

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 and three remote-controlled gates are fully operational and performing very effectively. There have been no intrusions or theft from the West Metro Centre since the installation. The automatic gates are the key to providing new transfer station customers with the option of after-hours self-service, 7 days a week.

3. Verge Valet service

6. How would you rate the Verge Valet service as a whole?

11
Responses

★★★★★
4.73 Average Rating

7. Do you prefer the Verge Valet service over a traditional bulk verge collection?

● Yes	11
● No	0
● Indifferent	0



First collections have been undertaken in Mosman Park with residents reporting a very high degree of satisfaction with the service.

For more details of the service and how it works [click here](#).

This service is now available to Member Councils to opt in following the lead set by the Town of Mosman Park.

A very useful feature of the service is the almost instant post-service feedback, including detailed comments, that is made available to ourselves, the contractors and the participating Council. This feature alone takes participating councils into an exciting new era of community feedback and response.

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.

4. Waste Plans Required

The WMRC is working with 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 the draft plans. Good progress has been made with the City of Subiaco's Waste Plan which is planned to be submitted to DWER by early February. Work on other Member Councils' plans will take place subsequently.

Please contact libby.eustance@wmrc.wa.gov.au for further details including treatment of DWER population statistics.

5. Bin Tagging

WMRC has employed a Bin Tagging Coordinator who will be in touch to work out details of routes, and dates with Member Council contacts (Claremont, Cottesloe, Mosman Park and Subiaco). We will be using WALGA information as the basis for our community communications and relevant people in your organisations will be receive information/training to answer any community queries. The project is aimed at reducing contamination in recycling and other bins. Community communication material will be made available prior to the start of the project (anticipated late February).

6. Containers for Change

ParaQuad Industries and the City of Perth advise that their applications to provide refund points for the new Container Deposit Scheme when it commences in June have been successful.

WMRC will look to partner with the City of Perth and ParaQuad Industries in acting as a collection point for refundable beverage containers for supply to them.

7. Kerbside Recycling after Cleanaway fire

The fire at the Cleanaway recycling plant on November 2019 has had a large effect on recycling across Perth. Among the WMRC Member Councils, only Subiaco's yellow bin recycling was affected. We are pleased to report that since 19 December Subiaco's recycling collections have been processed through SMRCs Canning Vale MRF and a longer-term arrangement is under negotiation.

8. 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.

The City of Nedlands and the Town of Cambridge have been consulted about the WMRC's plans to introduce an Access Pass; and we have also raised the matter with our friends at the City of Perth. Initial feedback from both Nedlands and Cambridge has been positive. The matter will be further considered of WMRC Council at its February meeting.



Stefan Frodsham - Chief Executive Officer

