

CHAIN OF PONDS COLLABORATION

Catchment litter working group



Meeting minutes

Date: 1 August 2019

Time: 9:30-11:30

MW Offices, Docklands



Attendance

Chair: Lori Arthur (Moonee Ponds Creek Collab Lead)

Attendees: Naomi Dart (Waterwatch/MW) Carolyn Layton (FoMPC)
Micah Penderghast (Moreland CC) Birgit Jordan (Melbourne Water)
Liz Forbes (Kensington Association) Jenny Bryant (Hume CC)
Darren Coughlan (City West Water) Kaye Oddie (Friends of MPC)
Catherine Van Wildenberg (Living Colour Studio)
Jess Hand (Metro Waste Management Group)
Kevin Schwieker (City of Melbourne)

Apologies

Venta Slizys (MVCC), Ryan Van der Hove (Melbourne Water)

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Introductions	<p>Everyone introduced themselves, their role and some relevant information about what brings them to the group.</p> <p>Catherine – art/litter education connection, litterarti</p> <p>Naomi – manages the Community Litter Project with Waterwatch (see below)</p> <p>Darren – potential of bottle deposit schemes used internationally, how to bring to Aus. Bandalong litter trap – potential for sponsorship. Beach Patrol – good example of community campaign.</p> <p>Jen Bryant – new to the role at Hume in Waste Education area.</p> <p>Kevin Schwieker – Amenity Services and Waste Team – manages the contracts at CoM.</p> <p>Kaye Oddie – Advocacy to state government eg current inquiry, circular economy policy</p> <p>Liz Forbes – population increases around Kensington with little open space. Pressure on MPC for passive recreation.</p> <p>Jess Hand – working on an Illegal Dumping Prevention Kit for Councils. Also working on Regional Litter Plan</p>	<p><i>Jess reported DELWP have current circular economy policy out for review. Lori to circulate asap.</i></p>

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	<p>and Real Estate Agent Kit to reduce household dumping.</p> <p>Micah – looking at source litter control. Completed some initial mapping work using existing GIS on GPT, litter complaints etc which could be rolled out for the catchment.</p> <p>Group discussed a desire for State Govt representation.</p>	<p><i>Lori to draft a letter to invite DELWP rep. Jess to forward relevant contact at DELWP and or SV</i></p>
<p>Waterwatch Community Litter Program</p>	<p>Naomi provided a summary of the 3 year program funded by the Port Phillip Bay Fund. Currently in its 2nd year, the program supports community groups and schools to trace litter sources and develop source reduction action plans. Focus is on litter prevention in Port Phillip Bay.</p> <p>Currently about to trial 2 sites using the website Litterarti at Sunbury and Dandenong. Also uses Tangoroa Blue as a database for storing litter information.</p> <p>Potential for CoP to harvest community interest in litter collections into a coordinated and targeted program including regular litter audits against some baseline data. Identify 3-4 sites which could be used as good baseline. There was group support for a 'catchment crawl' to gain interest from the community in the litter program.</p>	<p><i>Lori/Carolyn/Naomi to coordinate a catchment crawl for spring with a longer term view of securing community interest in baseline and ongoing data collection at key hot spots.</i></p>
<p>Catchment wide case study</p>	<p>Birgit Jordan further discussed the potential for a catchment study as introduced at the previous meeting to identify litter sources and develop a targeted action plan.</p> <p>Moreland have already undertaken some simplistic but helpful mapping data using existing GIS which could be replicated across the four Council areas and MW data. This map could be loaded onto the CoP your say page and interactive so public can add litter hot spot areas of concern.</p> <p>Birgit identified some funding opportunities including MW incentive program, SV and DELWP IWM for funding the study. Council officers showed interest to providing contributions towards a catchment wide study depending on cost.</p>	<p><i>Lori and Birgit to develop a project brief for the catchment study and an better understanding of cost.</i></p> <p><i>Lori – with Council officer support – to utilise existing GIS data to form a base map of GPTs and known litter concerns.</i></p>
<p>Litter working group principles</p>	<p>Liz had drafted some principles for the working group which were discussed. The group agreed to develop some high level principles and progress towards an action plan. Some principles discussed include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate litter sources at a catchment scale and develop a plan to target litter at the source • Advocate for waste reduction and litter management to all levels of government (circular economy/container deposit scheme) using a united voice. 	<p><i>Liz and Lori - to refine the draft set of principles and TOR for next meeting.</i></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate litter education and awareness events that engage the wider community to support stewardship (including educating circular economy and the systemic litter/waste issue). Use the Victorian Litter Alliance model and Tangoroa Blue. • Work with stakeholders (such as Corrections Victoria) to undertake clean up activities along the creek • Advocate for at source litter infrastructure, such as gutter guards, GPT in strategic locations and sufficient servicing. • Develop a series of case studies which present successful examples of litter management such as Melton Shire Council construction case study. 	
<p>Case studies</p>	<p>The group discussed the amount of good information out there and a desire to capture some case studies of successful works that could influence our action plan.</p> <p>Members of the group agreed to develop a case study on a number of initiatives as outlined below. Case studies should include a summary of what has been done, why it was successful, costs involved (or cost savings), who is responsible and any sample photos if possible. We may add this to the CoP website so consider third parties writing the case study.</p> <p>Kevin – success of leaf grates and street cleansing frequencies</p> <p>Catherine – paint disposal issues/opportunities and good examples of creative educational signage (eg waterwach augmented reality to link drains with the catchment)</p> <p>Kaye – summary of Ocean Crusaders</p> <p>Micah/Darebin – Councils committed to plastic free</p> <p>Darren – bottle deposit vending machines – Wyndham example at train station. Also Lower Kororoit Creek and Laverton examples of successful projects to reduce litter/unwanted behaviours.</p> <p>Lori - Community litter campaigns such as Beach patrol</p>	<p><i>Group members to develop case studies as indicated by next meeting.</i></p>
<p>Next meeting</p>		<p><i>Lori to coordinate next meeting in approx. 2 months time.</i></p>