

# Minutes

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| <b>Meeting title</b>   | <b>Botany Mill Community Liaison Group</b>  |
| <b>Purpose</b>         | To liaise with community members  |
| <b>Date &amp; Time</b> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> March, 6:20pm – 7:30pm  |
| <b>Place</b>           | B9  |
| <b>Attendees</b>       | Charles Abela (CA), Gerry O’Connell (GO), Lynda Newnam (LN), Karl Achleitner (KA), Karen Jones (KJ) |
| <b>Note-taker</b>      | Karen Jones   |

| <b>Meeting Item</b>          | <b>Notes/Action</b>                                    | <b>Leader</b>   |
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| <i>Welcome and Apologies</i> | Apologies: Carlos De Rocha, Karen Browne, John Viselli | Karl Achleitner |

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| <i>Review Action List</i> | No actions from last meeting | Karen Jones |
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| <i>Mill Projects Update</i> | <p><b>Secondary water Treatment plant</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approximately 3 weeks until civil works are complete.</li> <li>• Mechanical and Electrical installation starting around Easter</li> <li>• Planning to start commissioning in August.</li> <li>• The treatment plant will pay for itself by lowering BOD<sub>5</sub> costs (Sydney Water sewer costs)</li> <li>• The quality of Orora effluent will be higher than Malabar effluent – leading to better ocean outfall quality.</li> <li>• Energy generation using the biogas is another benefit of the plant, but not the main reason for building it.</li> </ul> <p><b>Long Dam Improvements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long Dam is part of the Mill’s bore water system and is in need of repair and maintenance.</li> <li>• Council approval has recently been received for sheet piling.</li> <li>• Once started, the job should take around 3 months to complete.</li> </ul> <p><b>B7 Demolition</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orora has approval in principle from the EPA and Department of Planning to build a temporary noise wall behind B7.</li> <li>• The wall will be around 140 metres long, and run along the Mill boundary behind B7.</li> <li>• The wall will be constructed of shipping containers, stacked 4-high. These will be arranged with visual amenity in mind.</li> <li>• After the Hangar Block is developed, Orora will determine the best permanent noise solution for the site.</li> <li>• Orora is hoping the temporary wall will be built in April, after which demolition of B7 will begin.</li> </ul> | Karl Achleitner |
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- Demolition of B7 is likely to take 6 months to complete.
- A community flyer will be sent out in March informing local residents of the plan.
- KJ asked whether the group thinks that a temporary wall of shipping containers would be an issue to local residents. GO replied that as long as the residents knew the plan before the wall went up, and understood that it was a temporary wall (and not being used for container storage), then he doesn't believe it would be an issue.

*Overview of main site issues*

- Botany Mill is feeling the pressure of energy and raw material price increases.
  - Waste paper feedstock costs are increasing by approximately 50%, driven by the world market
  - Electricity costs may double next financial year on this site.

Karl Achleitner

*Complaints Review*

Complaints received (01/10/16 – 01/03/2017).

Karen Jones

| Category     | Number   |
|--------------|----------|
| Odour        | 0        |
| Noise        | 1        |
| Other        | 2        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>3</b> |

Noise complaint due to Front End Loader with a squeaky bucket.

Other complaints:

- vibration from roller preparing earth for water treatment plant civil works
  - security break-in at old mill
- KJ asked the group whether any other issues had been raised in the general community about Botany Mill.
  - Neither GO, CA or LN had heard of any issues regarding the Mill.

*General Business*

- Botany Mill sponsored the Bondi Lions Club “World Festival of Magic Show” for 10 special needs children and carers from Gardeners Rd Special School to attend.
- Sent Kate Mackay some flowers as a thank you for her contribution to the Community Liaison group over the past 10 years.
- B9 to participate in Clean Up Australia Day on Friday March 3rd. Cleaning up in Purcell Park. Lots of litter under native trees along boundary fence.

Karen Jones

*Conclusion*

Date of next meeting – 29/06/17

| ACTIONS | COMMENTS |
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| None    |          |