk control measures and safety management system elements across the three Qenos sites.

No incidents were reported during this period.

### **CWW comment**

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

#### Olefins

Olefins is currently compliant with its Trade Waste Agreement.

Olefins' Trade Waste Agreement and its associated Variations were due to expire on the 31 March 2015. City West Water has extended the Trade Waste Agreement and its associated Variations until the 30 June 2015. This will provide sufficient additional time to process this application and variations requested, and to provide Qenos with time to review the revised Trade Waste Agreement prior to signing.

#### Resins

Resins is currently compliant with its new Trade Waste Agreement. Everything is business as usual.

## **5.2 Dow EMT report**

Julian West updated the members as follows:

Dow 2014 performance report

- Expression of Interest (EOI) campaign started in late Feb 2015. It is expected to run until mid/end April 2015.
- Real estate firm Colliers is conducting the EOI on Dow's behalf.
- EOI has generated some interest with approximately 25 site visits conducted.
- Next steps will be to screen and prioritise opportunities. No "breaking ground" activity is expected in 2015.
- Innova continues to show interest in locating to the Dow Altona site.
- Continued to make significant progress on Safety Case improvement plan
- Styron demolition – complete
- Utilities footprint plan – ongoing
- Head office relocation to Melbourne CBD
- East cooling tower demolition
- One reportable injury in November 2014. Maintenance tech tripped and fell. This resulted in bruising and cuts to his knees, elbows and face.
- One reportable spill in June 2014. It was related to the wastewater pit overflow due to the inadvertent activation of the emergency cooling system during SIS testing.
- Groundwater clean-up notice continues for remediation activities
- There is no new notice from WorkSafe or CWW.

### **EPA comment**

In the last 6 months the EPA have issued a new CUN on Dow to deal with chlorinated groundwater contamination.

#### **WorkSafe comment**

There have been no planned visits conducted during this period. The Annual Inspection is scheduled to occur in June 2015

No incidents were reported during this period

#### **CWW comment**

Dow is currently compliant with its new Trade Waste Agreement, which was renewed in December 2014

### **5.3 BASF EMT report**

Iwona Wlodarczyk and Rachael Elhay updated the members as follows:

BASF 2014 performance report

- BASF is an EPA Accredited Licence holder and will be involved with the EPA's pilot program to change legislation around gaining accredited licence status.
- BASF have already supplied compliance information to the EPA and this will form part of the assessment under the new structure going forward.
- Updates regarding the pilot program will be provided at the next site EMT Meeting.
- **Gas Consumption** – there was some high use at the start of May. Faulty software confirmed wrong numbers for gas use. Otherwise gas improved once we switched to smaller boiler capacity and change boiler service contractors. Higher gas consumption overall due to use of larger boiler during 2014.
- **Electricity Consumption** – Higher chiller use could account for higher consumption in comparison to previous years.
- **Water Consumption** – Lower for 2014 possibly due to changes in production schedule.
- **Trade Waste Discharge** – good in terms of water use.

#### **BASF ED Global Safety Week (16-20 March 2015)**

- Safety week initiatives included awareness around travel safe. BASF held an awareness session on safety initiatives when driving, traveling and being in remote locations.

#### **BASF Turns 150 – Celebrations**

- **Innovation Nation** – 1000 ideas for a better Australia. BASF looking to uncover the boldest solutions to global challenges around BASF's three anniversary themes: urban living, food and smart energy. The five most innovative ideas for economic, environmental or societal change around these themes will be invited to pitch to BASF with \$10,000 in funding available.

### **EPA comment**

The EPA has had no specific activity at BASF

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### **WorkSafe comment**

There have been no planned visits conducted during this period

No incidents were reported during this period

### **CWW comment**

BASF is currently compliant with its Trade Waste Agreement. Everything is business as usual.

## **6. CWW: Update on Altona Recycled Water Plant**

Ding Chan reports City West Water is about to commence 'site acceptance' testing. It is anticipated the treatment plant will commence operating in late May. Over the next 2 weeks they will be in discussions with the complex customers. Once treatment plant is operating it is estimated that it will supply 80% of the complex water requirements.

**Action: Ding Chan to report back to the July meeting the status of the Werribee Treatment Plant. Has it been shelved due to the change of state government?**

## **7. Hobsons Bay City Council report**

Brendan Murphy updated members on the **Applications of Interest** as follows:

### **Innova - [Link to permit and VCAT decision](#)**

The permit issued for the contaminated soil remediation facility on the Dow site is due to expire on 1 May 2015 if the development has not been commenced prior to that date. The relevant permit condition of the permit is reproduced below. The condition allows for a request to extend the permit to be made up to 3 months after the expiry date.

*"16. This permit will expire if one of the following circumstances applies:*

- a) The development is not started within two years of the date of this permit;*
- b) The development is not completed within four years of the date of this permit; or*
- c) The use does not commence within four years of the date of this permit.*

*The Responsible Authority may extend the periods referred to if a request is made in writing before the permit expires or within three months afterwards."*

### **Burns Road Estate - Unserviced Industrial subdivision [Link to Newsletter](#)**

The Council is continuing to host a series of meetings with landowners in the Burns Road Estate with a view to establishing a land owners' reference group to address the development constraints affecting the estate. The meetings are being held on an invitation only basis with

no more than a dozen participants to ensure that all landowners are provided an opportunity to have their view heard. The meetings are expected to continue until June. Land owners are very positive and keen to participate in a process to unlock the development of their land.

**Kororoit Creek Road Service Station- [Link to Permit](#)**

PA1429574- 650-662 Kororoit Creek Rd Altona North VIC 3025 (corner of Kororoit Creek Road and Grieve Parade).

Use and development of the land for the purpose of a service station 9 catering for cars and trucks), convenience shop and food and drink premises; creation of access to a road in a Road Zone 1. The area of the site is 7367m<sup>2</sup>. The permit was issued 25 November 2014.

**Jordan Close Development**

PA1429152 - 33 Jordan Close, Altona VIC 3018 – [Link to Permit](#)

Construction of two building comprising three warehouses (1.4ha, 1.7ha and 2.7ha) and associated offices. Permit issued 6 November 2014. Native vegetation removal authorised under permit PA1021725 which was issued at the direction of VCAT on 2 April, 2013.

**Slough Estate subdivision –[Link to Application](#)**

PA1430329 - Subdivision of the land into 58 lots, removal of easement and removal of native vegetation. The total land area is 76.78ha comprising 58 lots (44.7ha), 21 36ha conservation zone, 7.06 ha roads and a balance lot adjacent to the existing subdivided land of 3.66 ha. This application is currently under consideration.

**Warehouse – North East Corner Horsburgh Drive and Kororoit Creek Road.**

PA1430413 740 Kororoit Creek Rd Altona North VIC 3025 - Construction of a warehouse 8399m<sup>2</sup> and creation of access to a road in a Road Zone 1. 40 car parking spaces are provided with access from Kororoit Creek Road.

## **8. Special Presentation**

Altona Complex Emergency Alarm (siren) proposal to change from the current 'siren' to the phone alert system. Currently the siren is tested each month on Sunday morning at 10am.

Cdr Guy Mccrorie, MFB provided the group with information about the Emergency Management Electronic Alert system which was created after the Black Saturday bush fires. In the event of an emergency the determination to activate the appropriate warning is made by the EMT Commander. The system sends out messages to any mobile phone, email or computer app or electronic device in the affected area. Notification is almost immediate.

Genos is looking for input from the ACNCG members whether to continue with the siren or progress to the electronic alert system.

The group agreed for Genos to first seek input from Worksafe Victoria and then to develop an implementation plan for ACNCG review and endorsement.

**Action: Feedback to Rob Berton, Genos. Update to the July meeting.**

## **9. Community Complaints**

Les reported on complaints received from November 2014 to April 2015 as per the ACNCG website link:

<http://acnCG.info/assets/Uploads/Meetings/Agenda/ACNCG-Complaints-2015-April-final.pdf>

## **10. General Business**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 16 July 2015.

## **11. Close of Meeting**

With no further business, Cr Wilson declared the meeting closed at 8.20pm.