

1. Introduction

The WMRC Bulletin provides a fortnightly 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/governance-transparency/wmrc-bulletin/>

2. Waste to energy tender

We are expecting to bring an item to our OCM on 4 February to complete a contract with our preferred tenderer, East Rockingham Waste to Energy, following clarification of the last few details of our Waste Supply Agreement. FAQ's on [waste to energy](#) are available on our website.

3. FOGO planning

After discussion with our Member Council CEOs, we are putting together a plan to assist Member Councils coordinate a transition to Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) collection from the existing Garden Organics (GO) only collections over the next years. The aim will be to reduce both council cost and resident confusion. The current bottleneck is a shortage of suitable processing facilities; however, this is a fast-changing field.

4. Verge Valet™

The first anniversary of *Verge Valet* collections passed on 20 January. Since then, there have been 4,244 verge collections across three councils. Peppermint Grove will start *Verge Valet* in early March, triggering a further 3.5% collection discount for all councils. We are fielding enquiries from a further 6-8 councils and a regional council. We are in the early stages of designing a licensed model for non-neighbouring large councils and regional councils to provide the scalability required.

5. Waste Calendars and Waste Passes for 2021/22



We will be contacting Member Council staff to progress design of consistent waste calendars built on SMRC's template under our Recycle Right partnership. For councils which provide them, we will be including tear-off waste passes with the calendars.

6. Bin tagging

We have successfully obtained grant funding to support tagging 2,000 bins in the 2021 season. We will be meeting with representatives of Mosman Park and Claremont to plan this project, expected to start in March.



7. New school program

We have been working closely with colleagues in the SMRC (Recycle Right) to develop updated materials for primary school incursions. Working jointly with SMRC under the Recycle Right banner gives us cost effective access to design and print services. These will be trialled at a local primary school before being made available for incursions and use at community events.

8. Office renovation

Our office is undergoing a refit over the next few weeks. Peter Engel, our Operations Manager, will work out of the West Metro Recycling Centre over the course of the refit. Other office staff will work from home. Backed up by a cloud-based Office 365 system, softphones and COVID-19 experience from 2020, this should provide seamless service.

A handwritten signature in purple ink, which appears to read 'Stefan Frodsham'.

Stefan Frodsham - Chief Executive Officer