

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. Opening Hours Extended at West Metro Recycling Centre

In order to properly service burgeoning community demand, we are delighted to announce that extended opening hours now apply, mostly affecting weekend service which jumps from six to sixteen hours. The new opening times amount to a 24% increase in WMRC's service to the public and we are already seeing a surge in the number of residents using the facility (last weekend's visits were 26% of the entire number of visits through January). **Please ensure that your websites etc are updated to take amount of this change.**



WEST METRO RECYCLING CENTRE EXTENDED HOURS

Weekdays: 7.30AM - 4.00PM

Weekends: 8.00AM - 4.00PM

Public Holidays: 7.30AM - 2.00PM

Closed Christmas Day, New Year's Day & Good Friday.

4. Waste Plans

We're making excellent progress in working with Member Councils on the Waste Plans required by the *State Waste Strategy 2030*. We have already received feedback from DWER to the City of Subiaco's draft Waste Plan and will incorporate those comments into Waste Plans for ourselves and other Member Councils. Please contact libby.eustance@wmrc.wa.gov.au for further details.

5. Bin Tagging

This project to educate residents and reduce contamination in kerbside bins is underway. We have received a few comments from residents, including one saying that the taggers were not rummaging enough and one saying that anyone looking in their bin was an invasion of privacy. Only one household of 1000 has been requested to be removed from the list. Further information is available [here](#).

6. Resident Recycling Centre Access Pass

Following the resolution at the WMRC OCM on 6 February, the WMRC is continuing to work with neighbouring Council CEOs to progress the recycling centre access pass. The access pass will limit access to the West Metro Recycling Centre's specialised recycling and collection services to residents of contributing councils in the circumstance that either Nedlands or Cambridge decline to contribute for the services their residents receive.

As all Member Council residents will be requested to show their access pass or proof of residence to enter the site, it provides an opportunity to streamline the resident Council Tip Pass distribution. All CEOs have received information concerning this for discussion.

7. Plastic Free July

Member Councils will have received information from *Plastic Free July* concerning their membership options. We are in negotiations with them to secure cost-effective membership on behalf of all five Member Councils and will inform you of the outcome.

8. Verge Valet

After a successful pilot, the full launch of the *Verge Valet* service happens this coming weekend. Resident satisfaction with *Verge Valet* continues at an amazing 95% with 90% of users preferring this service to a traditional service.

9. Waste 101

If you or any other staff or Elected Members want to know more about waste, we recommend WALGA's Waste 101 course. This workshop and tour is an opportunity to cram a day full of different waste experiences – whether you're new to the industry or just need a bit of a refresher course - and is perfect for Local Government Officers and Elected Members who want a solid understanding of waste management issues. After the workshop, attendees will have the opportunity to tour the SMRC Regional Resource Recovery Centre, then head off for a behind the scenes look at the City of Cockburn Henderson Resource Recovery Park.

Date: Friday, **27 March**

Time: 8:30am to 4:00pm (Registration from 8:00am)

Venue: Departs from ONE70, LV1, 170 Railway Parade, West Leederville

Cost: \$250.00 (includes morning tea, lunch and GST)



Stefan Frodsham - Chief Executive Officer