

Amcor Fairfield Mill Community Newsletter December 2012

After more than 90 years, Amcor's Fairfield Paper Mill ceased operating on 21 December 2012.

Current status of Fairfield Mill

The Fairfield Mill was in operation until Amcor's new mill in Botany, NSW was commissioned. The Fairfield team has been committed to what we have called 'closing strong'. This meant maintaining our high standards at the site whilst the decommissioning process was finalised.

A number of workers will remain on site to safely remove all chemicals, decommission energy and gas services and safely secure the site.

Throughout this closure process, the main priority will be the safety of our co-workers and the community, ensuring minimal disruption to local residents and safeguarding the environment.



Removal of machinery and equipment

The other focus at the site in recent months has been the removal of the machinery from the Fairfield Recycling Centre (FRC), which ceased operating in August 2012. Many sections of the equipment are so large that the roof of the building needed to be removed so that the machinery could be lifted out with cranes.

Thank you to residents who attended the Community meeting on this issue in September to share their views. Following this meeting, the City of Yarra endorsed Amcor's request to amend the Planning Permit to allow this work to commence and the Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD) approved the amendment.



These works have now commenced and are progressing well. The removal process is a complex project spanning approximately 20 weeks.

What will happen next?

Even though the mill has been closed down, the site will still be busy.

Works to remove the machinery from the Recycling Centre will continue, and various teams will also be on site undertaking a variety of works in line with the decommissioning program. During this time the site will continue to be maintained securely.

Current zoning regulations prevent

Amcor commencing any demolition works until future planning is approved for the site. Preparing the site for sale will therefore involve ongoing liaison with the City of Yarra Council.

The future of this site is an important issue for the local community and we plan to hold another Community Meeting in early 2013 to get your views and feedback. Further information regarding this meeting will be available closer to the time.

Thank you

Amcor would like to thank the Alphington/Fairfield community and the Amcor Neighbourhood Consultative Committee (NCC) for participating in the ongoing community consultation process. The NCC was formed 14 years ago and was composed of local residents, EPA Victoria, Amcor and the City of Yarra representatives.

Where can I get more information?

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