# **WMRC Bulletin**

5 August 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 attended by the CEO are held every fortnight at the West Metro Recycling Centre and now monthly for the Administration office. In the past fortnight here have been two intrusions into the West Metro Recycling Centre and security camera footage has been handed to the police.

#### 3. WMRC has relocated

The WMRC Administration Office has now relocated. Do pay us a visit!

### Suite 2, 317 Churchill Ave

Subiaco WA 6008

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.

### 4. 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>.

## 5. Bulk Waste Processing Tender

Following an RFT, WMRC has awarded a contract to Perth Bin Hire to process bulk waste at a rate less than landfill. This new resource recovery and recycling initiative will divert a significant quantity of waste material from landfill. Importantly, the contract will also provide for the processing of the bulk vergeside waste collected through the new pre-booked bulk waste verge collection service, currently out for tenders.

# 6. Silo Haulage Tender

WMRC has awarded the Silo Haulage tender to WestTip. Haulage to the City of Rockingham's Millar Road landfill will cost 6% less than under the previous contract. The contract also provides for the haulage of waste to Tamala Park at a rate 19% lower than before. This new low rate will make the WMRC's waste transfer and haulage service especially attractive to the City of Perth.

# 7. Pre-booked vergeside bulk waste collection

Following extensive consultation with member Council officers, the Request for Tender (RFT) for this service was advertised in the West Australian on Saturday 3 August. Tenders close on 30 August. A compulsory tender briefing will be held at the WMRC offices on Tuesday 13 August. The pre-booked



vergeside bulk waste collection service will be offered to all member councils on an opt-in basis. It offers improved convenience to residents; will boost resource recovery; and will end the unsightliness of whole districts at a time having bulk waste on vergeside for extended periods. The contract will include provision for collection of illegally dumped materials on behalf of participating Councils.

### 8. New - Polystyrene Recycling Service

WMRC's new polystyrene (EPS) recycling service is already proving highly popular. This free recycling service comes at no additional cost to member councils.



#### 9. Waste Plans

Following attendance at a DWER waste plan briefing, a submission will be made on the contents in consultation with member Councils.

The current timeline for submission of Local Government Waste Plans (obligatory for all Perth and Peel councils) has the format being finalised on October/November; waste plans being developed from then until early 2020; and adoption by Councils by July/August 2020. Waste plans are to be implemented from FY 2020/21 and reported on by 1 October annually.

WMRC will be providing expert assistance and coordinating the development of Waste Plans for member Councils.

### 10. Container Deposit Scheme "Containers for Change" Infrastructure

WMRC has lodged an expression of interest in hosting a refund point and will be attending the briefing on 14 August. The CDS scheme will be starting on 2 June 2020. More information here and here.

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