

WMRC Elected Members' Bulletin

29 October 2018

1. Introduction

The WMRC Elected Members' Bulletin serves to provide a summary update to elected members on WMRC issues and developments in the periods between WMRC Council meetings. It's issued fortnightly and circulated to Councillors, their deputies and CEOs of our member councils.

2. Safety and Security

There have been no safety incidents in the past fortnight. A revised induction manual is being developed for the West Metro Recycling Centre (the transfer station).

WMRC is reviewing quotations for the upgrade of security at the West Metro Recycling Centre which has suffered a number of break-ins and thefts over the past three years.

3. Legal

DiCOM, having considered the response we made to their initial Appellant's Case, has obtained court approval to amend its case in support of its appeal, citing the engagement of a fresh legal team. We chose not to oppose their application. DiCOM now has until 2 November in which to lodge a fresh Appellant's Case. We, in turn, will have until 30 November in which to lodge a response to it. The appeal itself is not likely to be heard until March 2019; and the judgement may take up to three months to be handed down.

Court-supervised mediation before the Supreme Court is listed for Friday, 16 November 2018. The mediation which will be attended by our legal team, Aimee Hynes and me; our Chairman and Deputy will attend as observers. In the lead-up to this mediation, DiCOM has recently put forward a fresh terms sheet under which it proposes settlement might be reached with ourselves. The basis of this proposed settlement centres on the WSA being ended in return for DiCOM being given a fresh lease for the purposes of treating waste from third parties. At this time we are busy preparing a response to this terms sheet.

4. Business Development

Mindarie Regional Council has advised that Council has approved negotiations with ourselves surrounding the acceptance of our waste for disposal at Tamala Park and the use of our West Metro Recycling Centre by their members for the purposes of consolidation and haulage of waste. This is a most encouraging development towards our business development concept of our transfer station effectively serving its natural catchment area and in this way bringing about economies of scale for the benefit of WMRC member councils.

5. WMRC rebranding

This project is progressing with strategic priority given to items with wide circulation.

6. Recycling rule changes communications

Printed copies of flyers and posters detailing the new Perth-wide consistent recycling communications are being delivered to Member Councils' offices and community facilities and feature the new WMRC branding.

7. Draft State Waste Strategy

A draft response to from the WMRC to the draft State Waste Strategy on behalf of all Member Councils has been circulated to CEOs and WMRC Councillors for comment and approval by WMRC Councillors before submission to DWER to meet the closing date of 6th November. A copy of the Draft State Waste Strategy is available [here](#).

8. Community and Industry Engagement Grant

We have awarded the contract for Stage 1 of this work to *Painted Dog Research*. This work, aimed at improving the effectiveness and reach of our waste education and promotion, will include giving every household in the WMRC Member Council area the opportunity to complete an online survey.

9. National Recycling Week 12th-18th November

We are looking forward to two community talks, a recycling plant tour and composting workshop. If you are interested in attending, sign up information is [here](#). In addition we are offering free mattress recycling at the West Metro Recycling Centre to Member Council residents as a promotion for Recycling Week (limited to 2 per household). We are also supporting City of Subiaco in their free E-waste drop off day.

10. Staff

Aimee Hynes is on leave overseas until 1 November. Amy Kerr and Hazel Hodgkins have joined the Communications and Education team part time as Communications and Education Support Officers. Andrea Christie is our new contract Support Services Officer (maternity leave cover for Alex Bell).



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Chief Executive Officer