

## 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 is issued fortnightly and circulated to Councillors, their deputies, CEOs and relevant officers of our member Councils.

## 2. Legal

Negotiations between WMRC and DiCOM continue in respect of a possible settlement between the parties prior to the hearing of DiCOM's appeal set down for 22 – 23 July 2019.

## 3. Safety and Security

There has been no safety incidents since our last Bulletin. Toolbox meetings involving all operational staff and attended by the CEO continue to be held every fortnight.

There have been no further break-ins at the West Metro Recycling Centre.

## 4. WMRC is relocating

Following Curtin Heritage Living serving notice on the WMRC to quit our lease at 40 Marine Pde, Cottesloe by December this year, we hope to sign a lease on a property in Subiaco and relocate sometime in July.

## 5. Free Mulch for Councils and Residents

WMRC's free mulch for member Councils and residents is proving popular with residents. Councils interested in using this mulch in their operations are requested to contact WMRC Manager Operations, Aimee Hynes. Email address [here](#). The mulch is a product of Western Tree Recyclers – who informs the material is composted after shredding and screening for a period of 12 weeks prior to delivery.

## 6. Problem Waste Drop-Off Day – Mosman Park

Eighty-four cars attended the very successful Problem Waste Drop-Off event on 8 June held jointly with the Town of Mosman Park of which 58% were Mosman Park residents and 28% were other member council residents. We collected cardboard, e-waste, batteries, aerosols and textiles. We gave 10c cashback for over 1000 drink containers as a promotion for the commencement of the CDS in 2020.

## 7. Plastic Free July Morning Tea

A free event for Member Council staff and elected members to include a presentation on plastics, PFJ and policy responses; as well as demonstrations of alternatives to single use plastics. And, of course, a plastic free morning tea!

Please register [here](#)

<b>Date</b>	Thursday 27 June
<b>Time</b>	10-11:30 am
<b>Place</b>	Lower Hall, Civic Centre Cottesloe
<b>Password</b>	WMRC (upper case)

## 8. Waste Local Laws

Member Councils are reminded of the importance of developing a Waste Local Law particularly as a safeguard upon the introduction of the Container Deposit Scheme and as a precursor to Waste Plans. The WALGA Template Waste Local Law is available [here](#). WMRC remains available to assist where appropriate.

## 9. Community Education – schools and volunteers

Volunteers indicated that they are keen to be involved in working in several areas including schools and this will be developed further over the next two weeks. Work is underway to develop and update school incursion material based on activities in the Waste Watchers Workshops and previous material.

## 10. Community Education – materials

Our suite of education materials has been boosted with the development of a 'no junk mail' sticker and several more factsheets. DWER-approved 'three bin superhero' flyers have been printed for Mosman Park, Cottesloe and Claremont and will be delivered for inclusion with rates notices etc as appropriate.

## 11. WMRC Recycle Hotline – 9384 6711

The WMRC Recycling Hotline continues to take calls across a range of recycling queries. Many concern building materials (including problematic and hazardous materials), there have been several queries concerning the free mulch and details have been requested on items accepted at the West Metro Recycling Centre. Around 65% of callers are from member council residents with Cambridge (20%) and Nedlands (10%) residents accounting for the bulk of the rest.

## 12. Policy and Advocacy

Staff have attended the MWAC OAG, the Consistent Communications Collective and the Reducing Illegal Dumping working group.

Work is ongoing on the response to DWER's Single Use Plastics paper. The online survey, issues paper and details of workshops are listed [here](#). WALGA is hosting a consultation session for Local Government on 24<sup>th</sup> June. Details [here](#).

## 13. WMRC greenwaste licence

The WMRC's licence to operate its greenwaste receipt and stockpiling area has been renewed for another 12 months.

## 14. Waste and Recycle conference 2019

The call for papers for annual Waste and Recycle Conference to be held 25-26 September is currently open. More details [here](#).



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