# **WMRC Bulletin**

6 April 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 <a href="here">here</a>.

### 2. Key data

Despite 2.5 years of no increases in fees and charges to Member Councils, the following shows that the new strategy of sourcing some income from our catchment area beyond our Member Councils is proving successful. These results compare actual financials to budgets:

	FY 2018/2019	FY 2019/2020	FY 2020/21 to mid-year
Revenue	2.1% decrease	3.9% increase	1.1% decrease
Expenses	7.6% decrease	3.1% decrease	5.7% decrease
Net position	\$379,096 better	\$398,829 better	\$34,012 better

#### 3. Waste to Energy briefings coming



We are planning briefings to make sure that Member Council Elected Members and the CEOs are aware of the effects of the Waste to Energy contract.

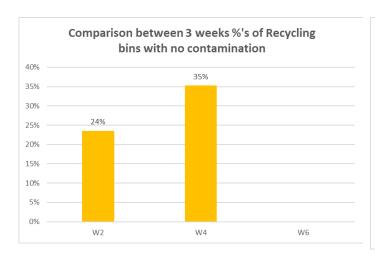
Using Waste to Energy rather than landfill will shield Member Councils from future increases in the Waste Levy. It will also contribute towards meeting the Waste Strategy target of no more than 15% of household waste being consigned to landfill.

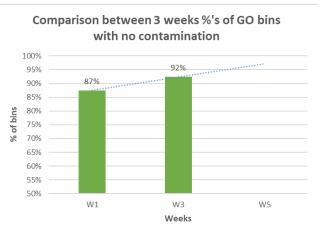
## 4. GO FOGO together



Following a recommendation from Member Council CEOs, our Council resolved to create a Project Control Group (PCG) to coordinate the transition to FOGO across our Member Councils. This will assist in keeping both costs and resident confusion down through the transition. It will also ensure that we harvest as much of the food organics as possible from the general waste bin. The PCG will be made up of officers from each Member Council and the WMRC.

## 5. Bintagging interim data





We are about half way through our <u>bintagging project</u>. Interim results are showing an increase in the proportion of bins with no registered contamination; the examples above are from Mosman Park. Bintagging is an integral part of the WMRC's campaign to contain Member Councils' waste management costs by minimising contamination levels.

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

## 6. Verge Valet™ expanding further

We are working with the City of Subiaco to prepare for their introduction of Verge Valet<sup>TM</sup> at the very beginning of the new financial year (subject to continued favourable community consultation) and are also delighted to be welcoming the City of Vincent to the Verge Valet<sup>TM</sup> family from early 2022. Their media release included a quote from their Mayor Emma Cole "The Verge Valet service will reduce the amount of waste we collect and help us achieve our ambitious target of sending no waste to landfill by 2028".

We are continuing to receive significant interest in the service from beyond our borders; this will add to net revenue.

Stefan Frodsham - Chief Executive Officer