

# Minutes

## Browns Plains Landfill Community Consultative Group Meeting on 15 August 2023 at 3pm

### ATTENDEES

R Oakley (Waste and Resource Recovery Branch)  
R Dewan (Waste and Resource Recovery Branch)  
L Buffett (Waste and Resource Recovery Branch)  
W Cox (Community Representative)  
J Ooms (Community Representative)

### 1.0 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cr Heremaia, Cr Raven, M Asnicar (WRR)

### 2.0 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was agreed that the distributed minutes of the previous meeting (on 02 May 2023) were an accurate record. W Cox accepted and confirmed.

### 3.0 BUSINESS ARISING

Note that although the last meeting was in May 2023 it was raised that the report for that meeting only covered odour reports up to and including February 2023. For completeness of records March, April, and May 2023 odour reports have been included here.

#### March 2023

There was one odour complaint and details were as follows:

- 7/03/2023 – 3:02pm Heritage Park – Investigation could not detect smell or cause. Possibly due to nearby drains as resident reported that odour had reduced significantly after the rain.

#### April 2023

There were no odour complaints in April.

#### May 2023

There was one odour complaint and details were as follows:

23/05/2023 – 4.16pm - Following the email being received, the operational team were alerted and:

- The Waste & Recycling Infrastructure Coordinator (WRIC) inspected the tip face and could not identify an offensive odour.
- The odour suppression system was activated regardless to minimise the risk of any further nuisance.
- During an inspection of the remainder of the site it was identified that the recently ground green waste may have been the cause. The recent rain had increased the possibility of it being odorous during the processing event.
- The wind was noted as a mild North-Easterly whilst was towards the reporter's property.
- The WRIC also inspected the park/pathway in between the reporter's residence and the BPWRF and no odour was noted.

### June 2023

There were no odour complaints in June.

### July 2023

There were no odour complaints in July.

## **3.2 Environmental Performance**

L Buffett advises that the monitoring was conducted at the Browns Plains Landfill in this quarter. Results did not indicate exceedances of any landfill licence conditions.

## **3.3 Department of Environment and Science (DES)**

There was no contact relating to environmental matters. They completed their routine site audit in June 2023 that focused on waste levy compliance. Council has provided a response to the matters that were identified during this audit.

## **3.4 Ibis Update**

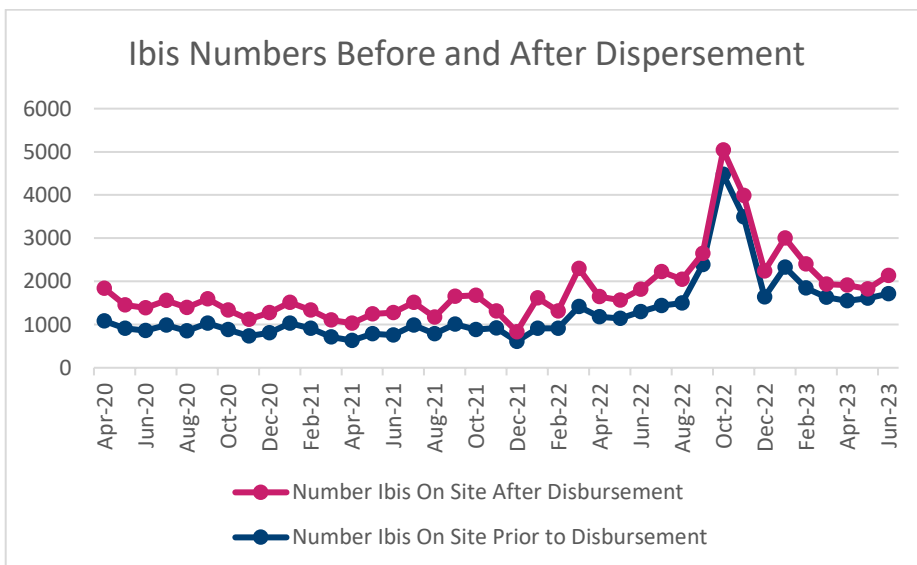
The June 2023 report from the wildlife management contractor stated that:

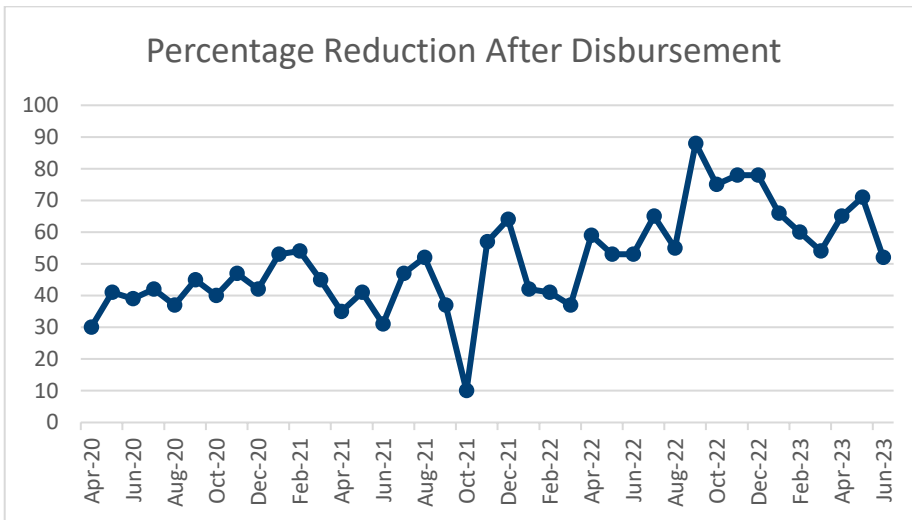
- Average initial ibis counts prior to harassment activities were 1710.
- Average final counts of ibis were 423 after harassment activities.
- On average, ibis numbers were reduced by 52% per day during the harassment period. This compares unfavourably to the average reductions of the previous three months which were 54%, 65% and 71%.

Numbers of ibis recorded at the landfill site have been as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Number Ibis On Site Prior to Disbursement</b>	<b>Number Ibis On Site After Disbursement</b>	<b>Percentage Ibis Reduction After Disbursement</b>
Apr-20	1083	755	30
May-20	912	542	41
Jun-20	861	526	39
Jul-20	986	573	42
Aug-20	856	539	37
Sep-20	1033	564	45
Oct-20	885	451	40
Nov-20	732	389	47
Dec-20	808	469	42
Jan-21	1028	487	53
Feb-21	911	422	54
Mar-21	716	392	45
Apr-21	628	407	35
May-21	786	463	41
Jun-21	756	522	31
Jul-21	986	524	47
Aug-21	790	380	52
Sep-21	1011	640	37
Oct-21	885	793	10

Nov-21	922	394	57
Dec-21	612	222	64
Jan-22	911	707	42
Feb-22	911	401	41
Mar-22	1414	887	37
Apr-22	1178	472	59
May-22	1140	425	53
Jun-22	1295	523	53
Jul-22	1440	786	65
Aug-22	1500	544	55
Sep-22	2385	262	88
Oct-22	4475	563	75
Nov-22	3490	501	78
Dec-22	1640	600	78
Jan-23	2330	672	66
Feb-23	1850	552	60
Mar-23	1630	305	54
Apr-23	1550	365	65
May-23	1610	218	71
Jun-23	1710	423	52





There were no complaints received regarding ibis between March 2023 to July 2023 (inclusive).

W Cox advised that she had ibis congregating on her roof on 9 June before 9am. This occurred after solar panels were removed from the roof, so the bare roof may have been more appealing to them. They had also gathered on a neighbour's roof on another date. No explanation for this event could be determined W Cox was advised to report any future Ibis nuisance issues.

### 3.5 Fire Ant Update

- Potential fire ant nest site identified at the Logan Recycle Market. Biosecurity team investigated and treated risk site. The team actively report any suspect ants to the reporting Biosecurity Hotline. RO advised that the greenwaste areas have in the past received aerial treatments organised by the Department with Council being notified in advance when this was to occur. Uncertain if that treatment program is still performed or not.

### 4.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

- Transfer station bins - RD confirmed that all transfer station waste bins from each of our waste facilities is transported to Browns Plains for disposal.
- New landfill cell - RD advised that we have been filling the new landfill cell since November. This cell will reach ground level in the next few months.
- Mattress processing – RO advised that all mattresses taken to Council facilities are now collected separately, taken to Browns Plains where they are shredded and have the metal removed for recycling. The shredded mattress takes up only 15% of the original volume of the un-shredded mattress. W Cox and J Ooms were invited to view the next shredding operation.
- Future recycling/processing services– Council currently working towards recycling or processing polystyrene and solar panels.
- Fire – it was reported that a fire occurred at the landfill in the early hours of 8 May. Staff, on-call officers and Fire and Emergency Services attended and the fire was safely controlled and extinguished by early morning. A further fire occurred at the landfill in late June. The fire was extinguished within 15 minutes.

5.0 Meeting closed at 4pm

**Next Meeting November 2023**