

## 1. Introduction

The WMRC Bulletin serves to provide a summary update on key issues and developments in the periods between WMRC Council meetings. It is issued fortnightly and circulated to WMRC Councillors, Deputies, CEOs and key office bearers across the region we serve.

## 2. Resident Access Pass and City of Nedlands

Our Chairman Cr. Hohnen addressed the City of Nedlands OCM on 26 May, but they did not consider our request for a per household contribution towards the cost of waste recycling and treatment services provided to their residents at West Metro Recycling Centre despite it being on their agenda. Our Council will consider the Residents' Access Pass at its OCM on 4 June and we anticipate an entry fee for all non-Member Council residents will apply as from 1 July 2020.

We are printing the RAP letters with attached waste passes for the Town of Claremont and await information from one more council before printing the rest.

## 3. Verge Valet – our pre-booked bulk waste service

The first quarter report for this highly successful initiative will be presented to both the Town of Mosman Park and at our OCM this week. We are preparing for the introduction of *Verge Valet* to the Town of Cottesloe from 1 July. Copies of the 3-month review report are available on request.

## 4. More welcome changes at West Metro Recycling Centre

We are planning works to improve the street presentation of the Recycling Centre. The new cover for the Hazardous Household Waste (HHW) drop off area is expected to be complete by June 12th; and the new C&D and mulch areas will be completed by mid-June. We are upgrading the presentation of the community recycling shed. Discussions and planning are progressing to renew our waste transfer infrastructure as the existing silos are nearing the end of their useful lives. We remain happy to conduct site tours for interested parties. Contact [keith.swift@wmrc.wa.gov.au](mailto:keith.swift@wmrc.wa.gov.au).

## 5. FOGO preparations and funding

A licence amendment has been submitted to DWER, requesting permission for WMRC to receive FOGO material from councils in the region, for efficient transport to treatment facilities.

All of the DWER online forums and [the material presented can be found here](#) with audio tracks.

DWER's Better Bins GO FOGO funding scheme prioritises early adoption of a FOGO system; the funding for necessary changes (caddies, liners, bins etc) available drops year on year. Applications for funding in 2020-21 closes 10 July 2020. [Details here.](#)

## 6. WMRC Waste to Energy service

We are seeking approval from the WMRC Council for approval for residual (red bin) household waste to be efficiently transported for energy recovery as an alternative to landfill. The tender will strictly be based

on a waste arising basis with no committed quantities or undertakings made about composition or calorific value. We plan to make our WtE service available to all municipalities in our region.

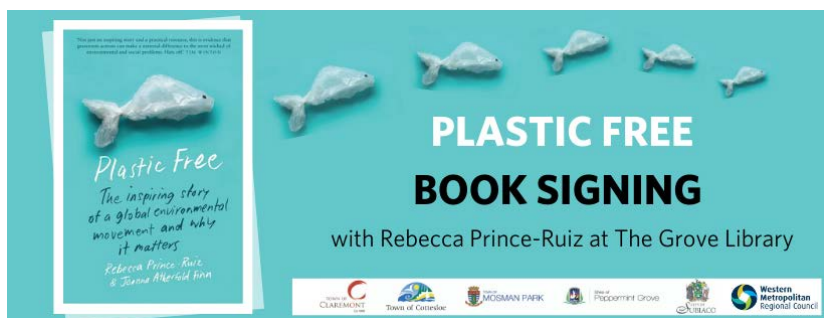
## 7. Waste Watchers Webinars

We have 2 Bin Basics and one Composting Webinar coming up – ctrl-click the pictures to book. This material has also been circulated to relevant staff for promotion to residents:



## 8. Plastic Free July

We have purchased Council membership of Plastic Free July on behalf of our Member Councils. This has provided us and our Member Councils with access to a wide range of digital and media assets and online presentations. We have been working with Comms staff to make them accessible to all Member Councils and their residents. We have one special in-person event planned:



Wednesday 8 July The Grove Library  
6:30

Rebecca Prince Ruiz – “Plastic Free”  
Book Launch

[Book here](#)

Bookings essential - numbers strictly limited

## 9. Container Deposit Scheme

DWER has announced that the scheme will now start on 1 October. Alinea (Paraquad) on Selby Street is the only approved Return Point Operator in our region. Satellite return points across the area have been considered but are not considered suitable at this stage.

Stefan Frodsham - Chief Executive Officer