

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

2. Verge Valet goes live in Cambridge

Verge Valet

Cambridge

With first collections in the Town of Cambridge taking place on 3rd and 4th November, the bookings have been opened for a week and garnered a total of 381 bookings (and counting) across the next 6 weeks with over 120 in the first week. This is well within the collector's capability.

As in Mosman Park and Cottesloe, the Town's staff have been trained, have access to a full range of tools for monitoring bookings and collections, and WMRC will coordinate Project Control Group meetings as frequently as required to ensure a smooth roll out.

Verge Valet Extra, where residents can pay direct for collections additional to their allowance, will be launched initially in Mosman Park and Cottesloe within the next week or so and to Cambridge soon thereafter.

A recent [press release](#) details the benefits of a Verge Valet service.

3. Bin tagging project concluding



We have completed the final round of bin tagging in the Towns of Cottesloe, Mosman Park and Claremont. Most properties showed low levels of contamination. In the few cases where there was repeated severe contamination in the recycling bins, we taped the bins closed so that they would not be collected. Residents were requested to sort their waste correctly prior to collection. The picture shows an example of just how contaminated the recycling bin has to be for taping; bear in mind that this is after consecutive tagging rounds which gave the residents clear information on how to sort their waste.

Contamination reduction is important to minimise the risk of increases to recycling gate fees.

4. National Recycling Week events

National Recycling week, which is 9-15 November this year, is always busy for us.

We are very pleased to be working with the Town of Claremont to hold a Community Recycling Drop Off day on 14 November to help residents from across our area dispose of a range of hard to recycle items responsibly.



Free Community Recycling Drop off Day

Saturday 14 November - 9am to 1pm
Town of Claremont Council Carpark - corner Bay View Tce & Stirling Hwy, Claremont

Drop off these hard to recycle items
x-rays | clothing | bric-a-brac | e-waste | cardboard | batteries | aerosols | polystyrene | quality indoor furniture - no beds, mattresses or child safety products

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The poster features a central graphic of a recycling symbol surrounded by icons for various items: a laptop, a box, a t-shirt, a battery, a recycling bin, and a recycling symbol. The background is dark blue with a green and yellow circular pattern on the right side.

The WMRC is hosting a community tour of SMRCs regional resource recovery centre in Canning Vale (fully booked). In addition, we will be present at both Subiaco Farmers Market 7 November and the Mosman Park Craft Markets 8 November.

5. W2E tender evaluation ongoing

The evaluation of the WMRC's important waste to energy tender is being finalised over the next weeks with a recommendation to Council expected to be included in the Ordinary Council Meeting of 3 December.

Our website will soon include relevant information which will help inform residents about this important new way of dealing with residual waste. The [Waste Authority Position Statement](#) is a useful reference point.

6. Bin diving for CDS-eligible containers

If you receive complaints about people rummaging through kerbside recycling bins for CDS-eligible drink containers, there are two main approaches: 1) education about the hazards and prohibitions around diving in bins and 2) infringement/prosecution with appropriate evidence under the Litter or Health Act or Waste Local Law. WALGA is monitoring the situation and has details of a suggested consistent approach – please email [WMRC](#) if you require a copy.

7. DWER Consultation

We are working with WALGA and WMRR on relevant existing discussion papers released by DWER. These include [the review of the WARR act](#), and the [Waste Derived Materials Framework](#). We expect to be able to largely support WALGA's submissions with further commentary as appropriate.

8. Staff

Stefan Frodsham is on leave until November 10th.



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