# **WMRC Bulletin**

22 July 2019

#### 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. Safety and Security

There have 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. They are to be introduced monthly for Administration office staff. Security camera footage has led to an arrest and conviction of one person. There have been no further break-ins at the West Metro Recycling Centre.

### 3. DiCOM appeal

On 22-23 July, the Chairman, CEO and Manager Operations attended the appeal by DiCOM against Justice Archer's Supreme Court decision of last August. The two-day appeal was heard by the full bench of the Appeals Court presided over by the Chief Justice. The decision of the Appeal Court is expected within three months.

#### 4. WMRC has relocated

The WMRC Administration Office has now relocated. This location is proving far more functional than our previous location and certainly provides for a greatly improved public presence. Do pay us a visit!



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The main phone number has not changed, although the phone system has changed. Our direct line numbers are on our email signature blocks and can be supplied on request. Please update your records.

# 5. Office Technology Updates

We have recently updated both our IT and phone systems. We have increased flexible working possibilities and data security by migrating from an old server to the cloud. This has been made possible using a high speed fixed wireless network.

Callers will notice a change to the phone system with the introduction of options to direct calls. Although the main phone number has not changed, all office staff now have direct line numbers which are available on request and on our email signature blocks.

### 6. WMRC Draft Strategic Community Plan

The new draft SCP is now available on our website <u>here</u>. It will remain open for comment until the end of August. Any comments to <u>Libby</u> or <u>Stefan</u>.

#### 7. Communications and Education events

The team is planning community workshops in September, a volunteer event in August, a problem waste day in November and schools events through terms 3 and 4.

### 8. Bulk Waste Processing Tender

WMRC is taking a recommendation on a bulk waste processor to its 1 August OCM. The successful tenderer will also be used for processing of any bulk vergeside waste collected through the pre-booked bulk waste verge collection service when introduced.

### 9. Silo Haulage Tender

We are assessing tenders received for the haulage of waste consolidated in silos at the transfer station.

### 10. Pre-booked vergeside bulk waste collection

Consultation on a draft Request for Tender (RFT) will continue with a Project Control Group meeting this week. We expect the RFT to go out directly after the OCM.

# 11. New - Polystyrene Recycling Service

We are very pleased to announce the expansion of free services at the West Metro Recycling Centre to provide for polystyrene recycling. The service will commence next week.

# 12. Policy and Advocacy

Our submission on DWER's Single Use Plastics paper based on feedback from the Plastic Free July morning tea event last month has been submitted.

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