

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 21 January. A meeting of the Safety Committee was held on 22 January 2019.

3. Legal

Legal activity on the issues around DiCOM continues. A Court-supervised mediation session between WMRC and DiCOM was held at the Supreme Court on 29 January 2019. 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. A project proposal will be presented to the WMRC Council at its 7th February meeting. Preliminary consultation has been carried out with CEOs, Member Council officers and commercial operators.

5. Resident Recycling Centre Pass

Work is ongoing on this project, which promises to improve the alignment between recycling centre users and those who fund it; as well as decreasing the administrative load of the current tip pass system. An item on this matter will be raised at this week's WMRC OCM.

6. WMRC Website

The new website is proving successful and registering plenty of new and returning traffic at wmrc.wa.gov.au. Nearly half of all users are accessing the site using a mobile or tablet device. Work is ongoing with member council staff to ensure all their site weblinks are up to date. Feedback is welcome!

7. Community Education Evaluation

The information from the DWER funded research to evaluate and amplify our community waste education programs is full of detail. As the response rate was very high, this data is statistically

reliable and will provide a very useful guide for our future work. This is likely to include online and modularised elements building on the much-loved 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. Indications are that the main queries are around which items can be taken to the West Metro Recycling Centre and details of whether specific items can be recycled through the kerbside service.

9. Serve Food Not Litter

This free forum will be held at the Town of Cottesloe on 18 February. It is partially funded by Keep Australia Beautiful and jointly hosted by the Town of Cottesloe and the WMRC. It is focussed on highlighting ways in which local businesses can reduce their use of disposable items that may become litter. Invitations have been forwarded to local food businesses. Member council staff and elected members are also invited. More information and registrations [here](#).

10. Waste to Energy Forum

Please pencil in your diaries a WMRC *Waste to Energy Forum* to be held from 9:30 to 11:00 am Friday 8th March 2019. Venue TBC at one of our Member Councils.

11. WA Container Deposit System - implications

A reminder of the following event hosted by WALGA which aims to inform attendees about the Local Government implications of the forthcoming CDS.

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](#).

12. WMRC OCM

An agenda for the meeting on 7 February is available [here](#)



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