

## 1. Introduction

Since 2018, the WMRC Bulletin has provided a fortnightly summary update on key issues and developments in waste management that affect our Member Councils. It is circulated to WMRC Councillors and deputies, Member Council Elected Members, CEOs and other key stakeholders across the region. We are always happy to add extra people to the mailing list – [please contact us](#). Past Bulletins are posted on our website [here](#).

**We propose moving to a monthly Bulletin in the new financial year.**

**[Please indicate here whether you are happy with this change](#)**

## 2. Special Council Meeting



The WMRC expects to hold a SCM both to consider the Waste to Energy Contract and also to make minor changes to the 2021-22 Fees & Charges as mentioned in the previous Bulletin.

If any Member Council receives resident queries about Waste to Energy, we have some useful [FAQs on our website here](#). The State Government's Waste to Energy Position Statement is [here](#). We are happy to assist with any particularly curly questions.

## 3. Waste Transfer Stations



Transfer stations are important consolidation points in the waste logistics chain, where waste is aggregated and compacted for efficient transport to distant disposal sites. Use of a transfer station minimises waste transport impacts; and allows waste collection vehicles to operate at peak efficiency by maximising the proportion of their operating time spent on collecting waste from households and businesses.

The WMRC transfer station receives residual (red-lid bin) waste from Member Councils which is consolidated into 25 tonne loads for haulage to the Millar Road landfill site operated by the City of Rockingham. We provide a similar service for the contents of the garden organics (GO bins) which are transported to one of several processing sites.

The next nearest waste transfer station is south of the river, a 40-kilometre often heavily congested round trip. By using the transfer services at WMRC, our Member Councils reduce road transport costs, road congestion and emissions associated with a fivefold distance penalty factor.

## 4. COVID – masks on

Until and unless a lockdown is announced the West Metro Recycling Centre will continue to operate as normal with masks, physical distancing and hand sanitising as required. In accordance with WALGA guidelines, it will only close to the public if a lockdown is announced. As an Essential Service it will remain open to Council trucks even if a lockdown is announced.

## 5. 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.

We are also planning community information sessions on many of the above topics. [Please contact us.](#)

## 6. Plastic Free July

It is (nearly) that time of the year again. WMRC has joined the Plastic Free Foundation on behalf of our Member Councils giving you access to a wealth of material and events at a lower price than could have been achieved individually. [Ask here if you need details.](#) We are also contributing to two events ourselves:



### 1 July 9:30-11:00 Beach Clean-up - FREE

Plastic Free July official opening event joint with North Cottesloe Surf Lifesaving Club, Keep Australia Beautiful Council and Town of Cottesloe. All welcome.

[Click here to book.](#)



### 17 July 10:00-12:00 How to Ace your Bulk Shopping

**Promo Code: WASTEWISE for free entry**

Joint with the Grove and Storehouse South Fremantle

[Click here to book.](#)

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