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Powering up at Copping!

After the successful implementation of the first LMS Energy power generation plant at Copping, a second generator is set to be operating at the facility this September.

The existing 1MW generator is capable of producing enough renewable electricity each year to supply power to 1,500 homes in Tasmania, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

SWS Chief Executive, Christine Bell, said the addition of a second generator would increase Copping’s capacity to reprocess gases emitted from landfill as a renewable energy source for the Tasmanian community.

“Landfill gas is approximately 50 per cent methane — a harmful greenhouse gas that contributes to the effects of global warming. At Copping we capture this gas and either use it to generate power, or flare it to maximise the site’s carbon abatement,” Ms Bell said.

“With two generators, we will be able to productively use more of this gas which will flow through the extraction system piping network to the generator, with the resulting power transferred into Tasmania’s power grid for use by households and businesses.

“We expect both generators will be able to supply renewable electricity to around 3,000 homes across the state each year.

“After installing the first generator in 2019, we are incredibly pleased to have a second only two years later.”

This is part of Southern Waste Solutions’ commitment to implementing new technologies in response to the current and future growth expected within the industry as well as to meet the increasing needs of the Tasmanian community and environmental targets.

Appointment of new Board Chair and Director

Southern Waste Solutions has had a re-shuffle of its Board and has welcomed a new Chair and Director.

Dr Christine Mucha has replaced outgoing Board Chair, Ron Ward, who led the SWS Board for nine years, while Ms Elspeth Moroni has replaced outgoing Director John Brennan.



Chair of the Copping Refuse Disposal Site Joint Authority, Sorell Mayor Kerry Vincent, said the councils’ Joint Authority was pleased to see the maturing business attracting such a diverse range of highly skilled applicants for the roles.

“SWS is now in its 20th year and we are in a fortunate position that so many worthy candidates saw fit to apply for these roles,” Mayor Vincent said.

“Both Dr Mucha and Ms Moroni are wonderful assets to the organisation and bring with them a wide range of new skills and experience to the Board.

“We are proud to now have a Board with a 50:50 gender split, and we are also thrilled that the new-look Board encompasses the diversity of skills and experiences as well as the commitment and enthusiasm to lead the organisation now and into the future.”

The Joint Authority appointed Dr Christine Mucha as SWS Director and Board Chair from 19 March 2021.

Dr Mucha, who has vast experience and a broad skill base across a wide range of industries, said she applied for the Chair position because it offered an opportunity to participate in an industry that was going to experience significant change in the future.

“The waste management industry is primed to experience real change with significant technological advances being realised in recycling, composting and energy generation,” Dr Mucha said.

“I appreciate the opportunity, as Chair of the SWS Board, to be a part of leading that change.

“I hope to gain a deeper understanding of the direction of waste management in Tasmania, while working with the owner councils’ Joint Authority, as well as the SWS Board and Management, to implement new technology and new opportunities for the organisation.”

The Authority has also appointed Dr Mucha and current SWS Director Mike Hunnibell to the Board of C Cell Pty Ltd to replace outgoing members Ron Ward and John Brennan.

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