WMRC Bulletin

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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. Past Bulletins are now posted on our website at https://www.wmrc.wa.gov.au/about-us/publications/wmrc-bulletin/

2. Construction and Demolition Waste update

Our new Construction and Demolition waste receival service is proving popular. We have already collected 93 tonnes of the material for recycling since 1 July. The rate for Member Councils and their residents is only \$60+GST per tonne – a considerable reward for diverting this inert recyclable waste from landfill.

3. HHW training 6 August



Household Hazardous Waste is one of the WMRC's key services. Safely receiving, identifying, cataloguing, and storing the hazardous materials isn't cheap, but the benefits of avoiding incorrect and unsafe disposal make the service most worthwhile. WMRC has risen in the rankings to be the 4th most productive HHW service in WA.

The team has just undertaken some updated HHW training from WALGA.

4. Verge Valet Cottesloe!



The Town of Cottesloe's *Verge Valet* bulk waste collection continues to be popular with users and staff and has received excellent coverage in the local papers.

Customer satisfaction remains high in Mosman Park too: of 217 residents surveyed, only 19 (9%) prefer the old system. The service is still receiving a 93% satisfaction rating from Mosman Park users.

5. Mosman Park staff visit the West Metro RC



Several Town of Mosman Park staff and WMRC Deputy Cr. Andrew Baird enjoyed their visit to the West Metro RC last Friday. They commented on the site's neatness and the wide range of services so efficiently provided in a relatively small area.

There is a lot to learn about modern waste management. We are always happy to host more visits – please contact us to arrange one for your elected members and staff.

6. New Fees and Charges

At the 6 August OCM, the Council approved two new minimum charges for Member Council residents bringing in bulk household or green waste. They also approved the creation of Participating Council rates for green and general waste disposal for non-Member Councils who do contribute to the cost of running the West Metro RC. Updated Fees and Charges flyers will be printed and circulated to all Member Councils.

7. City of Nedlands

Discussions continue with the City of Nedlands on a number of fronts. We have submitted a tender for receival of their general waste and we have been invited to brief their Councillors again on the services WMRC provides at the West Metro RC.

8. Containers for Change

The Container Deposit Scheme, <u>Containers for Change</u>, will start state-wide from 1 October coordinated by <u>WARRRL</u>. The local Refund point will be at Paraquad in Shenton Park. The West Metro RC will have facilities for the donation of containers on site which will be serviced by Paraquad. There are several community webinars and information sessions to come. Further information <u>here</u>.

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