WMRC Bulletin

19 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. DiCOM Appeal

The judgement on DiCOM's appeal was handed down 16 August. The appeal was dismissed on all counts. WMRC CEO and Manager Operations will meet with DiCOM representatives on 20 August to determine next steps.

3. Safety and Security

There have been no new 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 there have been 3 intrusions into the West Metro Recycling Centre and security camera footage has been handed to the police. We have been notified by the police of the conviction of an individual relating to an incident from late May.

4. WMRC Draft Strategic Community Plan

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

5. Pre-booked vergeside bulk waste collection

Following extensive consultation with member Council officers, the Request for Tender for this service was advertised in the West Australian on Saturday 3 August. Tenders close on 30 August. A compulsory tender briefing was held at the WMRC offices on Tuesday 13 August and attended by representatives from 5 businesses. The pre-booked vergeside bulk waste collection service will be offered to all member councils on an opt-in basis. It will offer 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.

A draft MoU to guide the relationship between participating member Councils and the WMRC will be submitted for consideration of the September CEOAC.

6. Waste Plans

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.



7. Container Deposit Scheme "Containers for Change" Infrastructure

WMRC has lodged an expression of interest in hosting a refund point and, following attendance at the briefing by WARRL (the scheme coordinators) is assessing options. More information on the Container Deposit Scheme here and here and here.

8. Waste Watchers Workshops

The next two Waste Watchers Workshops will be hosted by Mosman Park Primary School P&C (school parents' advisory group) on 12 and 19 September. Promotional material will be circulated both through our usual channels and through the Mosman Park PS networks. The third workshop will be held at Earthwise Community Centre, Subiaco on 22 September.





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