

NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AVOCA, ROYAL GEORGE & ROSSARDEN LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE AVOCA COMMUNITY CENTRE ON THURSDAY, 28 AUGUST 2014 COMMENCING AT 6.05PM

1 IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs C Freeman, Mrs H Reynolds, Mr A Hicks, Mr T Gee, Cr Knowles, Mr D Jennings – General Manager, Mrs G Eacher – Executive Assistant

Guests: Ron Vairy, David Wessely and community members

2 APOLOGIES

Mrs S Squires, Mrs S Freeman

3 PROPOSED TYRE RECYCLING FACILITY

Council's General Manager, Mr Jennings, welcomed Mr David Wessely and Mr Ronald Vairy to the meeting.

Mr Wessley and Mr Vairy explained that they were attending the meeting to inform the Committee and the community of their proposal to set up a tyre recycling facility at the site of the timber mill on the approach to Avoca.

The proponents explained that the proposal was still in the planning stages and that it required EPA approval, as well as Planning approval from Council, which would provide the community with an opportunity to comment.

Messrs Wessley and Vairy provided an opportunity for the committee and community members to ask questions and comment on the proposal.

Information sheet attached.

The Committee commenced its business following discussions held in relation to the proposal.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Due to the nature of the meeting, the minutes/notes of the meetings of 27 March 2014 and 29 May 2014 were not confirmed. Meeting minutes/notes to be confirmed at the meeting to be held on 25 September.

5 DECLARATION OF ANY PECUNIARY INTEREST BY A MEMBER OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL.

In accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993*, a member of a Special Committee must not participate in any discussion or vote on any matter in respect to which the member:

- a) has an interest; or
- b) is aware or ought to be aware that a close associate has an interest.

A member has an interest in a matter if the matter was decided in a particular manner, receive or have an expectation of receiving or likely to receive a pecuniary benefit or pecuniary detriment.

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

i) Monitoring Water Quality / Water Consumption

Noted that TasWater has previously advised that its preferred option for provision of water is via the construction of a pipeline connecting Avoca to the water treatment plant currently under construction in Fingal. Further information on the project will be provided on the project as it is available.

Council wrote to TasWater on 17 April requesting assistance for a dialysis patient in relation to the provision of water. TasWater has advised that a meeting is scheduled for 2 September.

The Committee was advised of the TasWater Capital Program for 2014/15 and that works on the Fingal Water Treatment plant were scheduled to be completed in Q1 of 2014/15.

Action

Committee to be kept informed.

ii) Esk Highway – Roadworks/Safety - vicinity of Avoca

Noted at 31 January 2013 meeting that a letter had been forwarded to DIER re the section of road (approx. 1km from town for 1km in the vicinity of the Benham property) believed to constitute a danger as the road was raised from the natural ground level to alleviate water damage to the road surface and the shoulders fell away sharply and a further enquiry had been sent to DIER on 19 July and September 2013.

A follow up letter was sent to DIER on 10 April 2014, a response to this enquiry was received and circulated.

Noted that the response did not give consideration to the section of road in question, correspondence forwarded to DIER.

Noted that no response had been received.

Action

Matter to be pursued.

iii) Rossarden sculpture

Noted that due to the danger posed by the tree, the Progress Association had agreed that the tree to be cut down and that the use of the stump as a plinth on which a carving/statue of a miner could be installed to be investigated.

Action

Matter to be progressed.

iv) 2014/15 Budget

Budget allocations breakdown provided.

Action

No further action.

v) Policing

Information re the laws governing the discharge of firearms to be provided to Council for inclusion in a future news item.

Publication of news item re the laws governing the discharge of firearms, pending provision of information - to date no information provided.

Action

Matter to be pursued.

vi) Fire Brigade

Rossarden

- 15 volunteers, including support staff;
- Working Bee together with NRM Officer, Ms Monique Case, to reduce broom and weeds.

Avoca

- Forestry and Parks & Wildlife to undertake burning off.

Action

No further action.

vii) No's 1 and 3 Schell Street, Rossarden

Noted that Council had contacted the owners of the property re the repair/maintenance thereof, in particular:

- the septic tank cover broken (property next door to the Museum – 1 Schell Street)
- loose corrugated iron roof sheets, repairs and general maintenance to house, garage and garden (3 Schell Street).

Action

Repairs to be pursued.

viii) Nomenclature

Members referred to official mail received which had been addressed to St Pauls Place instead of St Pauls Street. Council have contacted the Nomenclature Board who have advised that neither St Pauls Place nor Street seem to have been officially named, the matter to be further investigated by Council and Nomenclature Board.

Prior to a request being put to the Nomenclature Board, discussion to take place re the preferred nomenclature for St Pauls Street/Place.

The Committee agreed that they would prefer that the names of St Paul's Place and St Paul's Street be maintained.

Action

Matter to be pursued with Council and the Nomenclature Board.

7 PENDING ITEMS

i) Rossarden – Walks and Attractions

The Committee have previously requested that access be provided through Crown land to the Rossarden waterfall. GPS coordinates for the waterfall and access have been established by Council's Engineering Assistant.

Action

Matter on hold. Cr Knowles to investigate further options.

ii) Road Closures/Improvements

At previous meetings the deterioration of those roads previously managed by Forestry Tasmania and Gunns had been noted and discussed. The Committee requested Council consider liaising with Break O'Day Council in order to improve "forestry" roads so that tourist attractions, such as waterfalls, could be accessed.

Council had sent a letter to the Break O'Day Council providing in principle support for the upgrading of gravel forestry roads to waterfalls project as tabled at that meeting.

At 29 May meeting noted that Cr Knowles had been in contact with the State Government re this matter and, at 28 August 2014 meeting, the Committee were advised by Cr Knowles that at the recent meeting with the Premier at Council's Chambers, the matter had been discussed.

Action

Placed on hold pending funding opportunities/ ownership issues

8 CUSTOMER REQUESTS

The following requests have been issued – update to be provided:

Meeting Date	Customer Request	Detail	Status
30/01/14	Slashing	The Committee noted that slashing on Royal George Road may have been completed, however, it had been slashed on the road side but not to the fence and that there was considerable new growth. Requested that slashing twice per year be considered as it was believed to be hazardous to road users/property owners due to fire hazard and the presence of animals was able to be obscured by the long grass.	Not included in the Budget.
30/01/14	Unsafe Building	Evident that the shed at 22 Falmouth	Noted that some repairs

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	–Arthur/ Falmouth Street	Street (on Arthur Street) was in a poor state of repair and that roof sheets were loose and that there was a possibility of asbestos present at the building. Building is in close proximity to the Ash Centre, which houses a Childcare Centre.	effected, however, structure remains unsafe and requires further attention.
29/05/14	Avoca Hall	request received for old floor timber from the hall	Matter concluded.
29/05/14	Avoca Hall	Lights are working, however, appears to be issue with the plugs (heating) not being operable – may be related to the lifting of the floor boards	Issue in relation to the floor at the side double door exit. Tin section of floor not replaced.
29/05/14	Rossarden	request that a water tap be installed in the park near the BBQ.	Matter to be investigated.
29/05/14	Storys Creek Road	empty log trucks utilising and damaging unmade section of Storys Creek Road, Council may need to ascertain whether tonnage limit is being exceeded by the empty trucks	Inspection to take place when time permits. Registration numbers to be provided to council if loaded vehicles observed on road.
29/05/14	Rossarden	installation of a fire break around Rossarden, particularly on the N/NW side of the town beyond the rear boundary fences of properties	Parks & Forestry to maintain fire break/burn off.

9 ASSOCIATION REPORTS

i) AMIC Report

- AMIC open 5 days per week. Employment Plus has contacted AMIC re the possibility of expanding opening hours in the future through the work for the dole scheme.
- Snapshot of People and Places photo exhibition currently on display, previously exhibited at Canberra and QVMAG.
- Funding for plaques approved.
- Activities day to be held on Wednesday, 1/10 – Council’s Youth Development Officer to be in attendance.
- Saturday, 4/10 trip for local children to Aquatic Centre in Launceston, lunch to be provided, sponsored by Council.
- 13/9 Feel Good workshop – Pindari Herb Farm.
- Additional item of gym equipment donated by local resident.
- Council to progress fence replacement with adjacent landowner and to level area between the trees.
- Plaque project underway – awaiting installation.
- Country Night, including dinner, to be held at Avoca Town Hall – organised by Rossarden and Friends group.

10 NEW BUSINESS

i) Royal George Hall

In accordance with Council's decision at the 14 April Council meeting,
That Council

- i) undertake further consultation with the community*
- ii) seek alternative uses;*
- ii) undertake an audit of the assets and assess the cost of repair; and*
- iv) report to a future Council meeting.*

correspondence was sent to residents of Royal George in relation to the lease of the Royal George Hall, consultation period closed.

An assessment of the hall and assets has been requested, following receipt of the report a further report to Council is to be tabled.

Action

Noted, no further action.

ii) Northern Midlands Council Strategic Plan 2007-2017 – Structure Planning & Sustainability Items

Briefing notes from Planning Department regarding the

- Interim Planning Scheme 2013
- The Greater Launceston Plan
- Powranna Road Rural Processing Centre; and
- Business Confidence in the Northern Midlands

were attached for discussion.

Action

Noted, no further action.

iii) Avenues of Honour – Natural Resource Management Special Committee

The Committee noted the request from the NRM Committee re seeking of expressions of interest to lend support in the form of joining up on a working group to advance the project proposal for Pioneer Avenues and War Memorial Avenues.

Following enquiries, the Committee established that no avenues of honour were planted within the representative area.

Action

Noted, no further action.

iv) Country Courier Article

Council to prepare items for the Country Courier re the membership and achievements of each Committee. The membership to consider achievements to be included and consider the inclusion of membership details in the article.

Action

Matter to be considered at future meeting.

v) Other Matters

- Coach Road in good state of repair, good alternative route to access the East Coast.
- Vehicle with Victorian licence plates entered Royal George property, occupant of vehicle had made claim that he was working for Council – matter to be investigated.
- Matter re the timing of postage of Agendas discussed.
- List of meeting dates to be placed at the Post Offices at Avoca and Rossarden.
- House at Rossarden demolished, possibility of asbestos being present reported and investigated. Noted no asbestos found.
- Remains of 2 houses at Rossarden which had been burned down, request that Council follow up with property owners and pursue the removal of the houses and the tidy up of the property.
- Noted that break-ins had occurred at the club and museum in Rossarden.

Action

- *Vehicle with Victorian licence plates - matter to be investigated.*
- *List of meeting dates to be provided for display at Post Offices at Avoca and Rossarden.*

Customer requests to be issued:

- *Remains of 2 houses at Rossarden which had been burned down, request that Council follow up with property owners and pursue the removal of the houses and the tidy up of the property.*

11 CLOSURE & NEXT MEETING

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 7.20pm.

The next meeting to be held on Thursday, 25 September 2014 at the Avoca Community Centre commencing at 6.00pm.

The Business Model & Technology

Overview

An end-of-life-tyre (ELT) is one that can no longer be used on vehicles, after having been retreaded or regrooved, with the bulk of ELTs resulting from used passenger tyres and stockpiled industrial tyres. The World Business Council (WBCSD) maintained in 2008, an estimated 1 billion tyres reach the end of their useful lives every year, and an estimated 4 billion ELTs are currently in landfills and stockpiles worldwide.

ELTs from over 50 years of mining and forestry activity in Tasmania provide a perfect supply of feedstock to base the initial business operations of Rescycle upon. Tasmania currently imports circa 500,000 passenger tyres per year with millions of tyres stockpiled or land filling.

The availability of this feedstock and the willingness of key stakeholders (including regulators) in Tasmania make it the ideal location to commission Rescycle's ELT plant.

Revenue model

Rescycle have identified that 'Retail Charge' mechanisms are already in place within Tasmania for the treatment of passenger ELTs. This is currently done by charging vehicle owners for the removal and processing of ELTs at the 'point of sale' for new tyres. This is the key market Rescycle will target.

Forecasts contained in this Information Memorandum contain 'Tipping Fees' or 'Processing Fees'. The Tasmanian State Government currently levies at retail level for the adequate disposal of passenger tyres. In addition, the Tasmanian State Government holds "Bonds" with mining entities to ensure mining sites are clear of tyres and other waste products at "end of life of mine". These levies are available to Rescycle for the recycling of ELTs. Rescycle aims to generate income from processing ELTs with the primary revenue streams being derived from sale of power, oil, carbon black char, metal and tipping fees. The Company has developed a business model that has the following key advantages:

- Moderate plant capital costs as a result of efficient design;
- Improved plant operating costs compared with alternative;
- Lower greenhouse Gas ('GHG') emissions compared with conventional processes;
- Above average returns on funds received;
- Energy self-sufficiency.

Technology background

Rescycle uses pyrolytic technology to process industrial and passenger ELTs, which has been used successfully in Australia dating back to 1993. This pyrolytic technology is processed through an ELT plant that was originally established in Kwinana, Western Australia, in 2002.

ELT plant technology

Rescycle's processing of ELTs utilises pyrolytic technology developed by "ToxFree" and employs an indirectly 'fired anaerobic closed loop pyrolytic' process to convert ELTs into saleable products.

The platform technology has been successfully operating for over 20 years with a proven track record in processing contaminated waste, hazardous waste and ELTs.

Historically, landfill and incineration have been the main methods of disposing for ELTs globally. Countries are now identifying alternatives to landfill/incineration methods that generate less greenhouse/pollutant gases with a significant reduction in carbon footprint and improved energy efficiency.

Rescycle's use of the pyrolytic technology generates approximately 90% less greenhouse gases than conventional incineration, whilst producing green energy with a self-sustaining closed loop of electricity back into the power grid.

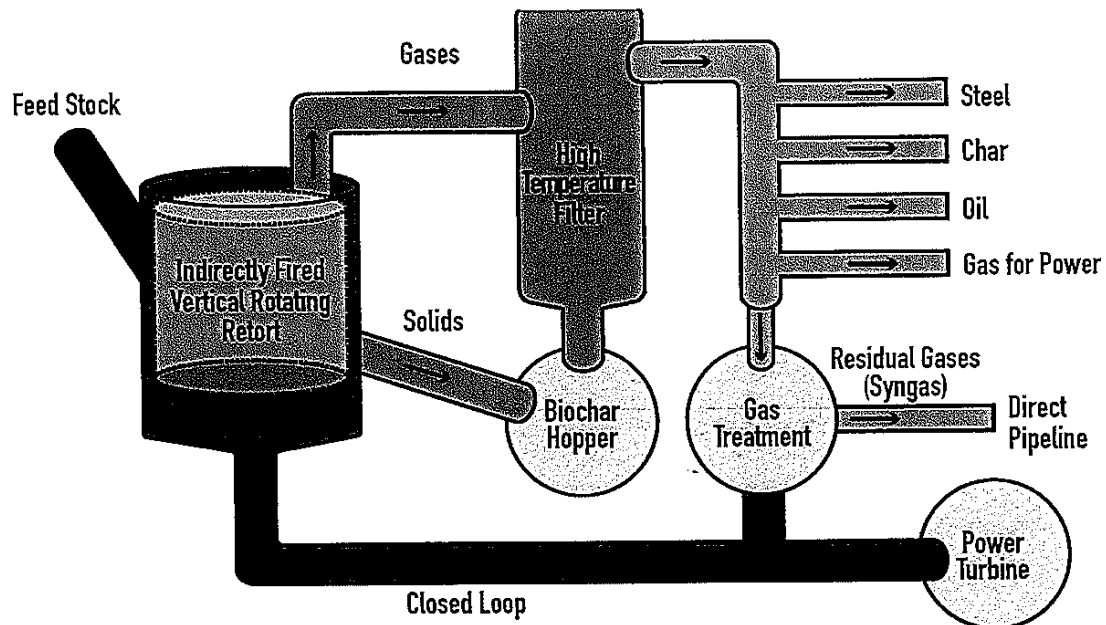
Comparable competing technologies within the waste-to-energy market can be categorised into four main types:

- Incineration;
- Pyrolysis;
- Conventional gasification;
- Plasma gasification.

Currently, the number of competing companies offering to process ELTs to extract valuable fuels is small. The traditional use of 'baghouse filtration' systems requires frequent maintenance to remove ultra fine carbon black particulate contained within tyre material. This increases operating costs to a level that attacks the feasibility of using ELTs as feedstock.

Rescycle's use of the high temperature filter (HTF) overcomes this limitation to efficiently recover carbon black particulate, which is then sold as an output product

This offers Rescycle a strong opportunity to be at the forefront of this technological process for dealing with ELTs moving forward and in doing so become a global leader.



Advantages over conventional processes

The key advantages over conventional incineration of materials are:

- Reduced emissions;
- Reclamation of valuable commodities locked within the waste;
- Improved energy efficiency by utilising waste gases to heat the retort; and
- Improved material handling and reduced construction cost.

Rescycle's ELT processing plant produces oil, steel, gases for power, and carbon black char, which can be sold or reused on site for fuel. Retort gas is treated to remove dangerous pollutants and then fed into turbines to produce electricity, which is then sold and supplied to the region's power grid.

This is in contrast to conventional incineration processes, which burn these recoverable materials, thereby resulting in substantially increased emissions and lower energy efficiency.

The issues with landfill and stockpiles are five-fold:

- Valuable resources recoverable from tyres are unused and therefore wasted when stockpiled;
- Tyres may catch fire, are toxic, and such fires are very difficult and costly to extinguish;
- In certain climates, stockpiles are ideal breeding grounds for mosquitos, causing health issues;
- Aesthetic issues related to storage of large quantities of tyres. This is particularly relevant in Tasmania with a heavy reliance on tourism; and
- Suboptimal usage of valuable land.

Fire and infestation risks can largely be overcome if tyres are shredded and/or buried. However, by doing this, potentially usable resources become unnecessary waste. Additionally, buried whole tyres can often rise to the surface or "float" and reduce the future usability of a site.

This is particularly relevant in Tasmania due to the past treatment of ELTs by the mining and forestry industries. ELTs can be a low cost source of fuel, commonly described as a tyre-derived fuel (TDF), when located near a major fuel consumer, such as a mine, power plant or cement factory.

Substituting ELTs in place of new raw materials reduces associated environmental and economic cost, such as exploration and mining of fossil fuels and other virgin raw materials and the associated land-use impact.

Risk Management

The Directors will endeavour to mitigate risks in accordance with the following strategies:

- Adherence to commonly accepted accounting methods and techniques used for the appraisal of opportunities;
- Due diligence and investment criteria (to be established by the Directors) for expansion strategies;
- Appropriate legal documentation;
- Employment contracts;
- Maintaining an active rather than passive brand profile;
- Establishing and maintaining a corporate governance regime;
- Ensuring that appropriate workplace, health and safety standards are established and followed; and
- Ensuring that contracts are in place to protect the legal rights of Rescycle.

Directors

Ronald (Ron) Vairy B.Com (Acc), Grad.Dip.F.P.,F.Fin., Managing Director, C.F.O.

Ron is an experienced stockbroker with extensive exposure to both unlisted, private companies and listed public companies. For the past 13 years he has worked in the stockbroking industry primarily as a stockbroker (private client advisor) and has had continuing exposure to the corporate sector through public and private funds placement. Prior to this role he was an accountant, working in management accounting roles and public practice.

Ron has a Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting), a Graduate Diploma of Financial Planning and is a Fellow of the Financial Institute of Australia (FINSIA).

David Wessely, Executive Director, C.E.O.

David has been in the mining industry throughout Australia for over 15 years. His experience in mining and engineering has included all aspects of underground mining including personally held leases as well as contractual roles. David has successfully "proved up" exploration grounds into mining leases in Tasmania.

David's knowledge of engineering and heavy machinery will enable him to perform his pivotal role within Rescycle to the highest level. His continued experience in Tasmania as well as his local knowledge will be of great assistance to the project.

Warwick Northcott, Director

Corporate governance

Directors

As part of good business practice, the Directors intend to operate and administer the company using a comprehensive system of controls and accountabilities. To this end, the Directors will adopt an overall corporate governance strategy for Rescycle including:

- Formulating strategic objectives and establishing goals designed to promote the achievement of those objectives;
- Ongoing evaluation, including regular assessment of those objectives;
- Guiding and maintaining Rescycle's affairs and policies;
- Obtaining expert advice on matters outside the expertise of the Directors;
- Exercising due care and diligence, and sound business judgment at all times;
- Ensuring that there are appropriate internal controls and ethical standards of behaviour;
- Ensuring that business risks are, wherever possible, identified and that appropriate monitoring and reporting processes are in place to manage those risks;
- Monitoring the performance of management against the company's goals and objectives; and
- Ensuring compliance with recognised directors' duties by establishing and maintaining a code of practice for Directors.