

MINUTES OF AGL TORRENS ISLAND COMMUNITY DIALOGUE GROUP MEETING
Held on Tuesday 21st May 2024 (11:00 am – 1:00 pm)
Adelaide Business Hub, 6 Todd Street Port Adelaide

1. Opening and acknowledgement

Chair of the meeting Barbara Chappell opened the meeting at 11:05 am and acknowledged that we were meeting on the lands of the Kurna people and pay our respects to their elder's past, present and emerging.

Barbara invited everyone to introduce themselves as there was a new member (Grace Derrick ASC) attending for the first time.

2. Attendance

Present: Barbara Chappell (facilitator), Antony Evans (AGL), Kieran O'Dea (FG), Jo Madin (AGL), Cr Steve Vines (SG), Alex Hayter (PRSC), Kevin Taylor (AGL), George Karlis (AGL), Grace Derrick (ASC), Tony Bazeley (PAREPG), JulieAnn Stoll (PAREPG).

Apologies: Cr. Adrian Wotton (LG), David Russell (AGL), Johan Revalk (AdBri), Stephen Waites (DSKT), Merle Simpson (Kurna).

3. Previous Minutes

Barbara called for any amendments to the minutes. Alex Hayter asked for names of who asked questions during meetings to be included in the minutes. Another group member did not want their name to be in the minutes. With respect to members privacy, Barbara will check with members before including names. AGL staff names will be included in the minutes.

Motion was put, "That the minutes of the 20th February 2024 be accepted as a true and accurate record".

Moved: JulieAnn Stoll. Seconded: Alex Hayter. Motion carried.

4. Matters Arising

4.1 Jo Madin provided an update on the set up of a web page for agendas and minutes of the CDG to access as required and as a space to post information to share with the community. PAREPG to share a link to the page to their FB site. Jo to share the web page link for distribution with the minutes. [AGL Torrens | About AGL](#)

4.2 Barbara asked the groups permission to delete the listing of names in the ToR because of the number of changes in representatives and only list organization representation; and to insert a link in the ToR to the member contact details on the web page.

4.3 An update on the request made at the November meeting to visit Lot 303 was provided by George Karlis and circulated to the group prior to the meeting. The outcome of discussions was for George to connect the PAREPG representatives with the Kurna Conservation Group and Friends of Torrens Island to arrange a cultural awareness induction and visit to the island.

5. AGL Operational Updates

Environmental Update – George Karlis

5.1 Dust mitigation in drains and lead levels are being monitored. George will provide an update to the CDG on the Drain Management Strategy (due 31st May) at the next CDG meeting.

5.2 Monitoring of the site and contractors is part of the requirements of the Environmental Management Plan for the site.

5.3 An hour-long search of the site by Greening Australia for the Adriana plant revealed only 1 plant in good condition (see PP slide below) and no butterfly sightings.

- Greening Australia will revisit the site to do more research on where the plants are growing.
- 5.4 AGL staff are working on the removal of pink pampas grass and other invasive species (see PP slides below).
- 5.5 George advised the group of the Barker Inlet Forum being held at the Port Adelaide Town Hall on 11th June for those with an interest in flora and fauna of the area.



Environmental Update

George Karlis

Environmental Licence

AGL's Closure and Post Closure Environmental Plan is due to the SA EPA on 31 May 2024.

Tree Planting Day

Planting of 100 native plants in the western area of Torrens Island as part of World Planting Day.



Greening Australia at Torrens Island

Invasive Flora



Adriana Flora



Operational Update – Kevin Taylor

5.10 Kevin explained the process of drilling holes in the turbine blades used to manage cracking. AGL staff are doing in-house maintenance work which is delivering a better outcome for the plant.

5.11 Kevin reported there was low wind generation over the month of April. Alex Hayter asked what % of power was being generated from the Torrens Island plant. 5% was the amount indicated by Kevin.

5.12 Tony Bazeley asked what impact the power supply connector in NSW will have on SA. Kevin discussed the recent media articles on the delays to the interconnector to NSW, and what that might mean for Torrens closure date. Assessment of the impact of the delay will be monitored to determine if the plant should remain open a little longer.

Operational Update

Kevin Taylor



- Major outage maintenance work:
 - Unit B4 nearing the end of a \$7M overhaul
 - Generator and LP turbine inspection
 - Boiler repairs
 - Reliability and process improvements
- Asbestos and Lead Update

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Torrens A Station Decommissioning and Demolition - Antony Evans

5.6 Antony explained the scaffolding and air bubble process being used to contain any hazardous material exposed during demolition (see PP slides below). Asbestos has been removed from pipe work and cables in line with statutory requirements, using procedures developed by AGL to ensure safe work practices and reduce any risk of lead contamination. SafeWork SA have been in attendance on site for testing.

5.7 AGL has contracted McMahon's to dispose of the asbestos materials. Alex Hayter asked where the materials were taken for disposal. Antony to provide a response at the next meeting.

5.8 Tony Bazeley asked if soil is being tested for lead contamination. Testing for lead is being carried out in the work sheds and drainage pans on a scheduled basis as explained previously by Antony.

5.9 Antony explained a process of testing for lead contamination under the guidance of the AGL Occupational Hygienist using a "de-lead solution and vacuuming process.

Torrens A Station Decommission and Demolition

Antony Evans



Decommissioning consist of:

- Removal of all energy sources
- Removal of hazardous materials
- Draining of all oils and cleaning of pipework
- Disconnection or relocation of shared services with other Torrens Island infrastructure.

Current activities on site include:

- Ongoing removal of hazardous materials on A3 and A4 boiler.

Upcoming activities on site include:

- Commencement of hazardous materials removal in the turbine hall.
- Dismantling of plant and equipment within A Station turbine hall.



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6. Open Dialogue

6.1 Parking is limited near the meeting venue. Parking available in the council car park in Nile Street.

6.2 There was no further questions or discussion at this time.

6.3 The Chair invited everyone to have lunch and continue conversations; and thanked everyone for their contributions and attendance.

7. Next meeting

The proposed date for the next meeting was Tuesday 20th August 2024 commencing at 11:00 am in the Business Hub, 6 Todd Street, Port Adelaide.

8. Meeting closed at 12:30 pm.