

WMRC Elected Members' Bulletin

26th November 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 safety committee meeting was held last week. To reduce the risk of an incident involving mobile plant and pedestrian traffic, we have decided to purchase and use retractable safety barriers to exclude pedestrian and light vehicle traffic from areas where mobile plant might be operating at the transfer station. Up until now we have been relying on a spotter.

3. Legal

WMRC is due to respond to DiCOM's Appellant's Case next week.

4. Business Development

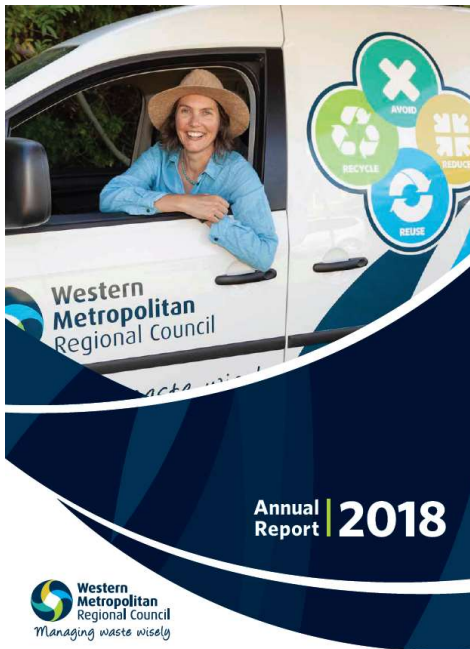
We will meet next week with Mindarie Regional Council regarding the opportunity for its southernmost member councils to reduce their waste collection and haulage costs by bringing their MSW to the West Metro Recycling Centre for consolidation and haulage for disposal at the Tamala Park.

We are otherwise waiting on the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council to respond to our proposal to access its disposal services .

5. WMRC rebranding

This project is progressing well. The architecture for the new single website to replace both the WMRC and Earth Carers sites is now in place and it is being filled with content before going live in the New Year.

6. Annual Report 2017-18



The Annual Report has been designed in alignment with the new WMRC branding. The draft is with WMRC Councillors for comment before printing in time for the OCM of 6th December. Copies will be distributed to Member Councils. Here is a sneak preview of the cover featuring our very own Amy Warne.

7. WMRC Recycling Hotline – 9384 6711

The recycling hotline continues to take calls across a wide range of recycling queries. Caller suburbs and queries are being recorded. Full launch of the service is still awaiting an upgraded phone system.

8. Evaluating Community Waste Education

Every household in the Member Council area has received an invitation to participate in an online survey to evaluate the reach and effectiveness of existing community waste education (primarily the Earth Carers' course). A \$500 voucher is offered as an incentive. Respondents will also be asked to take part in an online forum to explore specific questions in detail. This work is being led by social marketing specialists, Painted Dog.

9. Container Deposit Scheme

The WMRC has been involved in the Local Government policy forum on this matter. The Scheme is expected to start around March 2020. . The process of appointing a Scheme Coordinator is in train and the legislation is due through parliament in the first half of 2019. Local Governments are reminded that some infrastructure is expected to be in place prior to the scheme starting. It is expected that there will be 2-3 refund points within the Member Council area. The WMRC will investigate the feasibility of a refund point at the West Metro Recycling Centre. Refund infrastructure potentially includes reverse vending machines and over the counter refund points. This may have planning implications depending on individual Local Planning Schemes.

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