

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 has been one minor First Aid incident since our last Bulletin. This has been reviewed by the Safety Committee and no further action is required. Following a number of break-ins, security upgrades have now been completed at the West Metro Recycling Centre, including alarms and motion sensitive lighting and cameras. The security system has already detected, recorded and deterred a number of break-ins in its first few days of operation.

3. Legal

Legal activity on the issues around DiCOM continues. Work continues towards defending an appeal lodged by DiCOM against the August 2018 Supreme Court judgement in favour of WMRC. In the Supreme Court judgement of August 2018, the WMRC was awarded costs. The WMRC has filed its Bill of Costs with the Supreme Court; and action has commenced to recover expense incurred by WMRC in the disposal of DiCOM's residual waste.

4. WMRC Forums and Tours

The next WMRC Forum will be a site visit to the Millar Road, Rockingham resource recovery and landfill disposal site in the afternoon of Thursday 16th May 2019. This is where Member Council general waste is disposed of after consolidation at our waste transfer station. A light lunch will be provided at WMRC administration before departure. Details and booking here. <https://followthewastewithwmrc.eventbrite.com.au>. The password is **wisely** (all lower case).

5. Pre-booked Bulk Waste Verge Collection Service

The project is awaiting confirmation of Member Council Elected Member in principle support before proceeding to a request for tender.

6. Town of Mosman Park Community Fair

To support the community education required for the Town of Mosman Park's forthcoming move to a GO bin, WMRC operated a stall at their annual Community Fair, which attracted a great deal of interest and many positive comments from the community about the change.

7. Cottesloe Bin Counting and Stickers

This project is ongoing and likely to finish earlier than initially expected. Residents encountered have been supportive, only one resident has refused bin stickers. The project has also noted

bins in need of repair. Some of the casual staff will be redeployed on a similar project for the Shire of Peppermint Grove.

8. Community Education

We have awarded a contract for the development an initial three modules of the online digital toolbox and we expect completion of the project by mid-June.

Enrolments are coming in for the new Waste Watchers Workshops and tour in April and May. [Details here.](#)

9. WMRC Recycle Hotline – 9384 6711

The WMRC Recycling Hotline continues to take calls across a range of recycling queries. Clarification on items accepted at the West Metro Recycling Centre and how to recycle items that do not go in the recycling bin are the most frequent questions. Around 70% of callers are from member council residents with Cambridge and Nedlands residents accounting for the bulk of the rest.

10. WALGA info sessions: WARR Strategy 2030

If you were unable to attend the WMRC Forum for officers and elected members on the new waste strategy matter, WALGA is running three more as follows:

- **City of Stirling** - Wednesday, **10 April** 9:30 to 11:30am
- **City of Melville** - Thursday, **11 April** 9:30 to 11:30am
- **WALGA** - Wednesday **17 April** 8:30 to 10:30am

*The WALGA event can be attended via GoToMeetings (online and/or phone)

To register, visit the [WasteNet Website](#). Please register by COB Friday, **5 April**

For more information, please email Manager Waste and Recycling [Rebecca Brown](#), or call 9213 2063.

11. Policy and Advocacy

In the past two weeks, WMRC staff have contributed to the following policy areas through submissions, working groups, committees or forums as appropriate: Reducing Illegal Dumping, Verge Collection, Container Deposit Scheme, Consistent Communications, Waste Educators, State-Local Government Waste Partnership, and Metropolitan Waste Advisory Committee.



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