

Upgrading the Awaba Waste Management Facility

Community newsletter #5

December 2018

Construction update

The landfill expansion construction, led by Daracon, reached a significant milestone this month, with the new weighbridges for the landfill now in operation. The weighbridge for the organics facility will commence operation once roadworks on the landfill are completed in the first quarter of 2019. Clean loads of self-hauled green waste will then bypass the landfill and be weighed in at the automated, cashless organics facility.

The new Community Recycling Centre (CRC), located near the entrance to the site, is nearing completion of building work. Roadworks to access the CRC will be completed in the first quarter of 2019, and the facility is expected to be operational by mid 2019. The temporary CRC will continue to operate until then. The finishing touches are also being added to the new administration building, adjacent to the new CRC, while work is nearing completion on the waste transfer station and wheel wash.

In relation to the new landfill cells, we have completed the majority of excavation work and have commenced placing the bridging layer below the cell liner. As the liner needs to be placed in cool conditions, approval has been granted to operate at night during liner installation. This work is expected to take place during the first quarter of 2019.

Regular hours for construction activity are from 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, and 8am to 1pm on Saturday, excluding public holidays. Hours for waste operations are 8 am to 4 pm every day of the year except for Christmas Day.



Food+Garden=Green embraced by residents

Close to 10,000 tonnes of food and garden waste has been collected during the first three months of Council's greener 3-bin service. These initial results show the vast majority of Lake Mac residents are embracing the City's new Food+Garden=Green system.

More than 1 million compostable bags of food waste have been collected and composted, diverting more than 60 per cent of household waste from landfill. Heavy rain followed by very hot weather created challenging operating conditions at the organics facility. Additional aeration equipment has been installed on the site dam to address these challenges as we move into summer.





Project timeline

March 2017
Organics Resource Recovery Facility construction contract awarded



May 2017
Organics Resource Recovery Facility construction commenced



October 2017
Landfill expansion construction commenced



May 2018
Organics Resource Recovery Facility completed



30 July 2018
Food+garden=green service start



2019
Landfill construction completed



Minimising construction impacts

Our crews will be doing their best to minimise construction impacts including dust and noise. Visitors to the landfill may experience minor delays due to changes in traffic movements. There are also changes to the drop off locations for waste, to accommodate construction activity. Please follow directional signage and traffic controllers when accessing the site for waste disposal.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. If you are experiencing any adverse impacts, please let us know.

More questions? Contact us

If you have any concerns about construction activity, please contact Daracon's Project Manager in the first instance:

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