

## Woodlawn Eco-Precinct Update - February 2023

Greetings from the Woodlawn Eco-Precinct.

### A message from Justin

*Thank you to those who contacted the site to make us aware of concerns around the maintenance of the Veolia land across from the Tarago Railway Station. As a result prior to Christmas we engaged a contractor to mow some of the more accessible areas. In early February we had the weeds and blackberry sprayed and this week (17th February) we had the remaining area slashed. We have now set a program with the contractor to regularly maintain this area. We are also committed to ensuring it enhances the town's visual amenity.*



*Veolia has also issued an access agreement to the Department of Transport so they can fulfil their commitments around cleaning up the lead contamination in the rail corridor. As you would be aware, this contamination is not related to Veolia and is being fully managed by the Department of Transport. We were very happy to get the land access request, and we too look forward to seeing the works completed.*

*Justin Houghton, Woodlawn Eco Precinct Manager*

### Environmental News

The Woodlawn Eco Precinct's environmental team is growing to enable ongoing environmental performance at the site. Across the state the NSW Environmental Compliance team, which supports our site activities, now comprises 6 full time personnel with a combined experience of over 50 years. Additionally, Woodlawn will soon welcome 2 additional compliance experts, which means there will be three staff dedicated solely to environmental management at the Woodlawn facility.

## Biodiversity at Woodlawn

As part of Veolia's global "Impact 2023 Purpose" program, Woodlawn was selected to undergo an ecological assessment in March 2022. The aim of the survey was to establish an ecological footprint for the operations at the Woodlawn Eco Precinct. Several biodiversity measures were implemented such as identification and preservation of rare or threatened species at the site, improving the quality of life or survival of those species and ensuring that activities do not impact the protected area. On 1 February 2023, Veolia was proud to announce that it had met its overall target. This takes us one step closer to achieving our ecological transformation targets.

## Environmental Compliance Training

We take our environmental compliance responsibilities seriously, and are committed to continuous improvement. In February, over 60 Woodlawn employees took part in Environmental Compliance training. By raising awareness of Veolia's compliance obligations among our employees, we're not only improving our environmental management, but also creating a vigilant and sustainable workplace culture.

## Woodlawn Bioreactor

Woodlawn's 12 month licence reporting period started on 6 September 2022. The table below is a record of the volumes received at site during the current licence reporting period 2022-23.

Source	Licence limit 6 Sep 2022 to 5 Sep 2023	Actual tonnage received From 6th September 2022
Waste to Bioreactor via Rail	900,000	334,320t
Local waste via road	125,000	55,086t
Waste to MBT by Rail	280,000	14,368t

## Woodlawn MBT

The MBT Facility has recommenced the processing of municipal solid waste after a 6 month long shut down for major maintenance works. The site has continued to receive food and garden waste, known as FOGO, and has processed approximately 1,449 tonnes of material since the beginning of the year. Veolia is now in the process of carrying out refurbishment of the second Biofilter at the MBT to improve operational efficiency of the odour control system.

## Tarago Meteorological and Hydrogen Sulphide Monitoring Stations

Veolia will be installing 2 Weather and Hydrogen Sulphide (H<sub>2</sub>S) monitoring stations in Tarago Village. The data obtained from the new weather stations can be used to assist with the investigation and analysis of reports of odour alleged to be coming from Woodlawn, as well as

the provision of meaningful and qualitative data. However, we can't stress enough that the extremely low levels of H<sub>2</sub>S that will be measured these monitors will pick up localised H<sub>2</sub>S readings that may be naturally occurring or man made. Once commissioned, the monitoring data will be made publicly available.

### **Reporting Odour**

We would like to remind residents to report odour to us directly so we can assess and respond to the situation in real-time. If these instances are reported to the EPA, it delays the process of investigation and resolve. Please note that we report every incident received to the EPA.

Your feedback is incredibly valuable as we measure the performance of our operations and odour. To report incidents of odour, please fill out our online odour report form at [veolia.com/anz/WoodlawnEcoPrecinct](https://veolia.com/anz/WoodlawnEcoPrecinct), contact Veolia's Community Feedback line on **1800 241 750** or send an email to [woodlawn@veolia.com](mailto:woodlawn@veolia.com).

### **Justin Houghton**

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