

CLAYTON & DINGLEY

WASTE FORUM

Balook Centre - 88 Rosebank Avenue,
Westall Secondary College, Clayton South.

33 people attended a gathering on the evening of Tuesday 14th October 2014 to hold a conversation with individuals from the Clayton and Dingley community, the waste management industry, Kingston Council and the State Governments Environment Portfolio (including EPA, Sustainability Victoria and the Metropolitan Waste Management Group).

These notes are a summary of 'What we heard' on the evening. We have also summarized the feedback received at a 'Youth Forum' attended by almost 60 children on Monday 13th October into the lead up to this final forum for 2014.

Representatives from each of our collaborators (City of Kingston, TOAG, Transpacific, Environmix, Clayton Regional and EPA) plan to meet again in 2015 to look to support and respond to the comments and suggestions collected at the Forum. Future meeting dates will be advertised in local media and on the forum website.



Big things on our mind at the start of the youth forum were...

Our youth participants had the following questions on their minds at the start of their forum:

Can we have more bins around the community?

What would happen if we didn't look after?

What gas comes out of the landfill?

Does the pipe leading from landfills to the sewage ever get clogged up?

How can we encourage each other to recycle more?

What can we do to stop the smell getting to our school/home?

How much do they get paid?

How much rubbish goes into the tip in one week?

Is the waste managed and run by one company?

Why are they so close to built areas?

Have there been any studies on the health impacts?

Where will the rubbish go?

What are all the different things that make the dump smell?

How long does it take for fruit to decompose?

How can we fix it?

How do the companies deal with complaints?

How long will it take the land to be used again?

What are they going to do when they close the tip?

How much money is spent on the tips?

Why are there so many landfills in this area?

Is it a waste problem, or is it a consumer problem?

Why does it effect our community so much?

Where is the tip located?

What can we do to help prevent it?

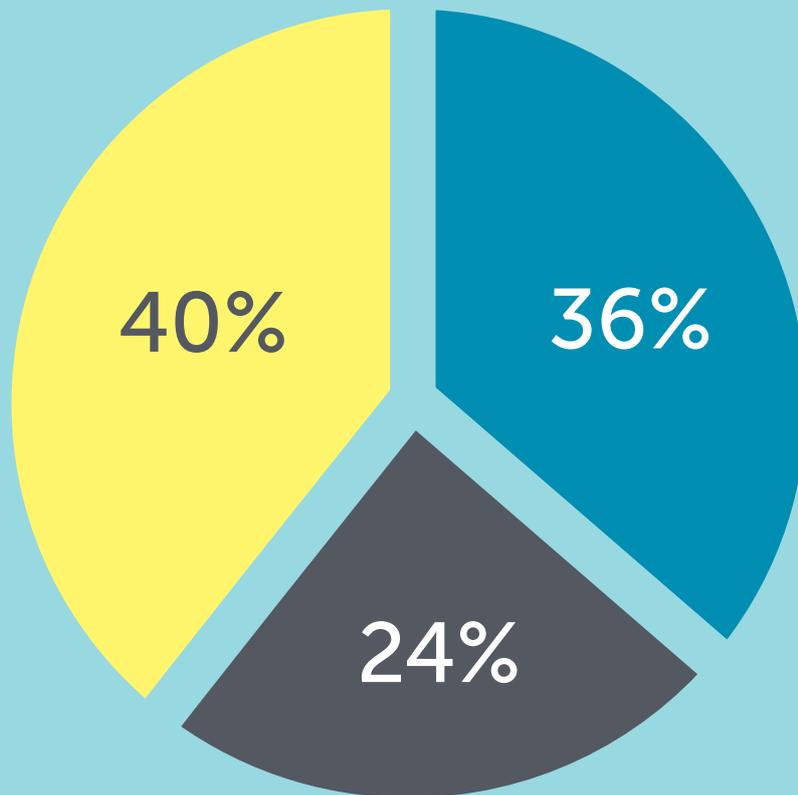
Why cant we have a non polluting burning system?

How is the rubbish layered in the tip?

Who attended the forum on 14th October?

The forums are open for anyone to attend, thank you to everyone for their continued support at our forums, here is an overview of our main interest in attending

My main reason for attending tonight's event is?



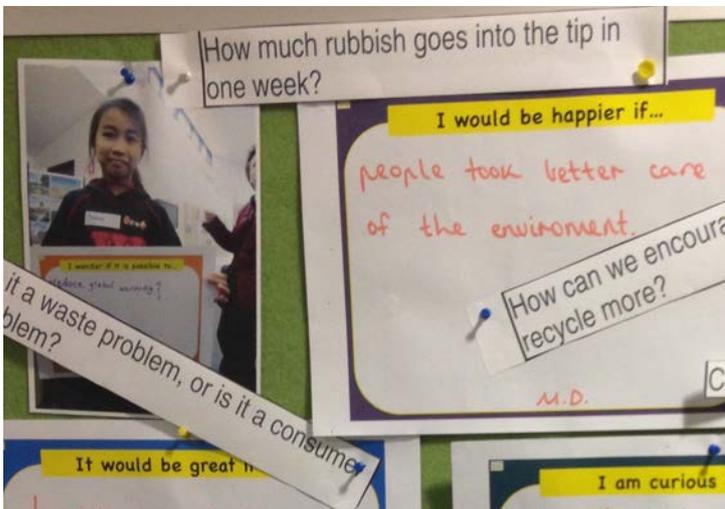
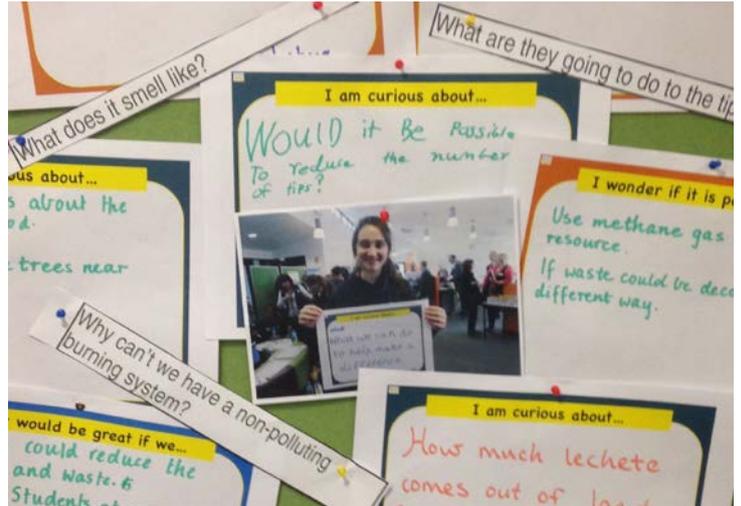
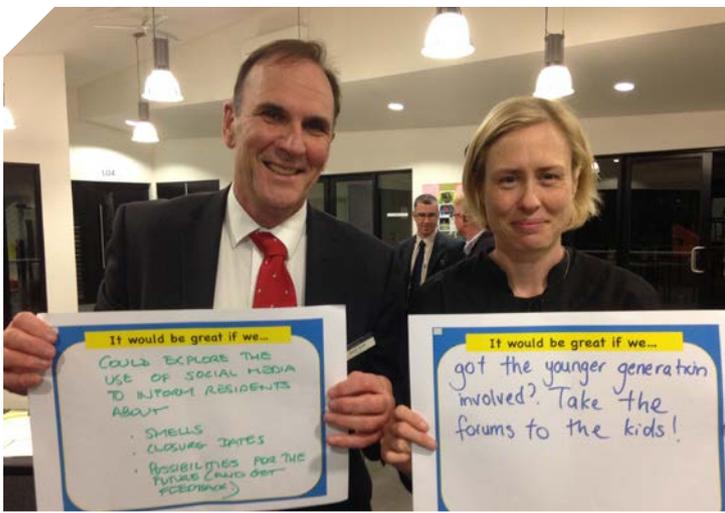
I am a resident in the Clayton and Dingley area



I work in the Clayton and Dingley area



I am involved in the waste management industry



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Be great if we...

Continue with the forums to now focus on the future use of all the landfill sites for the benefit of the community, but also the operators.

Got the younger generation involved? Take the forum to the kids?

Could create a louder voice by involving informed students in the creation of long term better, sustainable decision making regarding waste disposal.

Could explore the use of social media to inform residents about: smells/closure dates/possibilities for the future (and get feedback)

Could educate people to use the green bins and the recycling bins properly. Could compost our own household green waste.

I would be happier if...

EPA could give a timely answer.

We taught the students about where the waste goes. \$\$ for buses to get us there.



adult hopes

I am curious about...

Why the newspapers have yet to be used to convey information about future (A) Closure dates (B) Possible uses of sites to inspire local support

I wonder if it is possible to...

Lobby the government to invest more \$s in building waste management facilities which impact positively on the environment.

Explore all the ways to dispose of rubbish based on world's 'best' practice

Have a proper assessment of the gases to discover effect.

Have more school based activities to link parents and students to work with the operators and regulators.



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It would be great if we...

- Could have an underground fire
- If we could reduce the smells and waste
- If all students at our school could hear this
- Could make a difference
- It would be good if we recycle
- Try to reduce the smell of the tip by not throwing out so much rubbish
- Re-use some of your rubbish
- Buy products with not too much wrappers
- Use a compost bin so no food goes to the tip
- Didn't put everything into landfills
- Had no litter or rubbish what so ever
- Had the landfills far away from the houses so we aren't bothered by the smell
- Could recycle things without harming nature
- Could inform the community about repairing or donating the things we don't need instead of dumping it in the landfills
- We reduced the waste
- Could re-legalise burning rubbish and speed up the governmental process
- Could reduce the amount of rubbish we use and use recyclable containers
- Could all recycle properly
- Could be new facilities in our community

I am curious about...

- Are landfills full because waste comes in faster than it goes to sewage?
- Are we still going to have the tip smells after the tips close?
- What will happen to the next generation?
- If there are a lot of waste and we run out of space, what can we as humans do to help and solve the problem?
- I am curious about the Japanese method?
- Planting more trees near landfills?
- Are landfills taking too much of our land?
- Whose idea it was to create landfills?
- What is the average size of our local landfills?
- What we can do to help make a difference?
- How can we change the smell?
- What can we do to help the environment?
- Would it be positive to reduce the number of tips?
- What if the landfills all suddenly overfilled?
- How much waste are there in one landfill?
- How much leachate comes out of landfills?



youth hopes

- I wonder if it's possible to remove the waste
- Use methane gas as a renewable resource
- If waste could be decomposed a different way
- Have parents meeting about the waste and the smell and get them to learn and know more, what can we do to improve day by day
- Reduce global warming
- Have a greener future
- Use paper wrappers instead of plastic wrappers because paper wrappers break down easily
- Build a stadium on top of the land when its finished
- Get the advanced waste treatment facilities back in Australia
- Do what Japan is doing with the waste
- Be able to put plans into place (about using the land) sooner
- Make the landfills smell better and reduce the amount of waste that's used

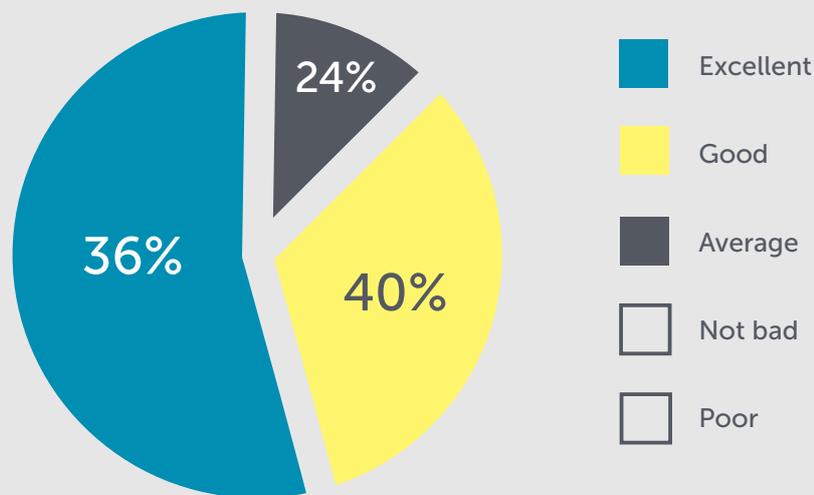
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- The tip didn't smell as bad as they do now and if we could stop using the amount of rubbish we use now and use smaller amounts of rubbish
- Plans are put into place more faster so that the community can make a positive change to the environment
- There wasn't such a smell
- There was less environmental waste and pollution
- The schools wouldn't smell
- If the tips didn't smell as bad as they do
- The landfills would smell less, so then the community would be happier
- The government invested more time and money into the technology of waste disposal
- The usual landfill technique to be more efficient
- People pay for the compost they produce
- We had a plan for all the tips to follow about waste
- We use less transport
- Recycle, Reduce and Reuse
- There were more bins around the community to stop the littering
- People would take more care in what they do with their rubbish
- People took better care of the environment
- People would stop and think about their rubbish and how something so little like putting rubbish in the wrong bin can effect so many people
- Reduce consumer waste and smell
- Recycle more effectively

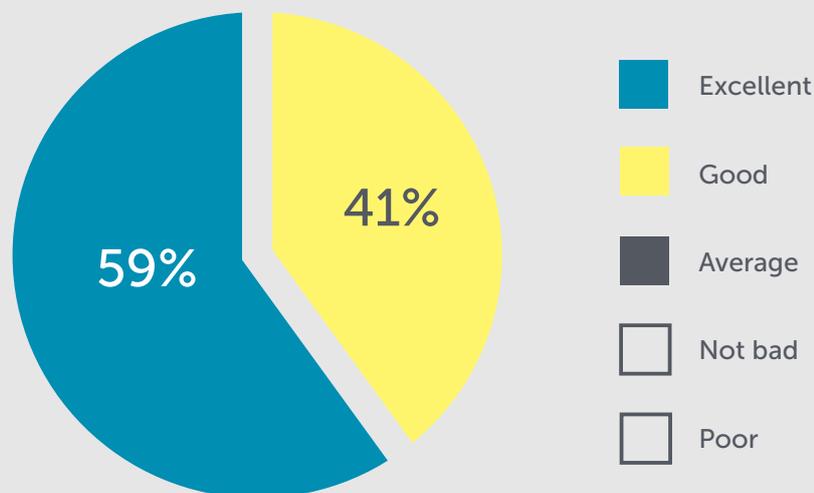
I would be happier if...

Our *final comments* at the end of the evening

Was your involvement in the forum a worthwhile experience?



To what extent did you have an opportunity to participate and be listened to?



What element of the forum worked well?

Interaction and feedback.

Facilitated very well with opportunities for all to participate.

Presentations.

Update from EPA and TPI.

Info sharing, collaboration and building our understanding.

Participation.

Meeting industry and EPA reps and getting definite timelines for closure and future use.

Well planned, very informative.

Ideas from others.

Presentations from stakeholders.

Organised but relaxed opportunities to speak in small groups.

Council, industry, EPA, community all providing opinions and questions would hopefully help people be more aware and industry more.

Format and opinions of conversation.

Other opinions always valuable, not much ego on display. Everyone had a chance to speak.

What could we improve for future sessions?

Continue to have the same representations provide more feedback about current and future activities which impact on community.

Focus on future use of sites.

More residents.

More content from operators.

Advertise more extensively and get more community representation/attendance.

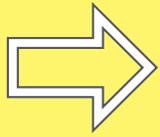
Involve younger people.

Beers!

Interested in more detail on plans for filled tips.

More people i.e. Publicity throughout the community.

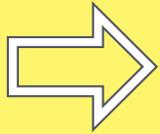
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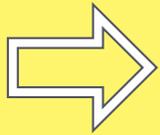
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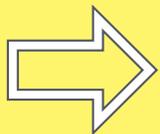
***Attend* the next forums:**

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Find out *more*:

<http://www.claytondingleywf.net.au>



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Please *note*:

While every effort has been made to transcribe participants comments accurately a small number have not been included in this summary due to the legibility of the content. Please contact Keith Greaves at Keith@chit-chat.com.au for any suggested additions.

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