

# 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>	27 <sup>th</sup> June 2018, 6:25pm – 8:00pm
<b>Place</b>	B9
<b>Attendees</b>	John Viselli (JV), Gerry O’Connell (GO), Lynda Newnam (LN), Peter Fagan (PF), Danny Nelan: Randwick Council (DN), Karen Jones (KJ), Craig Nicol (CN)
<b>Note-taker</b>	Karen Jones

#	Meeting Item	Notes/Action	Leader
1	Welcome and Apologies	Welcome to Danny Nelan from Randwick Council Apologies: Charles Abela	Karen Jones
2	Review Action List	Karen Jones to invite Bronwyn Englaro from Randwick City Council to attend one meeting per year to give an update on local environment and community issues.  Danny Nelan is attending this meeting representing Randwick City Council	Karen Jones
3	Mill Projects Update	<p><b><u>Secondary water Treatment plant (SWTP)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commissioning is in the final stages, with over 90% of process effluent being treated by the SWTP for the majority of the time.</li> <li>Cogeneration started in early May, where the biogas is used to sustainably create electricity for the site, with the flare only being operated when the biogas engine is unavailable.</li> <li>Co-generation plant generates approx. 1.3 MW power. There is space reserved for a second gas engine if needed.</li> <li>Excess aerobic sludge is dewatered and sent to an organics facility to produce compost.</li> </ul> <p>LN suggested making a video on the SWTP process to show the public, local council, schools etc. <b>ACTION:</b> KJ to check whether there is a video that has already been made (for the Orora Innovation Expo) and whether this video is able to be shared.</p> <p>DN suggested going into schools to tell them about recycling. Children often give their parents advice when it comes to what should go in recycling bins.</p> <p><b><u>B7 Demolition</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demolition of the main B7 building is complete.</li> <li>Over 90% of the demolition waste was been recycled.</li> </ul>	Karen Jones

- Plans to extend the noise barrier are with the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) so that the B7 Reel Store can be demolished.
- Local area houses were door-knocked in April for information giving and gathering for the noise barrier extension.
- A community flyer was sent out in April to update local residents on the B7 demolition and extension of noise barrier.

**4** *Overview of main site issues*

**Site Performance**

Craig Nicol

- B9 has just achieved name plate annual production for the first time.
- Targets for reduction in energy intensity (gas and electricity usage per tonne of product) have been achieved over the financial year.

JV asked where B9 was in terms of world's best.

- CN stated that Botany Mill has all the right tools to be world's best, we just need to tweak a few areas to get to the top. B9 is 4% away from being world class.

**5** *Complaints Review*

Contacts Review (08/03/2018 – 22/06/2018)

Karen Jones

Category	Number
Odour	6
Noise	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>

Six odour complaints were received since the last meeting, five to the mill and one via the EPA. Four complaints were in the last week of April, with one each in May and June.

Five complaints were related to commissioning issues with the biogas line in the secondary water treatment plant, increasing pressure in the line and resulting in biogas being vented through the safety relief valves to the atmosphere.

Two occurrences of noise generated the four complaints. One event was due to steam venting during start-up after an unplanned shut. The second was due to the SWTP aeration tank air lines being partially blocked due to a trial of an unsuccessful cleaning chemical.

**6** *General Business*

**Randwick Council Update**

DN stated that the biggest focus in relation to Orora has been reviewing the noise wall extension submission. People that are interested are concerned about Port Noise not being stopped by the noise wall. There have been no complaints regarding operations at the site.

Orora has built up a positive communication relationship with the community over the years, so it would be good to build on that. Many people may know about the fact that Orora recycles paper, but would not know about the reuse of wastes like the paper crumble to improve soil in country areas and the composting of the aerobic sludge from the water treatment plant.

DN suggested that if Orora has any projects or ideas to put forward to Randwick Council that he can help promote it to the Sustainability section of the Council.

**World Environment Day – Beat Plastic Pollution**

After listening to a presentation on this Year's World Environment Day, Orora Paper and Recycling team members were asked to pledge what they can do to #BeatPlasticPollution. The topic generated a lot of positive discussion, with many team members unaware of how pressing the plastic pollution issue is, but eager to do their bit for the environment!

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## Clean up Australia Day

Botany Mill again participated in Clean up Australia Day in Purcell Park on March 8<sup>th</sup>. 14 team members helped clean up the park, tidying up five yellow ride share bikes in addition to the many bags of litter.



## Other Business

JV asked if there a positive or negative impact on the mill due to the China waste policy (refusing import of waste materials into China).

- CN answered that Orora collects more waste cardboard than what is needed by the mill, and that we have contracts with businesses in Australia for that cardboard. All material the mill uses is from Australia, and we export any excess.
- The main issue is wastepaper from MRF's, generally from council collections. The contamination levels from these facilities are 10 times higher than China is willing to accept, and too high for Botany Mill. In particular the glass and metal contamination is very abrasive for our equipment and wears it out twice as fast as pulp/paper.
- DN suggested going into schools to tell them about recycling and contamination issues.

JV asked whether there were any plans for the B8 building.

- KJ responded that at the moment there are no plans. It has been bricked up to stop thieves and trespassers from entering the building.

JV asked about 1901 Botany Road (old Hangar Block – no longer owned by Orora).

- DN stated that approvals for warehousing on the property have been granted via complying development, so did not go through the council development approval process.
  - The developers are currently before court due to environmental dust issues/complaints.
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<b>ACTIONS</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Karen Jones to check whether there is a video that has already been made (for the Orora Innovation Expo) and whether this video is able to be shared.	Video to be uploaded to the Orora website. Karen Jones to let community liaison group know when the video is available, and the link to the website.