

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 or security 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.

3. Verge Valet service

Verge Valet
Mosman Park

Verge Valet continues to operate at a very high level of customer satisfaction through this pilot phase. Bookings are steadily ramping up week by week. Full launch in Mosman Park is planned for Mid-March.

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.

4. Landfill Levy

Good news. I have received advice from the Minister for Environment that the Landfill Levy will remain unchanged at \$70.00 per tonne for 2020-21 financial year. A discussion paper on a review of the landfill levy will be released shortly by the Government. WMRC will look to submit a position paper in response.

5. Waste Plans Required

City of Subiaco's draft Waste Plan has now been submitted to DWER. Work is underway on Waste Plans for Mosman Park and Claremont and due to start soon for Cottesloe and Peppermint Grove in time for DWERs deadline of 1 April. Please contact libby.eustance@wmrc.wa.gov.au for further details including treatment of DWER population statistics.

6. Bin Tagging

This project to reduce contamination in kerbside bins start late February in areas of Claremont, Cottesloe, Mosman Park and Subiaco. There is a WALGA-run training session for front of house and communications staff being held on 19 February at Claremont. All Member Councils have been provided with communications material for Elected Members, staff and residents.

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. School Battery Collection

WMRC has been collecting household batteries for recycling in schools since 2009. With changes in battery technology we now consider that the risks of these collections are too high, and we have withdrawn the school battery collection program. Our battery collection stations in other locations are unaffected.

9. Corporate Business Plan

Our new Corporate Business Plan (CBP) was passed unanimously at the OCM on 6 February. Informing strategies consisting of a new ten-year Long-Term Financial Plan and Asset Management Plan were also approved by Council. The approval of the CBP completes WMRC's *Plan for the Future* and brings the WMRC fully up to date with the requirements of the Government's Integrated Planning Framework. A copy of the CBP is available to read [here](#).

10. Resident Recycling Centre Access Pass

Following the resolution at the WMRC OCM on 6 February, the WMRC will work with member Council CEOs to progress the recycling centre access pass and update the current tip pass system.

11. FOGO Forum

The new Better Bins program which includes specific reference to assist Local Governments to transition to FOGO collections is anticipated to be released late February. Date for your diaries:

27 March FOGO Forum.

Hear about processing and markets, education and experience to date with FOGO. A chance to identify issues as FOGO is progressively rolled out across the Metro area in line with the Waste Strategy.

12. Recycling in the 20s – attend online or in person

This WALGA session will outline the current market conditions, better practice contracting, insurance implications and the proposed export bans for recyclable materials (glass, plastic, paper and cardboard).

Date: Friday, 14 February

Time: 9:30am to 11:00am

Venue: Regional Resource Recovery Facility, 350 Bannister Road, Canning Vale

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