

Woodlawn Eco-Precinct Update - March 2023

Greetings from the Woodlawn Eco-Precinct.

A message from Rebekah

This month we welcomed members from the Tarago Men's Shed and the Tarago Women's Shed to the Woodlawn Eco-Precinct for a tour. I'm pleased to report that the group enjoyed looking around all aspects of the operation with particular interest in the Bioreactor and Bio-Energy areas. Of course, they also enjoyed having a look at our Barramundi farm to finish off the visit. We discussed current and future activities on site and were able to give some insight into more detailed aspects of the operation. We always enjoy hosting groups from the local community and answering questions about what happens here on a day to day basis. We encourage local groups to get in touch with us to arrange a tour of the site.

*Rebekah Sweeney,
Manager Bio-Reactor and WBE*

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	391,640t
Local waste via road	125,000	65,408t
Waste to MBT by Rail	280,000	28,876t

Melba Men's Shed Tour

We were happy to host the Melba Men's Shed for a day-out tour of the Woodlawn Eco-Precinct. Our staff accommodated 31 members and were excited to discover that this was the biggest excursion run by the Shed to date. The group were very eager to learn about the site.



Woodlawn Bio-Energy

We're pleased to report that our ongoing site efficiency activities have resulted in the Woodlawn WBE (Bio-energy) site achieving 1500 MWhs more cumulative electricity generation than the same time in 2022. This is equivalent to 8 extra days of full capacity generation since the start of the year. This positive outcome is a testament to the culture of our teams, who are working together to share knowledge and build a more reliable gas supply and power generation system. More projects are planned within 2023 that will continue focusing on reliability and safe operation at the Veolia Woodlawn WBE site and we hope to bring further improvements.

Woodlawn MBT

Composting continues at Woodlawn MBT with the processing of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) and Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) received from Sydney by rail. As of today, Woodlawn MBT has processed 20,655 tons of MSW and 2,309 tonnes of FOGO in 2023. In order to improve the effectiveness of the MBT's odour management system, Veolia is currently refurbishing its Biofilters. The project is expected to be completed by the end of March 2023.

Environmental Compliance

Veolia recently applied to the EPA for a variation to its Environment Protection Licence (EPL) to permit the removal of treated leachate from the Eco-Precinct to Sydney by rail. Using the existing rail network to manage excess liquid at the premises will significantly reduce any impact on the community which would otherwise be transported off-site by road.

Community Liaison Committee

We have been working to rebuild the Community Liaison Committee (CLC) and will recommence meetings in April. Thank you to those who have decided to join the group. We have managed to secure a broader representation of community associations, which is fantastic, however we are still looking to improve gender diversity. If you would like to join the CLC, it is not too late. Please contact us at 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

We've noticed an increase in feedback being submitted and received via Veolia's Woodlawn Eco-Precinct feedback form which has proven extremely valuable, so thank you. 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, contact Veolia's Community Feedback line on **1800 241 750** or send an email to woodlawn@veolia.com.

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