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Recycling Centre focuses on services for Member Council residents

Residents arriving at the West Metro Recycling Centre on Brockway Road, Shenton Park from 1 July will be asked to show proof of residence upon entry. Free entry will continue to apply to all who live in one of the WMRC's Member Councils: Towns of Claremont, Cottesloe and Mosman Park, Shire of Peppermint Grove and City of Subiaco. A \$25 entry fee will apply to residents of other Local Governments. Commercial users will not be affected.

'We are keen to encourage people to dispose of their waste responsibly which is why we have considerably expanded our resident services and opening hours. Equally we need to focus our services on residents of the Local Governments which meet the significant costs of running our community recycling services' said Stefan Frodsham, CEO WMRC.

'We deeply regret having to charge responsible recyclers for doing the right thing, and we remain hopeful that we can reach agreement with our neighbouring non-member Councils so that we can withdraw the entry fee.'

Surveys in 2018 and 2020 of residents arriving at the Recycling Centre have shown that a consistent 40% hail from outside the WMRC member Councils, mostly from nearby City of Nedlands and Town of Cambridge. The WMRC since 2018 has proposed that the two Local Governments make a fair annual contribution to the cost of providing 'free' recycling and waste treatment services to their residents but without success to date.

WMRC Member Council ratepayers will soon be receiving a Residents Access Pass with their rates notices which will also provide free entry to the Recycling Centre. In some councils, this will also include one or more waste passes so that residents can drop off up to a small trailer load of bulk or greenwaste without charge.

The Western Metropolitan Regional Council operates the West Metro Recycling Centre where a wide range of community waste drop off services are provided; some free, some for a small charge. The WMRC manages waste wisely for the Town of Claremont, Town of Cottesloe, Town of Mosman Park, City of Subiaco, and the Shire of Peppermint Grove.

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