

## 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. WMRC Budget and Fees and Charges 2019-20

Council has approved the 2019-20 WMRC Budget. Highlights are:

- Budget revenue is reduced by 5% to \$5.1m - reduced gate fees for member Councils
- Budget expense is reduced by 10% – improved cost control and reduced waste treatment and disposal costs
- No increase in fixed cost contributions from member Councils
- Member Council general waste fee is reduced from \$155 to \$145 per tonne
- Member Council bulk waste fee is reduced from \$170 to \$155 per tonne
- Greenwaste fees maintained at the new low rates (\$35 bulk, \$40 GO bin per tonne) introduced on 1 May 2019.
- Commercial general waste reduced from \$213 to \$200 per tonne

Council also approved a discount structure for commercial waste to improve the competitiveness of the WMRC's waste management services.

## 3. Plastic Free July – including free morning tea



The poster features a blue background with a white calendar icon and a bee icon. The text reads: 'Plastic Free July 2019 Join the Challenge', 'Reminder!', 'Join WMRC for a Plastic Free July Morning Tea', '10am - 11:30am, Thursday 27 June Lesser Hall, Civic Centre, Cottesloe.', 'Hear from WMRC - where Plastic Free July was born. Join us for a morning tea and Plastic Free July presentation. Take home your own homemade beeswax wrap to help you on your plastic free journey.', 'Registrations essential for this free event! Head to: [wmrcmorningtea.eventbrite.com.au](http://wmrcmorningtea.eventbrite.com.au) and use the password WMRC.', 'Western Metropolitan Regional Council Managing waste wisely', and 'CHOOSE TO REFUSE SINGLE USE PLASTIC PLASTICFREEJULY.ORG'. The background image shows hands making beeswax wrap.

The new [Plastic Free July website](#) contains lots of information that can be used to engage your community:

- Tools and resources for individuals
- Tools and resources for businesses, schools, councils
- Local Government membership package
- Event map – please include your events
- Case studies

## 4. 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.

## 5. WMRC Draft Strategic Community Plan

The new draft SCP is now available on our website [here](#). Any comments to [Libby](#) or [Stefan](#)

## 6. 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 are pleased to advise that we have concluded a two-year lease at Suite 2, 317 Churchill Avenue with relocation planned for the weekend of 13/14 July. The new offices are within convenient walking distance of both the train station and the City of Subiaco's council chambers. The relocation realises cost savings for the WMRC compared with our current location.

## 7. Business Development

WMRC has made a formal proposal to the City of Perth to provide municipal waste transfer and haulage services. We have also tendered to the City of Nedlands to handle their bulk, general and green waste.

## 8. Bulk Waste Processing Tender

WMRC has tendered for the processing of its bulk general waste. Tenders close on 28 June 2019. This represents an important step forward in WMRC's approach to resource recovery and minimising waste disposal.

## 9. Local Law – Standing Orders

At its June 2019 OCM, Council gave notice as to the purpose and effect of a proposed *WMRC Local law – Standing Orders* to govern the conduct of WMRC Council and Committee meetings. The proposed Local Law will be the subject of public notice in both state-wide and local newspapers following the relocation of our office.

## 10. Policy and Advocacy

Staff have attended the WALGA Single Use Plastic Consultation session for Local Government.

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](#). Please encourage completion of the survey by members of your communities.



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