

Woodlawn Eco-Precinct Update - December 2022 & January 2023

Greetings from the Woodlawn Eco-Precinct.

A message from Justin

"Happy New Year Tarago - I hope everyone had a great Christmas and holiday period.

At Woodlawn, many of our teams worked over the festive season and I'm pleased to report that during this time, we have continued to maintain the high gas capture rates we achieved in the second half of 2022, minimising odour impacts on residents. We are focused on maintaining these levels in 2023 and hope to bring additional improvements as well. We understand there are still instances of odour which arise during varying weather conditions, or during the process of waste receival or liquid management, so we are actively working to find ongoing solutions in these areas too.

We continue to work closely with the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and local community groups on the installation of meteorological (weather) stations in the Tarago township area. Since my last update, we have increased the installation from one station to two. These units will not only measure weather conditions but will be set up to monitor H_2S levels, which while not dangerous, can be odorous. We will share more information with you on this in the coming months, including where you can see these results, which will be made publicly available."

Justin Houghton, Woodlawn Eco Precinct Manager

Veolia's Community Liaison Committee (CLC)

Over the last 12 months we have been taking feedback from the community on ways to improve our CLC. We want to deliver more timely information, improve the diversity of the committee's members and achieve widespread community representation.

In December we invited interested participants to our site for a tour. Two community representatives and the local council members attended, where we showed them all aspects of our site, including the areas that were recently misrepresented in the media. The site tour went very well with some great ideas shared about community consultation and information sharing from Veolia.

We are pleased to report that the two community representatives signed-up to be members of the CLC. It's not too late to join the committee so if you are interested, please let us know by emailing **woodlawn@veolia.com**.

Clontarf Foundation

On 9 November, the Clontarf Foundation was invited to the Woodlawn Eco-Precinct to learn more about the work we do and to the job opportunities available at Veolia.

The Clontarf Foundation exists to improve the education, discipline, life skills, self esteem and employment prospects of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men. They have **139** Academies within **149** schools across Australia..

Veolia is passionate about its commitment to reconciliation and Woodlawn participates in a number of activities and programmes like this one, to grow our Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander workforce, especially through skilled traineeships and apprenticeships.

During the excursion, the students were given the opportunity to participate in a range of work tasks such as preparing Barramundi to be transported from our Fish Farm, and observing the operations process of transporting waste from our Crisps Creek Intermodal Facility. Our focus for the visit was to provide a practical insight to work opportunities at our site, and to encourage the young men to complete their education, so they can then join the workforce with confidence and knowledge.



"We enjoy having the kids onsite and it's great to see they're getting something out of this experience. They have such enthusiasm and our operators take lots out of it as well. We hope experiences like these encourage the kids to apply for roles within Veolia in the future."

Michael Dodson, Woodlawn RAP Representative I Woodlawn Bioreactor Operations Supervisor

Woodlawn Bioreactor

Wooslawn'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	290,150t
Local waste via road	125,000	47,016t
Waste to MBT by Rail	280,000	6971t

Woodlawn MBT

Over the last six months the MBT facility has carried out some major maintenance activities. One of the main activities was a complete replacement and upgrade of the odour management Biofilter unit at the site. This Biofilter is used to treat any odour that is produced from the waste treatment process by extracting the air within the sheds and passing it through these filters. The natural Biofilter system works by bacteria living in the filter medium (natural wood mulch) consuming the odorous parts of the air that passes through it.



Odour Management

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**.

Justin Houghton

Facilities Manager - Woodlawn Eco-Precinct