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WASTE— A RISKY BUSINESS?

The Waste & Recycle Conference 2009 themed *The Business of Risk or just Plain Risky Business?* is now calling for papers to be presented at the Conference. Speakers are sought on a range of topics



including:

- Climate Change - Carbon measurement, liability and reporting;
- Landfills;
- Contracting, including risk management/sharing;
- Renewable energy;
- Waste to energy;

- Extended Producer Responsibility;
- C&D;
- And many more...

For more information visit www.wasteandrecycle.com.au or contact Keynote Conference keynote@keynotewa.com
COB Friday 3 April.

INCOMING...

A State Waste Strategy and Federal Waste Policy are due out soon.

State Waste Strategy

It is anticipated this document will set the direction and key focus areas for WA waste management into the future. A draft is expected in March. There will be a 12 week consultation period. The Association will be developing a submission on

behalf of Local Government. For more information contact Rebecca Brown 9213 2063 or email rbrown@walga.asn.au

Federal Waste Policy

A new National Waste Policy is being developed. The Policy will "adopt a holistic approach to waste issues. It will address ad hoc governance arrangements, be consistent with Australia's international obligations and ensure that

climate change and sustainability drivers are taken into account". A draft is anticipated in March 2009. Local Government has representation on the working group developing the Policy through the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA). For more information visit www.environment.gov.au/wastepolicy

WATCH OUT ... HAZARD AHEAD!

The Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program is evolving well, with collection days held in February and early March. The next four collection days are :

- **Saturday 28 March** (Mindarie Regional Council) hosted by the City of Stirling at the City administration center,

Corner Civic Place and Cedric Street, Stirling.

- **Saturday 4 April** (Western Metropolitan Regional Council) hosted by the Town of Cottesloe at the Napier St Carpark
- **Sunday 3 May** (Rivers Regional Council) hosted by the City of Mandurah at the Library carpark, Pinjarra Road

- **Saturday 9 May** (East Metropolitan Regional Council) hosted by the City of Swan at the Bishop Road Depot Middle Swan.

For more information visit the WasteNet website www.wastenet.net.au

TRADING CARBON

On Tuesday 10 March 2009, the Government released the draft Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS) legislation.

The CPRS will affect Local Governments, both indirectly through rising costs of energy and products or services and directly through waste management facilities. In order to assist Local Governments to develop an understanding of the CPRS the

Association has developed a preliminary fact sheet.

The Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) has developed a Members Brief on the role of the CPRS in voluntary emissions reduction. It can be downloaded from www.mav.asn.au

To download the Fact Sheet visit www.walga.asn.au/about/policy/environment_waste/env_sub_docs/cprs_fact_sheets.pdf

The CPRS legislation is out for public comment until **5pm (AEST) Tuesday 14 April 2009** and can be downloaded from www.climatechange.gov.au/emissionstrading/legislation/index.html

For more information contact Melanie Bainbridge on 9213 2039 or mbainbridge@walga.asn.au

Better for your hips and the planet!!!

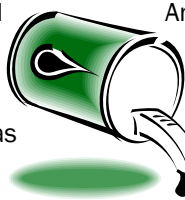
A cola company found that a 330ml can of regular cola produced 170 grams of carbon, whilst the diet cola produced 150 grams



(Source: <http://www.fairhome.co.uk/2009/03/10/diet-coke-better-for-the-environment-than-regular/>)

MORE INFO COMING...

Through WALGA, a Used Oil Preferred Supplier Agreement for the provision of used oil collection for Local Governments in WA has been developed. This contract was recently awarded to Wren Oil.



An InfoPage will be distributed to all Local Governments giving details of the Agreement and Used Oil funding opportunities.

For more information contact Judy Scott on 9213 2086 or jscott@walga.asn.au or Bienne Argent on 9213 2069 or bargent@walga.asn.au

OAG UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Hello Hello
The Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) would like to welcome Mr Adam Johnson as the new Chair of the Officers Advisory Group (OAG).

The OAG provides professional recommendations for consideration by MWAC.

Adam is the Executive Manager of Waste Management Services at the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council (EMRC).

He is Victorian, but we won't hold that against him (much)

and has been working in waste for 11 years. He had humble beginnings as a university graduate working in the EPA Victoria Operations Branch, where he worked for four years. He produced the Landfill Best Practice Environmental Management, then boomeranged between consultancy and Local Government and different States in Australia.

He transferred from GHD in Sydney to GHD Perth in mid 2005 and then started at EMRC in 2006. However, he still claims that his mail sorting job,

during his uni days, was the most exciting and satisfying of all.

Adam and his wife are happily owned by their very active and clever Ridgeback x Staffy "Raja".

Goodbye Goodbye
MWAC would like to say goodbye and thank you to Adrian Dyson from the Shire of Mundaring and Kyle Boardman from the City of Mandurah for their contribution to the Officers Advisory Group.

THE POO!

The Town of Vincent has commenced a trial of dog shaped "doggie doo" bins.



Rick Lotznicker, Town of Vincent, noticed the bins in New Zealand and after some research

initiated the current trial in the Town of Vincent's Forrest Park and other locations.

The bins instantly identify dog exercise areas. If the trial is

successful, more bins will be ordered.

For more information contact Jeremy van den Bok on 9273 6066 or email Jeremy.VanDenBok@vincent.wa.gov.au

FUTURE WASTE?

On behalf of the Waste Authority, consultants Cardno have completed an *Assessment of Waste Disposal and Material Recovery Infrastructure for*

Perth. This Report includes projections for waste generation (and recycling) in the metropolitan area for MSW, C&D and C&I streams and an in depth look at waste disposal

and recovery infrastructure. For more information visit www.zerowastewa.com.au

SAND THROUGH THE HOUR GLASS...

The schedule of rates for the Category 63 Landfills (inert waste) Levy has been an ongoing issue.

In their Minutes (October 2008), the Waste Authority recommended that the minimum rates for the landfill levy, to commence on 1 January 2009, are:

- Category 63 Landfills—\$5 in 1 January 2009, on or after 1 July 2009 and before 1 July 2010 \$8,

and on or after 1 July 2010 \$9 (per cubic metre).

A correction in the February Waste Authority Minutes stated that the plan for the levy to increase on 1 January 2009 required the Waste Authority to prepare a submission to the Executive Council, advising of these changes. As the submission was not received by the Executive Council before 1 January 2009, the levy cannot increase to \$5 on 1 January as planned.

The schedule for the levy was recommended as follows:

- Before 1 July 2009, \$5; on or after 1 July 2009 and before 1 July 2010, \$7; and on or after 1 July 2101, \$9 (per cubic metre).



To download the Waste Authority Minutes and Agendas visit www.zerowastewa.com.au

Have you seen someone throw rubbish or a cigarette butt out of their car window, or a trailer with its load escaping onto to the road?

Did you feel helpless or annoyed that you couldn't do anything about it?

Well, now you can! Join the Keep Australia Beautiful Council's Litter Reporter Scheme.

To become a registered litter reporter, phone 6467 5129 or visit www.kabc.wa.gov.au.

ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES

The first meeting of the WMAA Alternative Waste Treatment (AWT) Working Group was held on Friday 27 February. Attendees included a range of stakeholders from the waste industry, Local and

State Government. John King (Cardno) was elected Chair. Discussions focused on the key activities of the group and the scope of technologies that should be considered.

The next meeting will be held Friday 3 April at 10am.

For more information email wa@wmaa.asn.au

DUMP OR KEEP?



The Aim of the National DUMP and KEEP Awards is to evaluate the environmental costs of packaging in everyday use household items. Eligible products were restricted to those available in large supermarkets.

The products were assessed for material types and weighed to determine the extent of packaging. The shortlist



The Keep Award for Going Forwards went to Jarrah Instant Coffee and the Dump Award for Going Backwards was the Kids Care Fruit Smash fruit puree.

The Keep Awards for Minimal Use of Material went to Dynamo 4 in 1 laundry detergent and the Coles 5 pack of lemons received the Dump



Award for excessive Use of Material.

The Keep Awards Special Commendation went to Musa Acuminate or

commonly known as the banana and for the Dump Award went to Perkett's Self Heating Coffee.



For details on why these products received Dump or Keep Awards visit www.envict.org.au



COME YOUNG, COME OLD!!

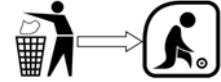
The WMAA Young Waste Professionals are hosting an all ages event not to be missed.

What: Annual General Meeting, Lawn bowls, BBQ and drinks

Where: Osborne Park Bowling Club, 31 Park Street, Tuart Hill
When: **Friday 3 April 2009**
Time: 4.00–6.30pm
Cost: \$20 includes bowls and BBQ

Please RSVP by Wednesday 1 April 2009 to Rob Sim robert.sim@cardno.com.au

SICK BOWLS!!



It's all about pool!!

A Tasmanian company plans to hand out books with covers made of wombat poo to 100 delegates at a congress of the International Association of Hand Papermakers and Paper Artists.



(Source: www.environmentalmanagementnews.net/StoryView.asp?StoryID=1002655)

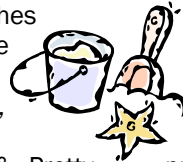
KAB TO THE BEACH

Clean Beach Challenge

Summer is over, however the WA community and Local Government are still caring for their beloved beaches.

Keep Australia Beautiful Council (KAB) and Surf Lifesaving WA's Clean Beach Challenge is on again and 14 beaches are in the running for awards. The beaches nominated for the award include:

1. Cable Beach, Broome
2. Cemetery Beach & Pretty Pool, Port Hedland
3. Geraldton Foreshore
4. Point Moore, Geraldton
5. Scarborough Beach
6. Trigg Beach



7. Brighton beach
8. Marmion Marine Parks
9. City Beach
10. Rockingham Beach
11. Warnbro Foreshore, Rockingham
12. Back Beach, Bunbury
13. Jettys Baths, Bunbury
14. Koombana Bay, Bunbury

The Program encourages care, protection and management of coastal regions through beautification, education, environmental programs, safety programs, partnerships and community pride. The State winner will go onto represent WA nationally.

For more information contact

KAB WA on 6467 5143 or visit www.kabc.wa.gov.au

Tidy Towns

A mail-out has been sent to all Local Governments encouraging communities to enter the 2009 Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities awards.



Communities can register to take part at the KAB website until **Tuesday 31 March 2009** www.kabc.wa.gov.au

For more information contact Sherilee Macready or Gail Dodd on 6467 5131 or email tidytowns@dec.wa.gov.au

CASH FOR CONTAINERS

It was recently announced that the Northern Territory will introduce a cash for containers scheme. The legislation is expected to be implemented in 2011.

The Chief Minister, Paul Henderson, said "This Government has always supported a national approach

to legislation providing cash for containers, but I've been disappointed with the slow progress. I'm not prepared to wait further. I'm taking the lead and hope other States will follow."

The NT Government will be setting up a committee, chaired by the Environment Minister

Alison Anderson. The main tasks will be guiding the development of legislation, ensuring there won't be any financial impost to taxpayers and ensuring the model is deliverable in both urban and remote centres.

(Source: <http://newsroom.nt.gov.au>)

DOUBLE DEPOSITS

Adelaide has recorded a massive increase in recycling, with the change in their container deposit value from 5 to 10 cents. The increase was implemented in late 2008. Over 19 million extra containers were recycled in the final quarter of last year, which is a 76% return rate.

Over 153 million containers were returned between October and December 2008. The most substantial increase in returns was the flavoured milk containers.

Environment and Conservation Minister Jay Weatherill said the State Government was continuously reviewing the

scheme and would consider placing deposits on other containers, such as plain milk containers.

(Source: Adelaide Now, www.news.com.au/adelaidenow/story/0,22606,25122488-2682,00.html)

GREEN LIGHT REPORT

The Green Light Report: Victorians and the Environment in 2008 has been released. It reports Victorians' view of change the way they live to environmental issues, how sustainable households are, change; and 82% feel it's and what they are doing to



minimise their impact on the environment.

The document reports that 75% of people feel growing pressure to change the way they live to reduce the impact of climate change; and 82% feel it's worth doing something to help

reduce negative environmental impacts. Download the Report from <http://greenlightreport.sustainability.vic.gov.au>

(Source: RRF WINS #06-2009-February 20, 2009)

SA REGIONAL RECYCLING

The South Australian Government has earmarked \$1.4 million to improve regional recycling and waste management facilities.

The aim of the funding is to work towards SA's State Strategic Plan target of reducing waste to landfill by

25% by 2014. The funding will go to 15 projects and will mainly be used to establish new transfer stations. It is projected that the project will result in diverting 18 500 tonnes of material from landfill each year.

Grant recipients will also be contributing \$2.61 million towards these projects.

(Source: www.environmentalmanagementnews.net/StoryView.aspx?StoryID=1002588)

BAGS, BAGS AND MORE BAGS

On 1 June 2009, retailers in Toronto Canada will have to charge customers 5 cents for single use plastic bags.

The policy was approved last December and is one of the many initiatives by Toronto

province to reduce packaging waste.

One of the local papers reported that in 2007 shoppers used 269 million bags less than 2006. That works out to be 316 bags per person within

the province. Of those bags, less than 12 were recycled.

(Source: RRF WINS #08-2009-March 06, 2009)

THE BUG

A UK report, *Litterbugs—how to deal with the problem of littering* has been released.



The Report, commissioned by the Campaign to Protect Rural England outlines:

- How littered is the UK;
- The cause of littering;
- Tackling littering; and

- Policy development.

For more information and to view the report visit www.cpre.org.uk

BUDDHIST BOTTLE TEMPLE

Wat Pa Maha Chedi Kaew temple in Thailand's Sisaket province is built with more than 1 million glass bottles.

The Buddhist monks living at the complex encourage local authorities to drop




off any used bottles at the temple, which they continue to use to build new structures.

The bottles and caps have already been used to build the temple, shelters,

crematorium, toilets, mosaics and pagoda.

To see more fantastic photos of Wat Pa Maha Chedi Kaew temple visit www.dailymail.co.uk and search for "Buddhist bottle temple".

Britain's landfill prizes top ten:

1. Motorised Ice-Cream Cone
2. The Plane Sheet: a disposable airline seat cover 
3. Motorised fork
4. Loudspeaker—equipped fishing chair
5. USB powered chameleon
6. Nintendo Wii Fit
7. The Guitar Hero franchise
8. Digital electronic jumping rope
9. The Toyota Prius: In the US (2007) 24 000 people bought the Prius as a 3rd car
10. The Sat Nag

(Source: www.landfillprize.co.uk)

MUNICIPAL WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Next Meeting

Date : Wednesday 22 April 2009

Time: 4.00 pm

Venue: Local Government House

Check out the WA Local Government Association Website at www.walga.asn.au



Visit WasteNet www.wastenet.net.au

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2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 28 March 2009 **Household Hazardous Waste Temporary Collection Day**
Mandarie Regional Council
City of Stirling Administration Centre, Corner Civic Place and Cedric Street, Stirling. For more information visit www.wastenet.net.au
- 1-2 April 2009 **Waste 2009 Conference: Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery**
Novotel Pacific Bay Resort, Coffs Harbour, NSW
For more information contact Impact Environmental Conferences on 02 6583 8118 or email waste2009@impactenviro.com.au
- 4 April 2009 **Household Hazardous Waste Temporary Collection Day**
Western Metropolitan Regional Council
Town of Cottesloe Napier St car park.
- 3 May 2009 **Household Hazardous Waste Temporary Collection Day**
Rivers Regional Council
City of Mandurah at the Library car park, Pinjarra Road.
- 9 May 2009 **Household Hazardous Waste Temporary Collection Day**
Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council
City of Swan Bishop Road Depot, Middle Swan.
- 3-9 May 2009 **International Composting Awareness Week**
For more information visit www.compostweek.com.au
- 3-5 June 2009 **WasteQ 2009: Can you afford not to...?**
The Sebel Citigate King George Square, Brisbane, Queensland
- 14-18 September 2009 **Waste & Recycle Conference 2009**
Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle, Western Australia
For more information visit www.wasteandrecycle.com.au

2009 CALENDAR OF SUBMISSIONS

- 31 March 2009 **Registration for Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Awards**
For more information contact Sherilee Macready or Gail Dodd on 6467 5131 or email tidytowns@dec.wa.gov.au
- 14 April 2009 **Submission for Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Legislation**
For more information visit www.climatechange.gov.au/emissionstrading/legislation/index.html For more information contact Melanie Bainbridge on 9213 2039 or mbainbridge@walga.asn.au
- 1 May 2009 **United Nations Association of Australia World Environment Day Awards**
For more information visit www.unaavictoria.org.au
- 31 July 2009 **Submissions for Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Awards**
For more information contact Sherilee Macready or Gail Dodd on 6467 5131 or email tidytowns@dec.wa.gov.au



MUNICIPAL WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL
"Getting the Environment Right"

WHAT IS THE MUNICIPAL WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL?



The Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) is a standing committee of the Western Australian Local Government Association with delegated authority on municipal waste issues.

MWAC's membership includes the major Regional Councils (waste management). This makes MWAC a unique forum through which all the major Local Government waste management organisations cooperate.

MWAC focuses its work in three main areas:

- The proactive development of policy on priority issues;
- Comprehensive representation of Local Government views on legislation, regulations, administrative policy and related matters; and
- The delivery of grant funded programs consistent with Local Government priorities.



WESTERN METROPOLITAN REGIONAL COUNCIL



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Climate of Opportunity



Reducing. Reusing. Recycling.



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