

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. Town of Cambridge

With a positive vote at last week's Committee meeting, we are hopeful that the Town of Cambridge will become a participating Council of the WMRC for an initial year following their next Ordinary Council Meeting on 25 August. This will allow their residents access to the West Metro Recycling Centre without paying the \$25 Entry Fee applicable to non-member Council residents. It will also allow the Town access to discount rates for waste disposal, some 10-15% lower than other non-member Councils.

3. City of Nedlands

I presented to the City's Agenda briefing last week concerning the benefits of becoming a participating Council and received positive feedback from the members. Particular interest was shown by Nedlands' councillors in *Verge Valet*.

4. Visit to Mandurah Transfer Station



As part of assessing the future replacement of our ageing silo waste transport system, we visited Mandurah Transfer station (operated by Cleanaway) and with a throughput similar to our licenced capacity, to view their moving floor and ejector blade waste transport system in action. The image shows one of their trucks being loaded with around 26 tonnes waste to be efficiently transported to a treatment facility.

5. 2019-20 recycling rate through the West Metro RC doubles!

In 2019-20 we received a total of 24,477 tonnes of material onsite: an increase of 14.5% on the previous year.

With the increased proportion of greenwaste through the facility and with our change to recycling rather than landfilling the bulk waste received, we are very pleased to report that the recycling rate of all materials through the facility has doubled from around 23% to 46% in the 2019-20 year. Since recycling waste is

often cheaper than paying for landfill disposal, increasing our recycling rate is one of our principal means of reducing our average costs and lowering gate fees for our Member Councils. Congratulations to all concerned.

6. Waste Watchers Workshop

We are very happy to be back presenting a workshop face to face. This time at the Town of Claremont's offices. Details below. We'd be delighted to see any staff or councillors from Member Councils attending.



7. Plastic Free July roundup

Our member Councils undertook a range of activities as a result of our membership of Plastic Free July. These ranged from promotional material (Claremont, Mosman Park) to library competitions (Claremont, The Grove and Subiaco) and a beach clean-up which had 172 volunteers in attendance collecting 135kg of rubbish (Cottesloe). We are assessing our support of Plastic Free Foundation for future years.

8. Containers for Change

The Container Deposit Scheme, [Containers for Change](#), will start state-wide from 1 October coordinated by [WARRRL](#). Although locations are yet to be announced by WARRRL, 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 [here](#).

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