

# Minutes

<b>Meeting title</b>	<b>Botany Mill Community Liaison Group</b>
<b>Purpose</b>	To liaise with community members
<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> June, 6:20pm – 7:20pm
<b>Place</b>	B9
<b>Attendees</b>	Charles Abela (CA), Lynda Newnam (LN), John Viselli (JV), Karen Jones (KJ)
<b>Note-taker</b>	Karen Jones

#	Meeting Item	Notes/Action	Leader
1	<i>Welcome and Apologies</i>	Apologies: Karen Browne (Michael Daley's office), Karl Achleitner	Karen Jones
2	<i>Review Action List</i>	No actions from last meeting	Karen Jones
3	<i>Mill Projects Update</i>	<p><b><u>Secondary water Treatment plant</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mechanical and Electrical installation started at Easter and are continuing.</li> <li>Smaller tanks were delivered to site and are installed.</li> <li>Large tanks are currently under construction in-situ and are almost complete.</li> <li>Dewatering building has been designed with a double-skin and insulation in between for noise management.</li> <li>Planning to start commissioning in September 2017.</li> <li>Full operation likely in December 2017.</li> <li>Co-generation plant arrives in July. Won't be starting it until end of 2017 when the water treatment plant is in full operation. Will need to flare until then.</li> <li>Co-gen plant will generate approx. 1.5 MW power. There is space reserved for a second gas engine if needed.</li> <li>Noise surveys will be done before and after water treatment plant commissioning.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> Orora to communicate with the local residents prior to water treatment commissioning about flaring for the first few months. Historically the local community have shown concern over flares at industrial sites, however if they know the reason, they are less likely to be worried.</p> <p><b><u>Long Dam Improvements</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Long Dam is part of the Mill's bore water system. Its walls were collapsing and most equipment needed repair.</li> <li>Piling work began on March 28<sup>th</sup>, with some night work piling completed between May 22<sup>nd</sup> and June 2<sup>nd</sup>.</li> <li>Project managers have kept in regular contact with the neighbouring businesses to help reduce the impact of noise and vibration in particular.</li> </ul>	Karen Jones

- 90% of the piling work is complete. Pumping station work currently under way. Expected completion by end of July.

**B7 Demolition**

- Concrete anchoring pads for the container wall have been constructed.
- A small section between the B7 and B8 buildings must be demolished to enable the temporary noise wall to be built.
- Expect to start demolition of the small section on July 17<sup>th</sup>, then start building the container wall.
- Orora was hoping for the temporary wall will be built in April, however it is now due to be built in July/August, after which demolition of B7 will begin. The wall will take around 6 weeks to build.
- The wall will consist of twelve stacks of containers that are four high.
- All containers in the wall will be painted blue to match existing Botany Mill buildings.
- Demolition of B7 is likely to take six months to complete.
- Noise measurements will be taken during demolition.
- A community flyer was sent out in April informing local residents of the plan.

**4 Overview of main site issues**

- With electricity prices possibly doubling next financial year, a large focus has been put on energy efficiency and energy reduction.
- Orora Paper and Recycling have a new Group General Manager – Chris Rosser. He has over 20 years’ experience in the papermaking business in the UK and Europe.
- B9 is moving out of start-up mode, as it is now at the designed production rate. Focus is shifting to cost savings and working towards the new goal of 400,000 T/yr.

Karen Jones

**5 Complaints Review**

Contacts Review (01/02/17 – 01/06/2017)

Karen Jones

Category	Number
Odour	1
Noise	6
Other	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>

Five of the six noise complaints were from the same resident, and were for a cutting/grinding noise for up to an hour each time in April and early May. These were in the early hours of the morning, at different times on each occasion. There have been no subsequent complaints, and follow up with the resident confirms they have not heard it during the night since.

The sixth noise complaint was for trucks turning right out of McCauley Street during night-time hours in May. This was followed up using weighbridge tracking.

Three noise complaints for white noise in Solander Street were received via the EPA, however the complaint was not specifically for the Mill.

One odour complaint was logged from Murrabin Avenue via the EPA in April for a “strong and nasty smell”.

CA mentioned that he noticed an odour on Botany Road in front of the mill around 3 weeks ago.

**Clean up Australia Day**

26 team members from Botany Mill participated in Clean Up Australia Day in Purcell Park on Friday March 3rd.

Along with 25 bags of litter, a number of interesting items were removed from the Park, including 3 car tyres, a shopping trolley, scooter and speed camera sign.



**World Environment Day**

Orora Paper and Recycling held a photography competition and Picnic to Celebrate World Environment Day on June 5<sup>th</sup>. This year’s theme was “Connecting People to Nature”, so team members were asked to share a photo of themselves in a place in nature that they love. Over 40 photographs were added to the World Environment Day wall, with stunning photos from around Australia and the World. The wall created a wonderful talking point and gave inspiration for many to get out and enjoy the natural beauty of our earth!

**Other**

JV noted that the new owners of the Hangar Block have started earth movements. Most of the trees have been felled, and the noise mounds behind the properties in Moorina Avenue have been built up.

LN suggested Randwick Council be invited to this meeting once per year to give an update on local issues.

JV stated he had been told by another resident that there were issues with the ongoing lease of Purcell Park. KJ replied that her understanding of the issue was that Randwick Council were in negotiations with Orora over the lease arrangements, but that Orora has no long-term plans for the Park other than it remaining as a much-utilised community park managed and controlled by the Council.

ACTIONS	COMMENTS
Karen Jones to organise a community newsletter prior to secondary water treatment plant commissioning. This should include information about the flare.	
Karen Jones to invite a representative from Randwick City Council to attend one meeting per year to give an update on local environment and community issues.	