WMRC Bulletin

8 March 2021

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. See the West Metro Recycling Centre for yourself



There is still space on the rescheduled tours of our Recycling Centre for Member and Participating Council staff and elected members (not the public). Bookings essential here: Wednesday 10 March 10:30-12:00 and Thursday 11 March 10:30-12:00. At first hand, see why the WMRC's community waste recycling and treatment services are essential to the achievement of the objectives of your local government's waste plan.

3. New waste silos are on their way!



For over 30 years our existing stock of silos have transported waste efficiently to processing and disposal facilities. It is approaching time for them to be retired, and we are looking forward to the delivery of five new silos currently under manufacture. We'll refurbish any of the old silos in good enough condition; at this stage there may only be one of these. Within a year or two our new silos will likely be carting FOGO waste for processing and residual waste for energy recovery.

4. Upcoming roadworks near West Metro Recycling Centre

The City of Nedlands has informed that they will be resurfacing and installing a dual use footpath along Brockway Road from 16 March to end April. This includes a road closure of the southern part of Brockway Road in the period 6 to 28 April with detours in place. Traffic circulation within the Recycling Centre will not be affected.

5. Peppermint Grove – welcome to Verge Valet™!



The first 14 Verge ValetTM collections in Peppermint Grove are underway today triggering the third discount of 3.5% on the collection fees for all Verge ValetTM host councils. Verge Valet is now operating in four council areas – Mosman Park, Cottesloe, Cambridge and Peppermint Grove.

6. Better Bins Plus GO FOGO



The DWER funding round for 2021-22 is open until 31 March. Applications made for last year carry over. As all Member Councils have already received some funding from DWER, the funding rate is \$14 per household. This funding contributes towards the cost of bins, caddies, liners, and resident education.

The WMRC is compiling a plan for a coordinated FOGO transition across Member Councils.

7. Bintagging starts next week



<u>Bintagging</u> is an integral part of the WMRC's campaign to contain Member Councils waste management costs by minimising contamination levels.

The new round of bintagging due to start in Mosman Park and Claremont on 16 March and will continue for around six weeks. The WMRC has applied for three years' funding for the program and work with other Member Councils in in future years.

This project is supported by the Government of Western Australia and administered by the Waste Authority.

Information will be letterboxed to participating households in the first round. Website material including FAQs will be made available.

WALGA will be running tagger training on Thursday 11 March from 9am in Mosman Park. If any officers or elected members wish to take part in the training, you'd be made very welcome! Contact <u>Libby</u>.

8. Secrets of Sustainable Shopping



WMRC is proud to be partnering with the Town of Claremont and Anglicare in this SOLD-OUT event, presenting tips on successful op shopping.

9. Two remaining Community Education events in March

After two successful Waste Watchers Workshops, there are two more events planned in March, with more to come after Easter.



Canning Vale Recycling
Facility Tour 10am
March 18 SOLD-OUT



Compost and Worm
Farm workshop

9am March 27

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Stefan Frodsham - Chief Executive Officer