

CHAMBERS FLAT WWTP COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP MEETING No.1



Meeting details

Date: 4 July 2022

Time: 6pm to 8.15pm

Location: Chambers Flat Community Hall

Attendees

CRG Chairperson: Michelle Feenan, Engagement Plus

Chambers Flat WWTP Community Reference Group (CRG) Members

Brendan Doman, Sue Simpson, Kym Suthers, Brad O'Keefe, Kelly Wood, Geoff Burr, Mathew Patterson, Ted Austin

Apologies: David Loch

Logan Water Representatives: Mark Vaughan (Manager Water Infrastructure Solutions, Kelly Blanchard (Water Customer Advocacy & Experience Program Lead), Kate Thomas (Community and Stakeholder Engagement Lead) Tania Keelan (Community and Stakeholder Engagement Officer/Minute taker)

Agenda

No.	Item
1	Acknowledge of Country
2	Acceptance of last meeting's minutes
3	Status of the Community Reference Group membership
4	Update on the status of the project
5	Discussion on site master planning questionnaire
6	General business
7	Next meeting

Meeting notes

No.	Item	Action	Due
1	Acknowledgement of Country	Note	
2	Acceptance of last meetings minutes		

2.1	Minutes of the previous meeting held on 5 May 2022 were accepted by all CRG members present.	Note	
2.2	<p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Set up site tours – completed - New date for next meeting – completed - Logan water officers are to respond to the CRG with regard to the question raised about an ongoing maintenance plan for the site <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Cattle have been introduced to the site to keep the grass down and the agistee will keep the area tidy/slashed. He has been on site mending fences and has tidied up a lot. o A maintenance contract is in place with a third-party provider o Fire ants have been problematic on the site and were discussed as an ongoing maintenance issue. Council officers have passed this information on to Biosecurity Queensland eradication program. - Logan water officers are to investigate who leases the land behind the Mustangs Football Club <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Crown Reserve for Park and Recreation 	Note	
3	Status of the Community Reference Group membership		
3.1	Logan Water officers informed the group that due to personal and work commitments Mr Anthony Aitken had withdrawn from his role on the Community Reference Group. The group was asked if they were comfortable to proceed as nine members only, and all present agreed.	Note	
4	Update on the status of the project		
4.1	<p>Logan Water officers advised that planning activities had not progressed significantly since the last meeting. There were still two key constraints not resolved and they were the road alignment for the Chambers Flat Road upgrade and the licence requirements from the Department of Environment and Science (DES).</p> <p>CRG members asked why the road decision was taking so long. The response by Logan Water was that a consultant was working on the assessment of various road alignment options with Council's Roads Infrastructure Delivery Branch and that the process took time. Timing of the outcome regarding a preferred alignment was not yet known.</p> <p>A CRG member asked what the expected timing was for the licence requirements from DES and the response was that the process had no set timeframe and this was largely driven by DES.</p>	Note	
4.2	Logan Water officers suggested that construction of the facility would still likely not be required until at least 2026, however the above constraints and population growth in the service areas would ultimately affect this.	Note	
5	Discussion on the site master planning questionnaire		
5.1	<p>The first part of the CRG discussion was based around 'what does the master planning process look like'. The following points were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The first concept would be high level and would aim to include what the group would like see on the site. - A number of iterations would be undertaken over time to 'tweak/refine' it. 	Note	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The final masterplan would show the ultimate development concept but different parts could be developed at different times. - There would be future discussions on the available budget for community and environmental facilities / initiatives, and at what stages things would be done (not everything on the master plan would be done at once). <p>The Chair asked if anyone had previous master planning experience and two members said they had some building or development experience.</p> <p>A question was asked about whether things like flood mapping would be included during master planning and the answer was yes, that the concept plan would show topography and flood lines.</p>		
5.2	<p>A question was asked by one of the CRG members as to where the location of the WWTP would likely be, mentioning that they had heard several different stories within the community. The project officers informed the group that the only viable location would be on the top of the hill where the old dairy sheds currently are. All other lower lying areas would be in the flood zone.</p> <p>Concern was raised by the same member that visual amenity for the surrounding neighbourhood was important, and they didn't want to be overlooking the plant. The Cedar Grove Environmental Centre was used as an example as to how the spoil (excess dirt from construction) could be used to screen the plant, and that the structures themselves would most likely be built into the hill so as to keep the majority of the buildings from community view.</p> <p>Logan Water officers advised that building into the hill assisted with flow of wastewater through the plant (to avoid pumping). However what the plant would look like was still unknown. Project officers reiterated however that site lines and visual amenity was a strong consideration when designing the plant.</p> <p>It was raised that at Cedar Grove, several techniques were used to help understand where and how the plant could be seen from surrounding areas. This included raising a large helium balloon to the highest point of the plant. Members agreed that based on their tour of that facility, the plant was not visible from the road at Cedar Grove.</p>	Note	
5.2	<p>The CRG was shown photos of the Chambers Flat WWTP site. This was to show different areas of the site and especially along the internal creek near the river, that they may not have previously seen and that could potentially be used for community or environmental spaces.</p>	Note	
5.3	<p>Logan Water officers agreed to provide a copy of the photos shown and a map of the site indicating where each photo was taken.</p>	Logan Water	30 July 22
5.4	<p>A member of the CRG mentioned the scouring of the river since the last flood, and the large amount of sand that had been moved into the area. A Logan Water officer informed the group that this issue with scouring on the Logan River was looked at previously in Veresdale where a project was undertaken to stabilise 800m of river bank.</p>	Note	
5.5	<p>The group was given several minutes to review the collated responses from the master planning questionnaire activity (a questionnaire had been emailed / mailed to all CRG members asking them to express their values / ideas for use of the site).</p>	Note	

	<p>The group generally agreed that their answers to the questionnaire shared similar themes, which showed the group was fairly aligned in terms of community values. Some of the responses and discussion about the activities related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Acknowledging the dairying history of the site (possibly a story board on site) - Keeping the rural feel of the area in terms of vegetation and grazing animals (i.e if a solar farm was on the site, keep the ground cover natural – no asphalt, but sheep / cows maintaining the grass and these should be screened from residents on Chambers Flat Road) - Ensuring the safety and privacy of residents surrounding the site through planted buffers, fencing and gates - Creating wildlife habitat through new plantings (e.g native grasses for kangaroos, wildlife corridors) - Linking the site to a more extensive wildlife corridor, though it was raised by Logan Water officers that this was most likely outside the scope of the current project - Family activities in natural areas (e.g trails at Daisy Hill conservation park and koala centre) - Access to Chambers Flat Road/Kenny Road during flooding events was important to some of the group and keeping the road driveable for access - Keeping the sign at the front of the site the same should the Wendt family be comfortable with this (Logan Water to engage with the family on this in future) - Community facilities like toilets, BBQs, half courts and play areas were not highly favoured in the centre of the site as they may encourage access at inappropriate times, and also require an access road. - The growth and value of the Mustangs Football Club grounds as a community recreation centre and the opportunity to add a second international size field and carparking. <p>A CRG member suggested Logan Water review what was done at the Stoneleigh Reserve when considering how to incorporate any reference to the dairy farming history in the site master plan.</p> <p>No areas of concern were identified with regard to survey responses. However the issues of access for off-leash dogs and for horses (for horse riding on trails) were discussed. Issues regarding potential conflicts between wildlife and dogs, and the need for larger carparks for horse floats were canvassed.</p>		
5.6	<p>The Chair raised the point of community profiling and suggested it was important to know what was in the local area already and what is planned in the future with regard to the ongoing developments. Some of this information would be available within Council. The CRG agreed this information would be useful.</p> <p>An action for Logan Water is to provide some research on social / town planning for the area and report the findings back to the CRG.</p>	Logan Water	By next meeting
5.7	<p>A member of the CRG asked Logan Water how the data from the questionnaire was going to be used and the answer was to inform iterations of the master plan for the site.</p> <p>A very early draft plan was presented on screen to the group to start the discussion. The plan divided the site into blocks of colour to show possible areas for buffer screening, environment planting and irrigation, wetlands or</p>	Note Note	

	<p>sustainability projects (depending on DES license requirements and Council priorities), river access and lookout points, the treatment plant area, and walking trails (approximately 6km) along the river and throughout the site.</p> <p>The group discussed the draft plan and generally agreed while it was an early, high level concept it reflected their values and feedback to date.</p> <p>A CRG member asked when the master plan would be available to have (in digital and hard copy). Logan Water officers advised that once all of the responses to the questionnaire were collated and incorporated (only 6 were received out of 9), then the plan would be checked and any changes made. It was reiterated that the location of the upgraded Chambers Flat Road and DES license requirements could change the master plan quite significantly. The next iteration of the plan addressing the above matters could be provided to the CRG, and also the wider community.</p> <p>A question was asked from the CRG about whether or not there were areas on the site that Council wanted to use, and Logan Water officers said that areas marked for use as possible sustainability projects could be used for solar panels or for hydrogen production. This was to support Council's commitment to being carbon neutral. However, the feasibility of such ideas was yet to be confirmed.</p>	Note	
6	General business		
6.1	A member of the CRG mentioned that the agistee on the site, while doing a good job of keep it maintained, had unknowingly taken out some seedlings near the fence line between the site and Shiels Road. These seedlings could be useful as buffer plantings. Logan Water agreed to look into it and advise before the next meeting.	Logan Water	30 July 2022
6.2	The site tour of Cedar Grove WWTP and the Chambers Flat site was briefly discussed. Those who attended advised that it was good to see in person what it looked like, and also they were quite surprised at the low odour experienced (when standing on top of the inlet works). Another site visit will be arranged for the four members who could not attend. Logan Water will arrange and advise.	Logan Water	30 July 2022
6.3	Logan Water officers informed the CRG that there would be a future water main project construction along Chambers Flat Road between the Seqwater pump station and Travis Road Reservoir at Logan Village. This is an unrelated project to the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the road upgrade. A temporary site compound / materials storage area would most likely be installed on the site during construction of the water main.	Note	
7	Next Meeting To be confirmed. It was agreed that this was unlikely to be in August 2022 as previously considered.		

Actions

- Logan Water to arrange a site tour of the Cedar Grove Environmental Centre and Chambers Flat WWTP site for the four members who couldn't attend the last tour.
- Logan Water to provide social / town planning data and plans for the Chambers Flat area.
- Logan Water to send site photos on a map to the group.
- Logan Water to follow up regarding maintenance of the site and removal of seedlings near the Shiels Road fence line.
- Council to follow up with the Wendt Family with regard to the sign / name of the project at an appropriate time.