

CLAYTON & DINGLEY

WASTE FORUM

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

Between July and October 2015 the CDWF team ran a number of gatherings with youth groups in preparation for its end of year forum on 20th October 2015.

A dedicated group of VCAL students from Westall Secondary School hosted over 85 primary school students at an event on 28th July 2015. At this gathering the students worked to understand what questions young people had about the waste industry in there area. They also spent time listening and talking to a range of operators and regulators from the CDWF group.

These notes are a summary of the questions/comments raised at the youth form, some survey and presentation findings from the VCAL students having completed a range of site visits to City of Kingston, EPA, Environmix and Transpacific and final comments raised at the community forum on 20th October 2015.

Representatives from each of our collaborators (City of Kingston, TOAG, Transpacific, Environmix, Clayton Regional and EPA) plan to meet again in late 2015 to look to support and respond to the comments and suggestions collected at the Forums. Future meeting dates will be advertised in local media and on the forum website in early 2016.



Big things on our mind at the start of the forums were...



adults

Explaining what EPA, industry and council has been doing in area.

Would like to get a better understanding of community forums and concerns.

Interested in how to get involved in local community.

Ensuring we do what we say we will do.

Ensuring we communicate how we are responding to community reports.

Industry voice needs to be heard.

Expiration dates of permits.

Odour: When will it stop?

Cultural barriers to speaking up.

How are EPA inspections conducted?

When will landfills close?

More communication (timely) between operators/councils/EPA re: complaints. "Co-ordination".

Seagull issue.

Timelines for tips.

Green rezoning.

Transfer station odour vs current state. Mitigation measures.

Public involvement - what's going on?

Concerns are still there.

Councillors receiving calls and complaints.

EPA have power, why still have problems?

Operators still having problems. Why?

TOAG, trying to keep public engaged in proper way.

TRANSPACIFIC - complaints around regenerator sites.

Some sites not rehabilitated for years, neutralising odours.

TRANSPACIFIC - some sites not being used. Odour complaints down, no litter complaints.

New methods to cover the litter - not working.

Other issues - other industries causing problems - odour, noise, McCormick.





youth

If we have a spare basketball court, would we be able to do some of the same as what you do at Environmix? How long it take if you count people?

Has anyone from Environmix been fired by the EPA for making too much noise and smell?

How much money do you make?

How can the council encourage the community to compost more? Idea is forums around the world. Are we going to have forums in other countries?

What steps need to be taken once the garden waste is collected for it to be sold to farmers?

How long do you have to wait until you can build facilities on top of the general landfills?

When are they going to close the landfills?

How many trucks are used on a weekly basis and how many people work for you?

When will we see more parks within our community?

How much money is spent on changing a landfill into a park?

Why was EPA chosen to be green police?

How much do you fine for littering? Do you fine kids?

Do you carry handcuffs?

How long does it take for the green waste to break down?

Is it possible for people to build their own houses on landfills instead of building a playing ground?

How many fines given out each year?

How many warnings can operators have before going to court?

How long will it take to build the new parks over the landfills?

Who made the landfills?

When you build the new park, will it still smell?

Where is all the waste going to go after building the park?

What is the main thing the environment find in the green bins?

What is your job called to James?

What kind of rubbish do you guys find in the yellow bins?

How much sports ground do you make each year?

Is there other ways they manage with waste?

How much compost they use for a sports ground?

Isn't there another way to recycle and not enhance the use of tips?

When are they going to stop the smell, and how?

How long do you think it will take the landfill to close down in the area?

Why did you choose to work with the EPA?

How long will it take once the landfill is capped off and built on for the new facilities to be completed?



What the *youth* said they heard from the presentations at their forum?

The 85 primary children listed to a series of short talks and asked the CDWF hosts a series of questions during informal conversations at the start of the gathering. The following table is a record of their recollections from the day.

ENVIRONMIX	TRANSPACIFIC
<p>They take green waste, e.g. plants. Making sure it doesn't smell in the area. Sell decomposed waste to farmers. Composting company. Recycling company (2 Companies) Breakdown material. 4 Weeks - sell to agricultural workers. Compost for vegigarden. Compost and mulch. Collect green waste only. Transport pacific. They take green waste. They cut trees as small pieces and then send to farms. Collect the green waste. Naturally break down and sell to the farmer. Recycling green waste. 2 Types of recycling company. Composting company (Green Waste) Make sure they take the quiet way of things when getting rid of the rubbish. Sell 4 weeks later to farmers. Green bins. Collect the plants and chop them up to give to farmers. Take green bins, collect plants from it, chop it all up and sell to farmers or to the plant stores. They use green waste. Sheer it up,4 weeks later they give it to farmers to use it for soil. Make sure they don't get in trouble by the smell and the noise. Composting company. They take the green waste.</p>	<p>5 Landfills not all are active. Food work / house hold red bin. Non recyclable go to the landfill. Landfills then become golf courses Landfill operator. Manage bins (Collect rubbish weekly) Closing down landfill. Building parks / recreational space. Landfills going to go. Making a new tower. Clean away, comes to schools and takes their rubbish. They used waste to make golf course. Two landfills close downs in clayton. They also make parks and sports grounds in each area. Going to build park out of old landfill. 5 landfill but not all active. 2 landfills in clayton. They use quarry to build breaks. Start 2011. Park over old landfill. Over the next few years they will be closing more and more landfills over the area. Cleanaway trucks. Take everyone's red rubbish bins and go to the landfills in clayton. Landfills will close in a few years. Most of them to become parks, golf courses. There will be a new park at an old landfill. They take rubbish from the bins. Making a tower you can see out into the bay. She takes the rubbish from out red bins. She knows about the future projects.</p>

CLAYTON REGIONAL	CITY OF KINGSTON	TOAG	EPA
<p>5 councils. Own clayton regional landfill. Eliminate odours. Closing landfills early. 5 Councils. Design facilities. Sporting park. Closing down. Their role - help the operators, turn landfills into fun places. Changing use of land. Make the laws. You must recycle. To reduce the amount of waste we create. They bring to make more spaces around Victoria. Make it a sports ground. Where does the rubbish go? One of owner of the local tips. They've got 5 councils. Clayton regional will close down the landfill. 5 Councils came together. Try and eliminate odours. Try to remove landfill. Five councils. Eliminate odours. Owns 5 tips. Extract as much waste materials. There are 5 councils, they collect rubbish.</p>	<p>Design facilities - sports grounds parks. Manage residents waste. Move landfill. Capping landfills to then create new spaces. What happens to waste? + recycle. By recycling - save lands for fixing - recycle reuse our belonging. Building recreational area. Riding bikes. Build parks. Replace landfills into parks and sporting grounds. They collect each person from the community. Each community works together. They make a park out the old landfill. Make decision for the park / recreational ones. Help facilitate to transpacific on their projects. Work with EPA and other organisations. Design facilities - sports centre - parks. In charge. Help operators to transfer to another area. Help make old landfills into other things. Sports grounds. Turn landfills into parks / buildings. Making new parks for families to hang out. Make sure they have the right permits. That are turning landfills into parks and sports grounds.</p>	<p>Stop toxic odours. Organised the Clayton and Dingley waste forum. Started in 2010. Community voice. Plan to impact the future. Share info / voice of matters / issues in area. Fix complications - speak to epa about issues. Value peoples voices - community. Work together to make a better solution. To make sure people know what's happening in their local area. A community that has a voice. Start 2010. Voice of the community. Work together to make a community voice, make it better. Form a group to tell the green police city of Kingston and operators and tell them the problem. Community voice to be heard. They are a community who wants to be heard. They talk to the EPA. They are a community group.</p>	<p>State government organisation. 7 offices, 300+ staff. 12 Councils. Environmental police. Licence to report, fine and take suspects to court. 350 Workers. 7 office. Manage areas - Monash - Casey - Frankston - till Mornington. Green police - 38 years for badges. Has authority to sue people that offend the environment. Check bins. Pulls people out their cars. Make sure no one throws rubbish out of their car. Green police. They have the power to take people to court but they cant find the people. They cant arrest people. Green police. They got their own budgets. They can give you a fine but cant arrest. Green police licence for littering's. Environmental protection authority. Environment police (green police) Investigate the tip / waste company's and can get them to court. Check bins. Dig through rubbish in the bins. There the green police. 350 Staff. Give out licences. Take people to court. Half police man. He can take people to court.</p>

A youth presentation...

At our public forum on the 20th October 2015, two representatives from the VCAL group presented the following information they learned from completing a student survey and conducting a series of site visits with their fellow students during August and September 2015.

Waste Forum 2015

Westall Secondary College

Welcome

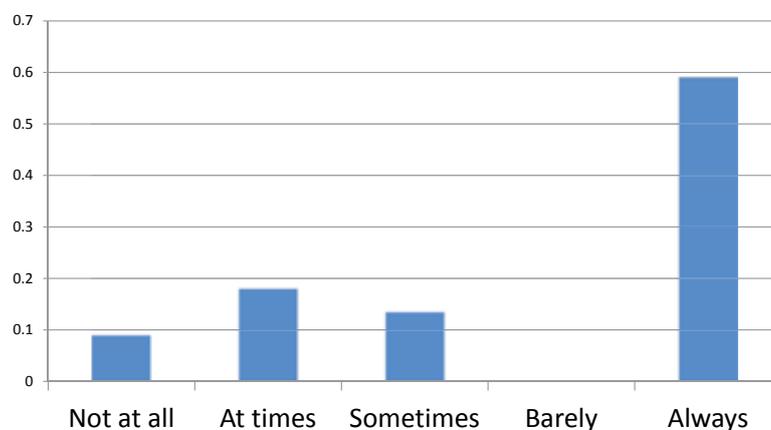
- Some fun facts about waste in the community
- What the students of Westall explored in the landfills.
- The thoughts from the children of our future.
- Your thoughts on our current issue of waste in our community.

Survey for the school

The VCAL students produced a survey that went out to students mainly in the younger years. They constructed the survey to see what people already knew about recycling and waste.

Here are some of the results of just how the students found their answers.

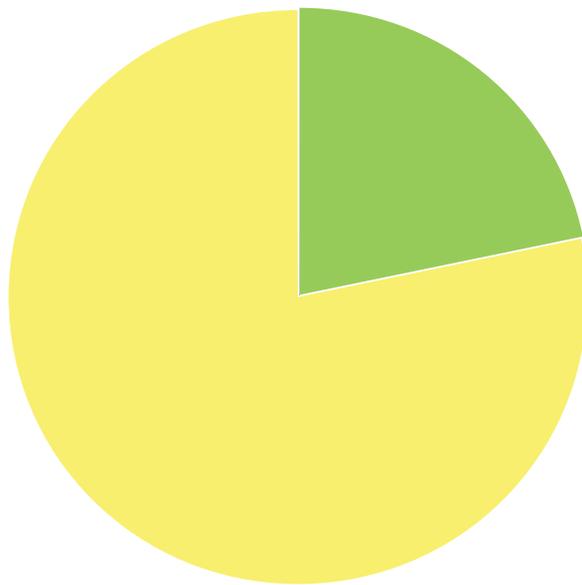
Yr 8 - How often do I put rubbish in the recycling bin?



59.09% of people always use the recycling bins.

0% of people barely use the recycling bins.

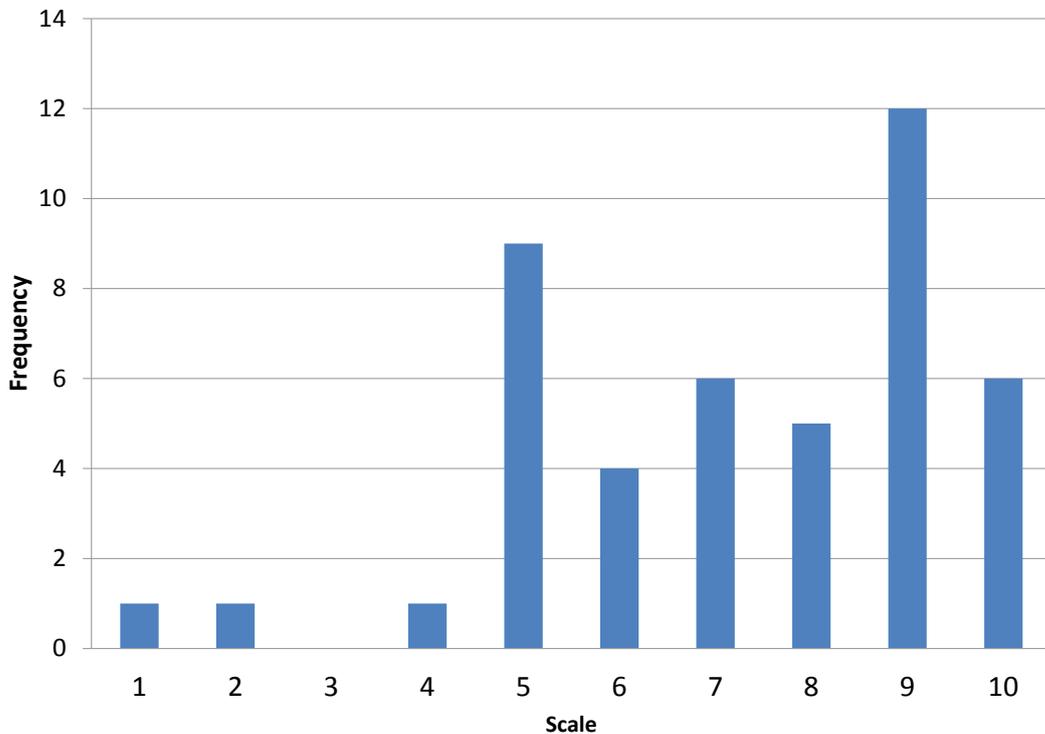
Year 8 - What colour lid is the recycling bins at school?



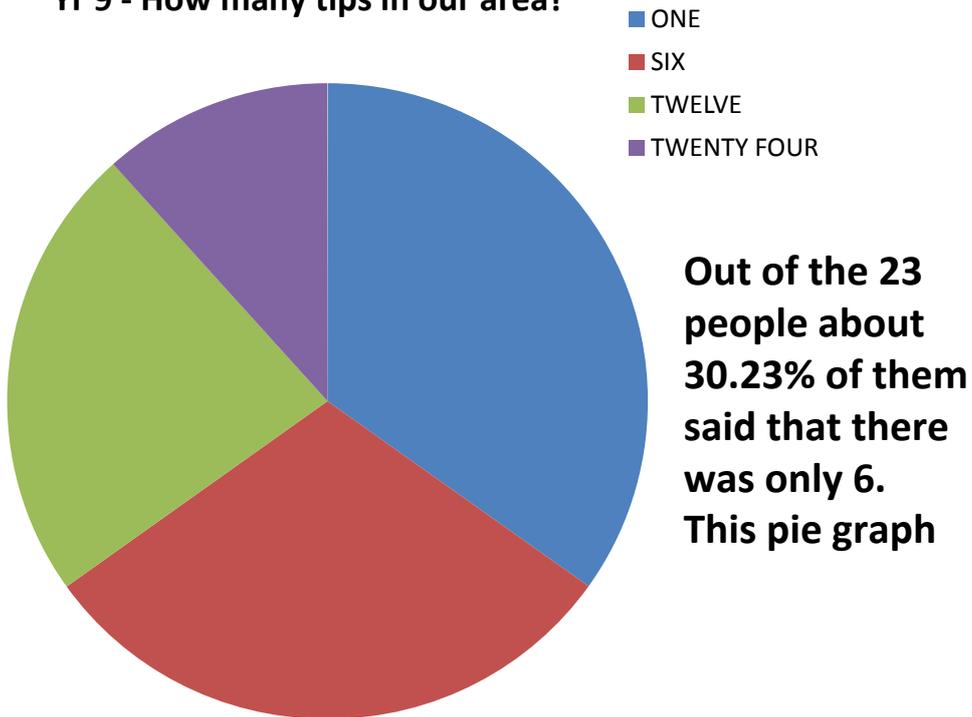
- Pink
- Green
- Yellow

21.74% of people say that the recycling bins are green in our school. 78.26% of people say that there are yellow recycling bins in our school.

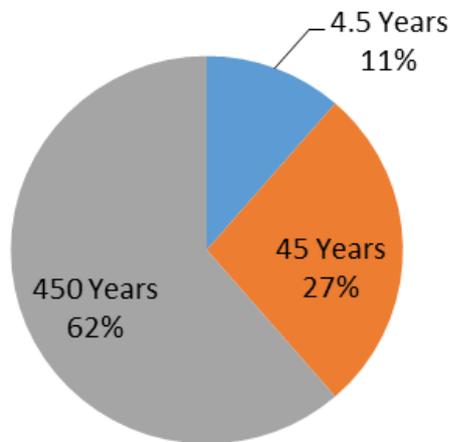
Yr 9 - How important is recycling to you?



Yr 9 - How many tips in our area?



Yr 9 - How long does it take for a plastic bottle to decompose?



How much did you know?

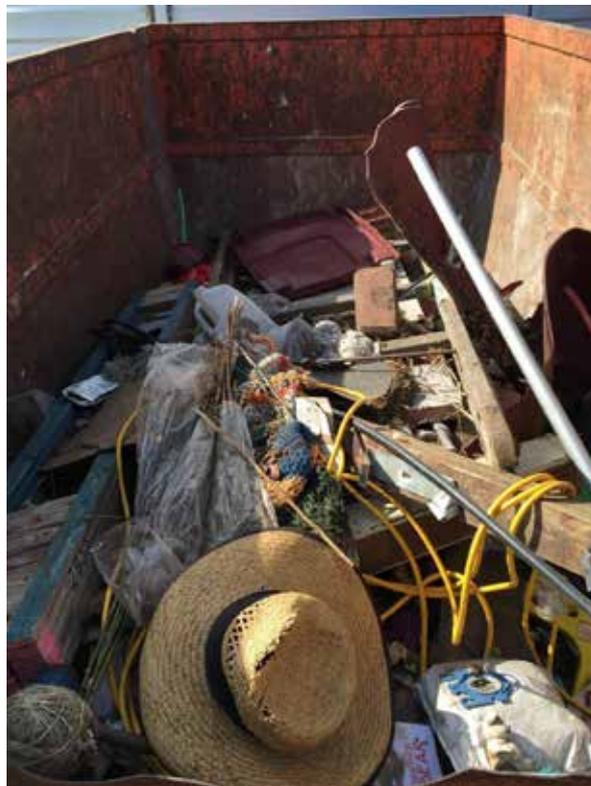
If you found yourself unable to answer these questions or even just stuck between two of them, you are not the only one. We are here today to show you and educate a little bit about the impact that certain wastes have on our land and what it holds for our future.

EPA (Environmental Protection Authority)

- Active Regulation role
- Find out who causes all the pollution.
- Inspections every 1-6 months on the landfills
- 80 license sites
- What do they do?
- Basically the EPA (Environmental Protection Authority) is all about protecting the environment, for example.
- The Air: they check the pollution of the air how bad it is what's in the air.

Environmix

- Enviromix is a green waste company that reuses green waste and turns it into a fertiliser which they then sell to farmers to use on their crops
- It takes 5 weeks for the parasites to change the things in the product using the sun's energy and then it becomes fertiliser after a few other step before.





Environmix

Excavator – For loading deliveries into the chipper

Morbark Chipper – For grinding up deliveries

Front end loader – To move chipped product to windrow pad for maturation

Windrow Turner – Oxygenates and agitates compost product

Star screen – to sort product into different sizes (fine mulch, compost, and oversize)



City of Kingston

- Improving the community
- All Land Fills will be closing and will be used for parks or recreation centres.
- Transfer station: Once the project is completed, all waste will go to the Transfer Station to be checked and then sent over to the Western Suburbs.
- They are linking all landfills to create a large park.



Transpacific

- They manage general waste from people's houses and regulate it between the different landfills
- regulatory compliance, and they protect the environment and make the environment a better place and clean it up.





Transpacific

- In the early 1800 they extracted sand from quarry's to make bricks
- They use the gas/smell that comes from the landfill is extracted by pumps and pipes then converted to energy.





Some of the Questions asked at the kids Forum

- How long will it take to build the new parks over the landfill?
- Who made the landfill?
- How many sports ground do you make each year?
- When are they going to stop the smell and how?

Some of the Questions asked at the kids Forum

- How many fines are given out each year?
- When you build the new park will it smell?
- Where is all the waste going to go after building the park?
- When are they going to close the landfills?
- How much money is spent on charging a landfill into a park?



Questions raised at our forum on 20th October

Following our youth group presentation we spent a short while discussing the following questions:

Fines - who receives the money from fine?

Young perspective moving forward?

How do you think Transpacific could communicate better with the community?
Go out to other schools.

EPA: Does rain, temperature affect tips?

EPA: Frustration about trying to get through to complaints. Ph. 1300 EPAVIC

EPA: Do you advertise in local paper, how people can complain?

EPA: Industrial site? What is being done?
Should we ask other industries to come to this space?

Council: Are you looking at increasing industrial in this area?

Council: Laura St.? Trucks, too narrow, industrial and residential!

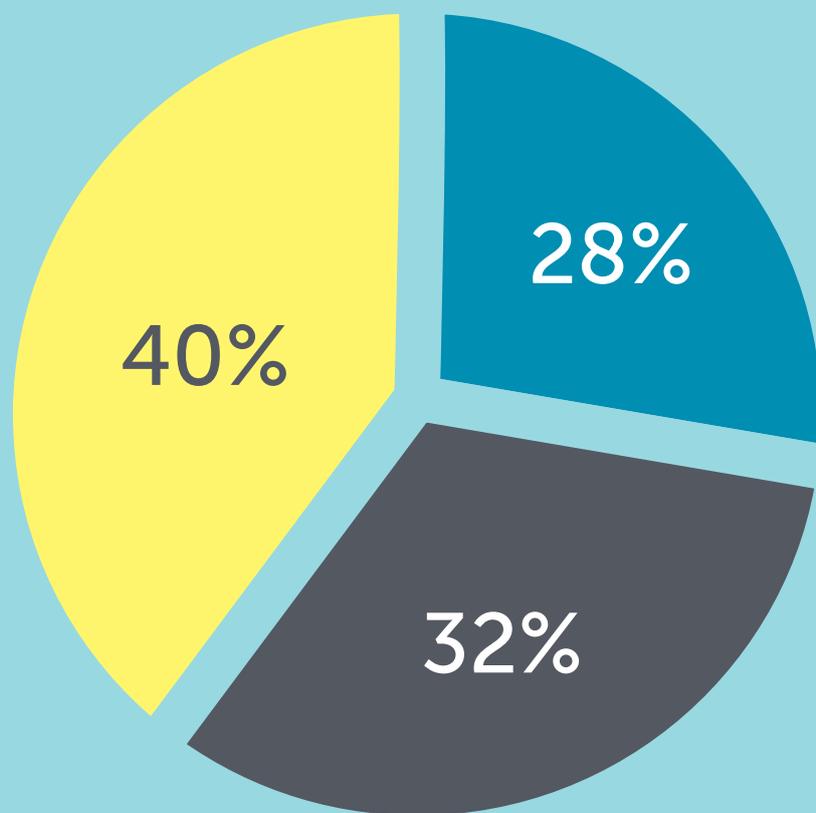
Council: Greenwedge Plan accepted - passive recreation areas, walking tracks, sports grounds, how long?

TPI: How much disruption to community during rehab of sites?

TPI: What happens to landfill when tip is closed? When is Fraser Rd closing?
June 30 2017 est.

Who attended the forum on 20th October?

The forums are open for anyone to attend, thank you to everyone for their continued support at our forums. It was a warm evening and we had great consistency from the core group running the CDWF. Here is an overview of our main interest in attending:



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

Our *final comments* at the end of the evening

At the end of the forum on 20th October we offered some final thoughts to the CDWF group as to what we would like to see happen in 2016 with the forum.

What should we do in 2016?

Continue educating community.

Focus on student forum - their way forward - learn from mistakes, change our ways.

Mixing up representatives at these forums.

Need to get people talking.

Continue advertising and do leaflet drops.

Continue forums to help understand - relay back to the community.

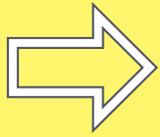
More social media - not TV. Best way to connect to young and old - social media. Facebook, YouTube.

Student waste forum again - respective - reach parents and adults more effectively.

Make sure we can talk about our ongoing concern.

Promote what is coming, plans of 2015 now realistic, incentives for residents.

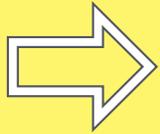
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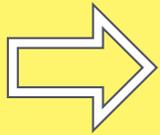
Register your interest in the forum or updates from CDWF by submitting your details here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CDWF>



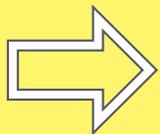
***Attend* the next forums:**

Future forum dates for 2016 have yet to be published. Sessions will be advertised via local media and on the forum website.



Find out *more*:

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



***Email* your comments to:**

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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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