

1. Introduction

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

2. Safety and Security

There have been no safety incidents since our last Bulletin of 7th January. A hazard inspection of the West Metro Recycling Centre was undertaken on 21 January and no new hazards were identified. An assessment of quotes for security upgrades of the Recycling Centre will be completed shortly and an order placed.

3. Legal

Legal activity on the issues around DiCOM continues. WMRC Councillors are briefed regularly.

4. Pre-booked Bulk Waste Verge Collection Service

This potential new service aims to deliver a cheaper and more convenient junk and/or green waste service to member council residents on a pre-booked basis without reliance on skip bins. Preliminary work has begun on the project and the WMRC will be seeking Council endorsement at the early February meeting. The work so far has been noted by CEOAC and discussions are ongoing with member council officers.

5. Resident Recycling Centre Pass

A need to improve the alignment between recycling centre users and those who fund it has been identified. Resident recycling centre passes have been identified as a possible solution. These will also make it more convenient for residents to use the recycling and disposal services at the West Metro Recycling Centre and decrease the administrative load of the current tip pass system. Initial planning and scoping is continuing for this project and it has been noted by the CEOAC.

6. WMRC Website

The new website is available from 22nd January at wmrc.wa.gov.au. It forms a single point of contact replacing both www.wmrc.wa.gov.au and www.earthcarers.org.au. This is a soft launch at this stage and WMRC staff will be working with member council and other staff to ensure that weblinks to sub-pages are redirected correctly. Feedback is welcome!

7. Community Education Evaluation

We are looking forward to the release of the DWER-funded research from our consultants on 23 January. We expect that this information will guide us towards a more flexible, modular waste education program which has the potential to impact more member council residents and deliver better value to member councils than the current Earth Carers' course.

8. WMRC Recycle Hotline – 9384 6711

The WMRC Recycling Hotline continues to take calls across a wide range of recycling queries. Caller suburbs and the nature of queries are noted for statistical review purposes. Full launch of the service awaits an upgraded WMRC phone system. This in turn awaits an upgraded internet service connection.

9. WA Container Deposit System - implications

Preparations for the introduction of a WA Container Deposit System (CDS) in early 2020 continue. Legislation is before parliament; appointment of a Scheme Coordinator is in progress; and the planning implications for hosting infrastructure are under consideration. The WMRC is taking an active role in the planning of the CDS through the WALGA Policy Forum; and encourages member council to attend an upcoming [Information Session](#) hosted by WALGA. Local Government Officers and Elected Members will be able to discuss the implementation of the Container Deposit Scheme. The Scheme has implications across the waste, planning, contract management and community development areas.

Date: Wednesday, 13 February

Time: 9am to 11am (Registrations from 8:30am)

Venue: WALGA Boardroom, ONE70, LV1, 170 Railway Parade, West Leederville

Register: Please register your attendance [online](#) by COB Friday, 8 February.

Topics for discussion include the CDS Legislation, the Material Recovery Facility Protocol and draft Revenue Sharing Arrangements. The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage will also provide an overview of the [Draft Position Statement: Container Deposit Scheme Infrastructure](#).

10. Staff News

Amy Warne has left the WMRC to pursue casual / consulting opportunities. Recruitment for a successor to lead our Education and Community work is awaiting decision on the format of future community education programs and/or projects.

The response to the advertisement for a Truck Driver/ General Hand has been very high.



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