Date:	16 October 2026
Location:	Tamala Park

MINDARIE REGIONAL COUNCIL

OMKSWG Minutes

Odour Management Key Stakeholder Working Group (MRC)

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Date of meeting:	Friday 16 October 2026
Location:	Mindarie Regional Council (MRC) Administration
	Tamala Park
Attendance:	Operations Manager (OM)
	Environmental Supervisor (ES)
	Operations Supervisor (OS)
	Operations Administration Officer (OA)
	Communications Specialist (CS)
Apologies:	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
	Environmental Officer (EO)
Minutes released:	3 November 2026
Reference:	D-26-0010546

1. Previous meeting minutes

Review and approve/make necessary amendments to the minutes taken at the previous OMKSWG meeting:

Detail	Status
Minutes approved on 24 September, uploaded to the MRC website and distributed to odour reporters for the previous month.	Complete

2. Operational updates

MRC operational updates relating to odour management

2.1. Landfill operations

Detail	Status
Any changes to day-to-day landfill operations which are relevant to odour management (active working area, cells, levels, compacting, cover, etc.)	Ongoing/ Completed
Operations continue across the central portion of the landfill, moving southwards as work continues to bring the central area up to final (capping) profile height. Daily cover of limestone at end of each day's operations.	Ongoing
EcoSorb and zeolite continue to be used as appropriate and required.	Ongoing
The mister unit remains in place on the landfill and is being used – as required – as part of odour management to cover daily landfill operations.	Ongoing
In consultation with the Town of Cambridge (MRC member council) MRC made the decision not to accept the whale carcass which had washed up at City Beach in late September. This decision was made with the minimising and management of potential odours in mind.	Complete

2.2. Landfill infrastructure

Detail	Status
Any changes/updates in the installation or review of infrastructure on the landfill (new wells, pipelines, leachate evaporation, etc.)	Ongoing/ Completed
Works to install a new major leachate well in the central area of the landfill are now complete.	Complete
Works to install 16 new landfill gas vertical wells in the central portion of the landfill are now complete. (See section 3.1)	Complete

2.3. Other operations

Detail	Status
Any other operational updates not covered above which are relevant to odour management	Ongoing/ Completed
Nil	

3. Odour management/environmental updates

Updates on the management and mitigation of odours at Tamala Park

3.1. Landfill gas (LFG) and LFG power station

Detail	Status
Any updates/changes to the management of landfill gas and/or the LFG power station	Ongoing/ Completed
Works to install 16 new landfill gas vertical wells in the central portion of the landfill (w/c 14 September) are now complete. These wells will remain in place once this area receives its final capping and are expected to provide a significant boost to landfill gas extraction capability, both during and after landfill operations. MRC has reviewed odour report data from the time of the works and found no significant increase.	Complete
The September meeting with the operator of the LFG power station took place on 16 September. The October meeting will take place w/c 19 October.	Ongoing
LFG power station operator is continuing to provide more granular data on LFG well extraction points.	Ongoing

3.2. Leachate management

Detail	Status
Any updates/changes to the management of leachate which is important to improve landfill gas (LFG) extraction	Ongoing/ Completed
Following approval of the application by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER), construction of the leachate storage 'tank farm' – which will sit to the south of the active landfill – is now in the commissioning phase and is expected to be operational by the end of October. The tank farm is designed to act as a holding area for leachate but does not contribute to its permanent removal or reduction.	Ongoing
Reinjection of leachate within the landfill continues as an operational measure, with suitable areas identified on an ongoing basis. Reinjection redistributes leachate within the landfill rather than removing it; longer-term leachate management is being addressed through the leachate quantification and removal work required under the Environmental Protection Notice (EPN).	Ongoing
As part of the requirements of the EPN issued in August 2026, MRC is required to 'provide an updated plan to quantify leachate volumes and levels across the premises'. This plan was submitted to the department (DWER) on 21 August 2026. As at 16 October 2026, MRC was awaiting the department's response.	Ongoing
As part of the requirements of the EPN issued in August 2026, MRC is required to 'prepare a Leachate Removal Plan to remove leachate from the premises.' The Plan was submitted on 14 September 2026. As at 16 October 2026, MRC was awaiting the department's response.	Ongoing

3.3. Trials for odour management

Detail	Status
Notes on ongoing trials of new tech, methods, products etc.	Ongoing/ Completed
The trial of the new un-fragranced odour neutraliser technology is now complete and will now be used as part of MRC's wider suite of odour management tools/methods.	Complete
Investigations into the potential of a naturally occurring water/liquid absorbent material are now complete. The product did not show any dramatic benefit when compared against methods already used by MRC. The remaining supply of the product will be used as part of MRC's wider suite of odour management tools/methods.	Complete

3.4. Reports, investigations and surveys

Detail	Status
Updates on internal or external reports, surveys and investigations	Ongoing/ Completed
MRC is undertaking periodic surveys of the landfill to confirm estimates/projections relating to landfilling, compaction rates, sequence plans and usage of cover. Outputs of surveys are used to inform void space modelling, which – in turn – will guide landfill closure projections.	Ongoing
Preparations for an investigation to better understand waste decomposition and moisture levels within the landfill mass by taking 'core samples', are continuing. Moisture levels within the landfill affect landfill gas movement and extraction and are relevant to odour management.	Ongoing

3.5. Regulatory

Detail	Status
Updates on anything relating to regulators or external agencies which govern activities on site (such as DWER)	Ongoing/ Completed
MRC receives a monthly report from DWER detailing the number of odour reports received by the regulator. This is a reciprocal arrangement.	Ongoing
On 3 August 2026, DWER refused works approval application W3096/2025/1 for the proposed southern piggyback cell and leachate management area. The piggyback liner would have allowed MRC to bring the landfill up to the final profile for closure, as part of the works required to complete the final closure landform. The leachate management area would have allowed MRC to manage the amount of liquid within the landfill through evaporation, which is a commonly used method for managing leachate volumes. MRC is examining the implications of this decision for MRC, landfill operations and the service provided to the seven local government areas in the Mindarie Regional District. MRC lodged an appeal against the refusal of that application on 24 August 2026.	Ongoing
DWER issued an Environmental Protection Notice (August 2026) on 3 August 2026. The EPN sets out requirements on MRC which DWER has summarised as follows: 1. Provide an updated plan to quantify leachate volumes and levels across the premises 2. Prepare a Leachate Removal Plan to remove leachate from the premises 3. Provide an updated Landfill Capping and Closure Plan for the premises	Ongoing

4. Implement specified measures to improve the Landfill Gas Extraction System 5. Prepare a report that documents a Surface Water Management Strategy for the premises 6. Provide a geotechnical landfill stability assessment and report compliant with industry standards. MRC lodged an appeal of certain aspects of the EPN on 24 August 2026. Work against the items in the EPN is ongoing, simultaneously.	

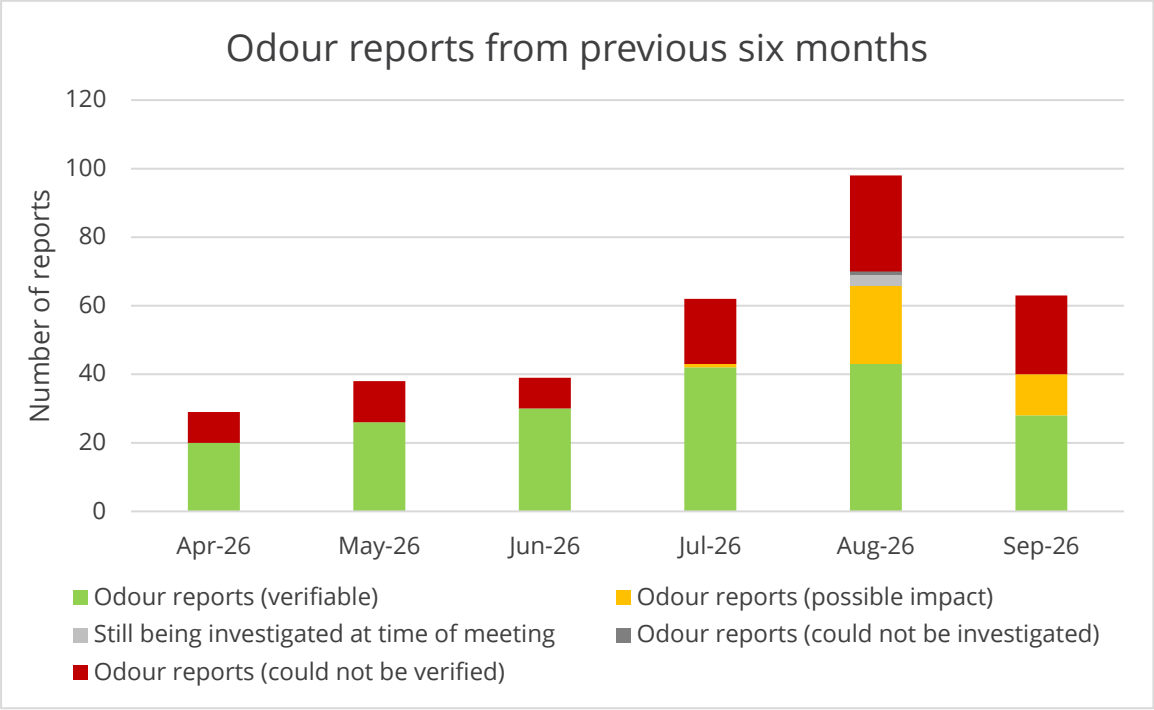
4. Odour reports

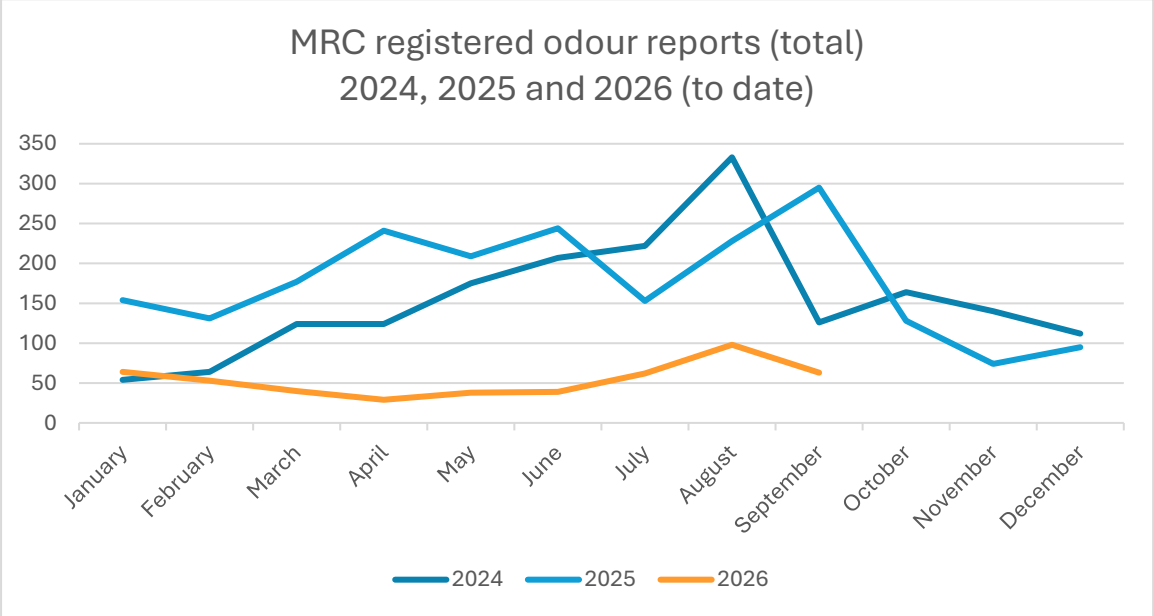
4.1. Reports from the previous calendar month

An overview of odour reports received from the community for **September 2026**.

Reports	Number
Total number of reports received	**63**
Of which impact from Tamala Park could be verified by climatic data	**28**
Of which impact from Tamala Park was possible (but not verifiable) based on climatic data	**12**
Of which impact from Tamala Park could not be investigated due to lack of data provided in report	**0**
Of which impact could not be verified by climatic data	**23**
Number of reports from a residential address which had not previously reported to MRC	**3**
Unique reporters (number of *households* which reported an odour impact)	**43**

Note: *The sub-categories above reflect MRC's assessment of reports against the available climatic data and information provided. Reports assessed as 'could not be verified' are not intended to suggest that no odour was experienced.*





4.2. Location of odour report by suburb/area

Suburbs	Number
Burns Beach	4
Clarkson	19
Mindarie	18
Kinross	22
Location not provided	0
Total number of reports	**63**

Map of reports locations overleaf.

Figure 1 September 2026 Community Odour Reporting



4.3. Description of odour experienced

When making an odour report through the MRC website, reporters are given the opportunity to describe the smell they experienced.

Information from **September 2026** is outlined below:

Description of Smell	Number
Garbage/Rubbish (Natural gas, rotten vegetables, garlic, sulphur)	35
Acidic/Rancid (Sour, vinegar, off-milk)	4
Gas/Chemical (Rotten eggs, ammonia, fishy)	16
Burnt/Smoky (Burnt rubber, exhaust fumes, grilled meat)	0
Sewerage (Faecal, manure, sewery)	1
Putrid (Dead animals, rotting meat)	3
Not described in report	4
Other/listed in comments	0
Hydrocarbon/solvent (Rubbery, plastics, solvents)	0
Sweet (Fruity)	0
Total number of reports	**63**

5. Correspondence

Detail	Status
Nil.	Nil.

6. MRC communications and/or community engagement

Detail	Status
Communications updates including changes to website, media coverage, guides or procedures for staff, etc.	Ongoing/ Completed
Nil.	Nil.

7. Other relevant updates/general discussion

Detail	Status
Anything else which does not fall neatly into one of the above categories	Ongoing/ Completed
Nil.	Nil.

8. Next meeting

The next OMKSWG meeting will be held in November 2026 at Mindarie Regional Council (MRC).