



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 complete, and the installation of the three remote-controlled gates complete tomorrow (Tuesday, 10 December).

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 19th December. Our legal team has prepared draft Deed of Settlement and Release which is under review by DiCOM on a without prejudice basis.

4. Verge Valet service

This exciting new service is now available to Member Councils to opt in following the lead set by the Town of Mosman Park. The service will be soft-launched there from mid-January with a full launch in February. A 3.5% discount on the collection charge will apply as each subsequent council joins. The service will also be made available to surrounding non-member Councils. Please contact aimee.hynes@wmrc.wa.gov.au for details.

5. Waste Plans Required

The WMRC is working with relevant officers from all Member Councils to complete a congruent set of Waste Plans for Member Councils and the WMRC ahead of the 1 April DWER deadline for draft plans. Please contact 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 to minimise the use of West Metro Recycling Centre “free” services by residents of non-contributing neighbouring councils. In addition, this pass provides an opportunity to modernise and standardise the existing Tip Pass system for consistency of communications and to 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.

Both the City of Nedlands and the Town of Cambridge have been consulted about the WMRC’s plans to introduce an Access Pass. The matter will be further discussed amongst Member Councils and the WMRC at the CEOAC in January before an agenda item is prepared for the consideration of WMRC Council at its February meeting.

8. Fire at Cleanaway South Guildford

Although the [fire at the South Guildford MRF](#) on 25 November destroyed Cleanaway’s recyclables sorting / baling facility, it only directly affects the City of Subiaco’s recycling service. Plans are in place to divert their recyclables to SMRC’s facility from 6 January, and sooner if possible. There is no effect on the recycling arising from our other Member Councils and residents should continue to recycle according to the [current recycling rules](#).

9. Season’s Greetings

The WMRC team wish all Councillors and staff of our Member Councils a safe, happy, waste-wise Christmas and we look forward to another good year in 2020!



Stefan Frodsham - Chief Executive Officer