

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 and deputies, Member Council Elected Members, CEOs and other key people across the region. Past Bulletins are posted on our website [here](#).

2. Waste to Energy Information Sessions



WMRC is holding two information sessions for Elected Members and interested staff concerning its Waste to Energy draft contract on 20th May. The sessions are to be held at the Town of Mosman Park, one in work hours, and repeated after work hours.

The sessions are for staff and Elected Members only.

The availability of Waste to Energy for treating the contents of the red-lid general waste bin is just one of many changes over the next few years in WA's waste management. WMRC's contract with East Rockingham Waste to Energy is nearing finalisation. We invite all WMRC Member Council Elected Members and interested staff to these sessions to make sure they are up to date on this important topic. Jason Pugh, CEO of preferred tenderer *East Rockingham Waste to Energy*, will attend to brief on technical matters including progress on the construction of the company's waste to energy facility. There will be ample time for Q&A.

We have some [FAQs on our website here](#).

Please click this link to attend the 3:30 pm session <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/153936850263>

Please click this link to attend the 6:00 pm session <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/153934270547>

3. FOGO Transition

The FOGO Transition Project Control Group has started work with a briefing on the implications of the changeover to FOGO and the effect of WMRC receiving Vincent FOGO waste from October 2021. Key points are that a smooth transition relies on good bin location and property owner/resident data, interaction with a wide range of staff in each Member Council, dedicated resources, plenty of community communications and a 6-12 month lead time.

WMRC remains happy to present an information session or to brief Elected Members on this important change and how it interacts with other forthcoming waste management changes.

4. Clean GO bins



Bin tagging has showed us that it only around 5-8% of GO bins that contain contamination, however these few bins have a very negative effect on our processor. We continue to work closely with collection contractors and Member Council staff, issuing notes and warnings to repeat offenders. We also have staff picking over the material unloaded at our greenwaste stockpile site. Occasionally we have to charge Member Councils landfill rates (around 3x GO processing rates) to landfill an entire highly contaminated load. This work will need to continue through the transition to FOGO.

5. E-waste receival

With large increases in the price per tonne for E-waste receival we are changing our resident information and E-waste receival process. From 1 July we will no longer accept material that is out of the scope of the National TV and Computer Recycling Scheme (NTCRS) at the West Metro Recycling Centre. In addition, we are now sorting material received onsite from the public to keep our processing costs as low as possible. [Details are on our website here](#). Please update your websites accordingly if you have a separate list or link to our webpage to ensure consistent communications with your residents.

6. Volunteer program



It is National Volunteer Week!

The WMRC's new volunteer program is now live and slowly filling. It includes five roles: Events assistant, School education assistant, Bin butlers, Skill share volunteer and Recycling assistant. Each role has a position description [on our website here](#).

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