

<b>Minutes – Mildura Landfill Community Reference Group Meeting</b>							
<b>Date</b>	25/05/2023	<b>Time</b>	10am	<b>Duration</b>	1 hour	<b>Location</b>	Mildura Golf Resort
<b>Meeting Objective</b>	To provide a forum for consultation, provision of advice and information exchange in relation to Mildura Landfill.						
<b>Attendees</b>	Matt George (MRCC), Nick Cavallo (MGR), Hope Follett (MRCC), Sarah O'Connor (MRCC), Melanie Bell (RV).						
<b>Apology</b>	Lacey Hatley (MBPH), Sean Arkinstall (MGR)						
No	What					Who	Status
1.	<b>Organics Update</b> Fully operational in June. Currently settling into Thurla site Gortex material is used cover processed material Same issues around contamination of kerbside bins and reminding people to put food waste into green bin instead of rubbish bin					Sarah O'Connor	
2.	<b>Recycling Victoria update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Under the <i>Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021</i> (CE Act), Recycling Victoria is continuing to build their organisation and functions. Recycling Victoria is drafting 4 key strategic documents that will underpin their goal to provide leadership and oversight of waste and resource recovery services. These include a Strategic Plan and a Charter of Engagement.</li> <li>- Visy is the network operator for Loddon Mallee and will be managing this in MRCC. There is planned to be several refund collection points including a depot and over the counter drop off points.</li> <li>- Charities, Not for Profit organisations, will be able to register to received donations from returned empty drink containers or run a container collection point</li> <li>- Wine bottles will not be accepted. These will be able to be taken to a glass processing site run by Council. This will include glass from the Kerbside Glass bin that will be introduced in 2024.</li> </ul>					Melanie Bell	
3.	<b>State Government Service Standards</b> Circular Economy Plans <a href="https://www.vic.gov.au/standardising-household-recycling-across-victoria">Standardising household recycling across Victoria   Victorian Government (www.vic.gov.au)</a> Release date possibly later this year					Sarah O'Connor	
4.	<b>Mildura Landfill Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Capping design being updated based off EPA feedback.</li> </ul>					Sarah O'Connor	



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<b>5.</b>	<b>Litter and Waste Strategy Development</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Has been approved and available on Council's Website. <a href="http://mildura.vic.gov.au">Council Plans &amp; Strategies (mildura.vic.gov.au)</a></li><li>- Container Deposit Scheme is starting on 1 November 2023. <a href="http://www.vic.gov.au">Container deposit scheme   Victorian Government (www.vic.gov.au)</a></li><li>- New Waste Education Officer – Jamie</li><li>- Litter Enforcement Officer to be engaged in Civic Compliance team</li><li>- ATV to be used to manage litter on site. There will be a gate so staff member can collect any litter that may go over the house.</li></ul>	Sarah O'Connor	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Terms of Reference</b> Due for review		
<b>7.</b>	<b>General Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Grant Policy and Grant program for Waste Minimisation going to Council for approval.</li><li>- SUP Policy – State government banning 6 single use plastics from 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2023. Link with recommendations for businesses - <a href="http://www.vic.gov.au">Reducing plastic pollution starts with us   Victorian Government (www.vic.gov.au)</a></li></ul>		
<b>8.</b>	<b>Next meeting:</b> Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2023		