

## 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 WMRC Councillors, their deputies, CEOs and relevant officers of our member Councils.

## 2. 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.

The new Recycling Centre high-security fence is almost complete, and works have begun on installing the three new remote-controlled sliding gates.

## 3. DiCOM Update

There remain a few legal issues which will be the subject of a Strategic Conference at the Supreme Court now postponed to 19<sup>th</sup> December. Otherwise negotiations between WMRC and DiCOM as to the future of the DiCOM facility continue.

## 4. Verge Valet service (pre-booked vergeside bulk waste collection)

This exciting new service is now available to Member Councils to opt in. The service will also be made available to surrounding non-member Councils. Council has approved a \$125 per tonne bulk waste processing fee (\$135 for non-members). Please contact [aimee.hynes@wmrc.wa.gov.au](mailto:aimee.hynes@wmrc.wa.gov.au) for details.

## 5. Waste Plans Required

The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) has written to CEOs to give formal notice about the requirement under the *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007* for local governments to prepare a waste plan and submit it to DWER by 30 September 2020. The WMRC will attend the DWER workshop on completing Waste Plans on 2 December and will work with relevant officers from all Member Councils to complete a congruent set of Waste Plans for Member Councils and the WMRC. Please contact [libby.eustance@wmrc.wa.gov.au](mailto:libby.eustance@wmrc.wa.gov.au) for further details.

## 6. Bin Tagging

The WMRC has been successful in obtaining a bin tagging grant from WALGA. The application was for 1000 houses across our five Member Councils according to population. Our previous experience in Mosman Park (2016) and Cottesloe (2018) indicated that there is very little community disquiet with the program. WALGA have a full suite of resident communications material and extensive experience on running bin tagging. Our team will be in touch with relevant officers to ascertain whether there are any Member Councils who do not wish to be involved.

## 7. Resident Recycling Centre Access Pass

The WMRC plans to introduce this pass in order to minimise the use of West Metro Recycling Centre services by residents of non-member councils. In addition, this pass provides an opportunity to update and modernise the existing Tip Pass system to improve its equitability and decrease its administrative burden at both Member Councils and the WMRC. We plan to introduce the Access Pass at the beginning of the new financial year.

## 8. Problem Waste Day at Subiaco



WMRC held a very successful Problem Waste Day in conjunction with the City of Subiaco on Saturday, 16 November. We received substantial quantities of e-waste, cardboard, polystyrene, clothing, plastics and aerosol cans. We also ran a promotion for the coming WA Container Deposit Scheme, handing out ten cents for every beverage container brought in.

## 9. Container Deposit Scheme for planners

One of the important steps for getting the CDS scheme ready to start 2 June 2020 is Local Government planning approval. WALGA are running an information session for Planners as follows. Please encourage any planners to attend.

This session will explore what the infrastructure in the Scheme is likely to look like, some planning FAQ's and provide attendees with the opportunity to ask the Scheme Coordinator any questions about the Scheme.

**When:** 1 – 2.30pm, Wednesday 11 December

**Where:** Boardrooms, Level 1, ONE70 Railway Pde, West Leederville

**RSVP:** by COB Monday 9 December, register [online](#)

## 10. Fire at Cleanaway South Guildford

Our information is that the [fire at the South Guildford MRF](#) on 25 November destroyed the plant. Only one of our Member Councils uses this facility for its recyclables and WMRC is working with them to find alternates. Our cardboard collection contract from the West Metro Recycling Centre is also with Cleanaway and we are researching alternates. Indications are that the Cleanaway plant will be rebuilt; and that Cleanaway's recycling collections will be diverted to other MRFs. It's likely that some of Cleanaway's recyclables will be landfilled while the industry adjusts.



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