# **WMRC Bulletin**

31 May 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 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 Contract



Following two well-attended information sessions for Elected Members and interested staff concerning its Waste to Energy draft contract on 20th May, the WMRC is bringing the contract to its OCM on Thursday 3 June for approval.

Any Elected Member or Member Council officer who wishes to see the presentations from the information sessions is encouraged to <a href="mailto:email.new">email here</a> and a copy will be provided.

The contract is available for viewing by CEOs at the WMRC offices during work hours as previously advised. Two CEOs have already visited.

We have some general Waste to Energy FAQs on our website here.

## 3. WMRC Budget and Fees & Charges 2021-22

The WMRC Budget for the next financial year has been formulated. It continues to be based on a Mixed Fee model. The model has a decreasing proportion of fixed costs shared by Member Councils on a population basis; and Member Council variable costs met by Gate Fees. Gate Fees for commercial customers and Participating and Non-Member Councils include a contribution to overheads.

Under the proposed 2021-22 budget the Member Council total contribution to overheads will be reduced again, this time by 5.6%; and there will be no increases to fees and charges for the third budget in a row.

Budget revenues will be again boosted by additional business from neighbouring non-member councils and commercial customers.

## 4. Elected Member and Officer Briefings

Given the many changes in waste management (including Waste to Energy, FOGO, Export Bans, Container Deposit Scheme, waste plans, e-waste processing funding) the WMRC is very happy to attend Elected Member briefings/forums, or staff meetings to answer questions with the latest information. Please contact us.



Member Councils

#### 5. Waste Calendars



The Waste Calendars 2021-22 for the four Member Councils who have elected to use them, are in the final stages of production. The intention is for these to be sent out with rates or otherwise delivered to households. We have produced them cost effectively through our partnership with SMRC and they will be produced with a magnet for the fridge. They contain a consistent set of <a href="Waste Sorted">Waste Sorted</a> compliant information to help reduce resident confusion. The information is adapted for each council's situation.

### 6. Tour the West Metro Recycling Centre



Tours of the West Metro Recycling Centre for Member Council officers and Elected Members are very popular. The next one is due on 16 June 10:30-12:00 – <u>sign up</u> here.

If that is not convenient, we are running a community tour of the facility at 10am on 25 June. We charge a nominal amount for the public, but to waive that fee use the Promo Code westmetro. Details here.

Both tours include morning tea.

#### 7. WALGA FOGO tour



This tour will visit two sites currently processing FOGO for existing markets and will provide attendees with the opportunity to learn more about these operations and the future markets and that will be developed.

**When:** 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM (Registration from 7:30 AM), Tuesday 8 June

**Where:** bus departs at ONE70, 170 Railway Parade, West Leederville, WA 6007

Cost: \$75.00 (Incl GST)

Includes morning tea, lunch and a free bag of FOGO Compost.

To register for the Tour visit WALGA - Events | WALGA

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