

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 Update

DiCOM continues to meet its obligations to pay court costs as when the payments fall due. Negotiations between WMRC and DiCOM as to the future of the DiCOM facility are continuing.

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 monthly for the Administration office. A new WMRC Occupational Health and Safety Plan has been developed for the approval of Council.

4. Strategic Community Plan

The SCP will be put forward to the WMRC Council for approval at its next meeting on 3 October 2019. Following approval, the WMRC will undertake its new Corporate Business Plan which represents the other principal requirement of the Local Government Integrated Planning Framework.

5. Pre-booked vergeside bulk waste collection service

A recommendation for the award of this Tender will be made at the OCM of 3 October. A draft MoU to guide the relationship between participating member Councils and the WMRC in managing the contract has been developed.

6. FOGO Infrastructure

The Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council is to develop a 100,000 tpa FOGO processing facility at its Hazelmere operations site. A further 75,000 tpa of FOGO processing capacity is planned by the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council. Mindarie Regional Council is conducting trials of processing FOGO material at its Neerabup organic waste processing facility. WMRC anticipates that it will be able to secure an advantageous rate for FOGO processing as and when Member Councils are ready to provide a FOGO service.

7. WMRC Invoicing

I'm pleased to advise that WMRC has switched from weekly to fortnightly invoicing of Member Councils for waste receivables. This will halve the workload in the preparation and processing of invoices for both the WMRC and Member Councils.

8. Community Education – Schools and Community Groups

The Communications and Education team has developed a one-day free incursion for Primary Schools which introduces the entire school population of students from yrs 1 – 6 to elements of good waste management and waste reduction in an engaging, participatory and high energy fashion. We are happy to talk to schools throughout our area about this program; please ask that they get in touch if they are interested in either this or next school year.

We are keen to run Waste Watchers Workshops for adults hosted by schools and community groups but open to all in our area. Please let your contacts in your community groups know to get in touch if they are interested.

9. Waste and Recycle Conference 2019

Members of the WMRC staff and Council attended this conference which included international and interstate presenters as well as examples of best practice from across the state. Key themes were waste education practice and research, preparations for the forthcoming Containers for Change program, implementation of FOGO collections, Circular Economy and moves towards minimising single use plastics. Manager Communications and Education presented on the results of the review of the community education program.



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