

## Woodlawn Eco-Precinct Update - June 2023

### 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	531,382t
Local waste via road	125,000	91,755t
Waste to MBT by Rail	280,000	59,848t

### Reconciliation Day 2023

This year's theme for Reconciliation Day is "Be a voice for change". At Woodlawn, we held a very engaging Reconciliation Day event with over 60 staff participating. We were accompanied by Veolia's RAP (Reconciliation Action Plan) Manager, Graham Kilby (a proud Wiradjury man) and our national RAP Champion, Alex Kanaar. They shared knowledge about Veolia's stretch RAP and spoke about the importance of building relationships, having respect and taking every opportunity to create reconciliation.

We then watched the Veolia Water Bamaga video which showed what Veolia is doing for a remote indigenous community to ensure they have ongoing clean drinking water ([watch the video here](#)). After this we enjoyed Kangaroo Kebabs, Crocodile Chipolatas, Emu Sausage Rolls, Wattle Seed and Lemon Myrtle Scones, all indigenous foods and flavours.



## **Woodlawn Bio-Energy**

Woodlawn Bio-energy (WBE) continues to improve its efficiencies with the site achieving 3100 MWhs more cumulative electricity generation than the same time in 2022. This means we have extracted 6,840,668 m<sup>3</sup> more landfill gas over this same period compared to last year. The continued focus of our very proud and determined team to continually improve outcomes is testament to their dedication to their roles and the belief that what they are doing is making a difference to our environment.

## **Woodlawn MBT**

The MBT odour management system relies on extraction of air from enclosed sheds and this extracted air is pumped through 2 purpose-built biofilters at either end of the facility. To eliminate odours from the MBT process, biofilters are filled with composted wood mulch and naturally forming bacteria consume the odorous organic fraction of the extracted air.

After last year's Independent Odour Audit, it was found that the biofilters were not working to their full potential, and that we needed to change the mulch media and upgrade the humidity system in order for the bacteria to thrive. The humidity system improvements have been installed in biofilter 1 and the second system will be finished in June. There has already been a noticeable improvement in the odour on site. To verify the improved results, air quality specialist, The Odour Unit will be on site in July.

## **Crisps Creek Intermodal Facility (IMF) Operational Hours Update**

Veolia wishes to inform the Tarago Community that the NSW EPA has amended the Environment Protection Licence (EPL 11455) for the Crisps Creek IMF to be the same as the operating hours specified in the Development Consent (DA 31-02-99) and Project Approval (MP 10\_0012) for the premises, aligning with the already approved hours of the Woodlawn Landfill.

The EPL now permits operational activities at the IMF to be conducted between 6:00 am to 10:00 pm on Mondays to Saturdays, with no activities on Sundays, Good Friday or Christmas Day. Any activities outside of these hours still require prior written approval by the EPA, and must be communicated to the Community as early as possible.

## **Tarago Village Weather and Hydrogen Sulphide (H<sub>2</sub>S) Monitoring Stations**

In the May publication we advised that the installation and commissioning of two monitoring stations in the Tarago Village had been completed and that data from the stations would be made publicly available.

The monitoring data from these stations, as well as the already established station located at the Eco-Precinct can now be accessed by visiting our website at <https://www.veolia.com/anz/our-facilities/treatment-plants/solid-waste/woodlawn-eco-precinct>, and navigating to the H<sub>2</sub>S Monitoring tab at the bottom of the page.

We will be using this data to compare any H2S levels detected in the Community with corresponding levels at the Eco-Precinct, which in turn can further inform our operational planning to have the least impact on the Community.

**Veolia Community Liaison Committee (CLC)**

The minutes from the Community Liaison Committee (CLC) meeting held on the 27 of April 2023 are now published on our website. We're pleased to announce the formation of the Veolia CLC and the following members (with an additional name to be shared upon seeking Veolia obtaining approval from the individual to release their name).

<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Representing</b>
Cr Andy Wood	Goulburn Mulwaree Council
Cr John Preston	Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council
Scott Martin	GMC Planning & Environment
Mark Quinlan	Tarago Sporting Association Incorporated (TSAI)
Kym Wake	Community
Samantha Johnson	Community
Fiona Jefferies	Community

If you would like to join the CLC, it is not too late. Please contact us at [woodlawn@veolia.com](mailto:woodlawn@veolia.com) and we will share more information on how you can get involved. The commitment is 4 meetings a year, held at our site after business hours - if you would like to hear more please contact us.

**Reporting Odour**

If reporting an instance of odour to the EPA, please be reminded to also report the odour to us directly so we can assess and respond to the situation in real-time. If we don't get the reports to us on the day, we often aren't made aware until a later time, delaying the process of investigation and making it difficult to resolve.

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 simply send an email to [woodlawn@veolia.com](mailto:woodlawn@veolia.com).