

## 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. Down, down prices are down

Our changed fee structure has resulted in increased throughput to drive down costs to Member Councils. Although we no longer charge Member Councils a per tonne gate fee that includes all the extra services that we deliver to our councils and their residents (including Household Hazardous Waste handling, education and communications, direct Member Council assistance etc), a recent analysis shows that if we were to revert to the old method of charging by the tonne the rate would be \$214.83/tonne for general waste. This compares favourably with \$280/tonne we were charging in 2018.

## 3. Resident Access Pass / new fees and charges

The Member Councils' residents' Resident Access Passes have been delivered to Claremont and are currently being printed for including in the rates notices. FAQs are being prepared for front desks on how these and the new waste passes will operate in the new financial year.

Waste passes (previously called tip passes) will be purchased by residents at the weighbridge rather than over the front desks in the new financial year. The old card passes will be valid until end 2020.

## 4. Construction and demolition waste receiptal



The new C+D bay has been installed for the receipt of small loads of inert construction and demolition waste. This waste will be reprocessed rather than landfilled as previously. The new per tonne rate is \$65.99 inc GST for Member Councils and \$90.00 for commercials and non-Member Councils.

## 5. Even more changes at West Metro Recycling Centre

We have upgraded the presentation of the community recycling shed; and repositioned the residents' free mulch pile. The Household Hazardous Waste area shelter will be in place by end of this month. Our modern new weighbridge software will be in use from 1 July and will improve reporting. We are planning planting and screening works to improve the street presentation of the Recycling Centre. 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) .

## 6. 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.

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.](#)

## 7. WMRC Waste to Energy service

Our Request for Tender for the receipt of residual waste from the West Metro RC for energy recovery purposes was released last week and is open until 13 July. This service will also be offered to other councils in our catchment area.

## 8. Waste Watchers Webinars



Another webinar will be held for residents this week. This will be the first home composting workshop for over a year. Member Council staff – please share on your socials.

## 9. Plastic Free July

We are working with relevant staff to make the most of the Council membership of Plastic Free July purchased on behalf of our Member Councils. 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

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