

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

Verge Valet is off to a racing start at Town of Cambridge with the first two weeks full to capacity and over 700 bookings to date. The high demand is partly attributable to the service being rolled out a little after Cambridge's next traditional bulk waste pick up would have been due.

As a result, initial resident feedback has been more mixed than for Mosman Park and Cottesloe, both of which are still running at around 80-90% preference for Verge Valet over the traditional scheduled service. However quotes like the following from a Cambridge resident are common: *"I think it exceeded our expectations, well done to the Council, especially on the first time around and hope it goes as smoothly in future, thank you."*

3. National Recycling Week events



Around 30 residents attended our sold-out tour of SMRC's Regional Resource Recovery Facility and learnt about the activities onsite including watching the operations of the recycling facility. We will be running another tour in March. SMRC have produced a series of video snippets for Recycle Right members such as the WMRC. [Here is a sample about why not to bag recyclables](#). We will be promoting this and others online.



Claremont Community Drop off Day had around 130 visitors; three quarters from the Town of Claremont. Most were dropping e-waste with significant numbers bringing cardboard and clothing.

4. Plastic Free July 2020

The recently released impact report indicates that around 15% of all WMRC Member Council residents took part in Plastic Free July this year with a projected annual reduction in waste generated around 104T for landfill waste and 67T for recycling. Plastic Free July was run from within the WMRC for its first six years and has now become a global success. Rebecca Prince Ruiz, the co-founder, has been awarded *WA Local Hero 2021* as part of the Australia Day Awards for her work. We wish her well with the national awards.

5. DWER Consultation

We are preparing a report concerning [the review of the WARR act](#). Main points will include commentary around the role and function of the Waste Authority and aspects of Local Government Waste Services. We expect to be able to largely support WALGA's submissions with further commentary particularly in the latter area.

6. Staff

Tianah Dixon will be joining us on 17 November as a Project and Communications Support Officer, Amy Mickelberg, Communications and Marketing Officer, returns from a semester's study leave on 23 November, Keith Swift, Manager Operations, leaves us for the SMRC on the 27 November and Peter Engel will join us from 23 November in his place.

Stefan Frodsham - Chief Executive Officer