

# INFORMATION BULLETIN

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## WASTE INQUIRY—SUBMITTED

In late 2008, the Legislative Council Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs resolved to inquire into Waste Management.

An InfoPage was circulated calling for comment from Local Government early this year. Thank you to all the Local Governments who provided examples and comments on the scope for the WALGA Submission.

The main points from the WALGA Submission included:

- ◆ Waste management is an essential service;

- ◆ Local Government is the predominant focus for State Government, however Commercial & Industrial and Construction & Demolition waste are equally important waste streams;
- ◆ Need for Product Stewardship or Extended Producer Responsibility schemes;
- ◆ Independence, transparency and accountability mechanisms for the Waste Authority;
- ◆ Clear assignment of roles and responsibilities for waste management;

- ◆ Holistic approach needed to focus on how waste can be reused as a resource;
- ◆ Leadership by State and Local Government through sustainable purchasing; and
- ◆ Outcomes based regulation.

The Submission is available from the WasteNet website [www.wastenet.net.au](http://www.wastenet.net.au)

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## DROP OFF HHW 2009

The Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program is now in full swing with the 2009 calendar full of collection days open to the public, irrespective of their place of residence.



The 2009 collection days kick off in the SMRC, hosted by the City of Cockburn, on **Saturday 28 February** (9am to 1pm) located at the City of Cockburn Administration Centre, 9 Coleville Crescent, Spearwood (entry off Rockingham Road).

The next temporary collection days will be held from 9.00am each day, on:

- ◆ **Saturday 7 March** in MRC, hosted by City of Wanneroo at Ashby Operations Centre, 1204 Wanneroo Rd, Ashby;
- ◆ **Saturday 14 March** in EMRC, hosted by the Shire of Kalamunda at Lawnbrook Road Transfer Station, Walliston;
- ◆ **Saturday 21 March** in RRC, hosted by City of South Perth. City of South Perth - Lesser Hall Car

Park Cnr South Terrace & Sandgate Street, South Perth;

- ◆ **Saturday 28 March** in the MRC, hosted by City of Stirling at City of Stirling Administration Centre, Corner Civic Place and Cedric Street Stirling.

For more details on the materials accepted on the collection days, the 2009 calendar and the HHW Program, visit [www.wastenet.net.au](http://www.wastenet.net.au)



## WALGA SALE PRICE

Wren Oil has been appointed as the contracted Preferred Supplier for Local Government used oil collection and recycling services.

As a result of this arrangement a significant decrease in the collection price for Local Government has been achieved.

For uncontaminated used oil the rates (commencing Thursday 1 January 2009) will be:

- ◆ Metro area: \$16.50 waste tracking fee / load;
- ◆ South West and Wheatbelt: 10c/ Litre + \$16.50 waste tracking fee;
- ◆ Goldfields and Northwest: 15c/Litre + \$16.50 waste



tracking fee; and  
◆ A per km rate for the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley.

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Effective from Sunday 1 February 2009, there are now restrictions on the importation of normal (electric filament) light globes into Australia.



(Source: DHL Global Forwarding e-Newsletter February Edition)

## ORGANIC DEMOLITION

The Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) released Draft *Environmental Guidelines for Construction and Demolition Waste Recycling Facilities* and *Organic Waste Recycling Facilities*. WALGA developed Submissions on both of these Draft Guidelines.

### C&D All the Way

The WALGA Submission included the following issues:

- ◆ Need for a clear definition of C&D waste;
- ◆ Need for Reference to the Waste Hierarchy as given in the Waste Avoidance and



Resource Recovery Act 2007;

- ◆ Local Laws are likely to affect the operation of facilities;
- ◆ Wind blown litter may be an issue with C&D facilities; and
- ◆ Need for industry standard and management for asbestos.

### Feeling a little Organic?

The main areas identified for comment on the Organics Guidelines were:

- ◆ Need for Reference to the Waste Hierarchy as given in the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007;
- ◆ Redefining 'Household



organic waste' within the document; and  
◆ Calling for a review of the Waste Management Boards Position Statement on Recycled Organics.

A copy of both Submissions are available at [www.wastenet.net.au](http://www.wastenet.net.au)

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## FUNNY WEATHER

The Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS) White Paper was released Monday 15 December 2008.

The White Paper outlines the structure of the Commonwealth Governments' emissions trading regime, its reporting and monitoring requirements for the various sectors captured by the scheme, and the short and medium term emissions targets for the country.

The Association advises Local Governments to begin preparing now for the



commencement of the CPRS in 2010. It is possible for Local Governments to begin collecting emissions data prior to the commencement of the Scheme. In doing so, Local Governments likely to be required to report and participate in the trading regime will be prepared for the obligations under the Scheme, and will also have time to make necessary adjustments to ensure compliance.

For information on:

- ◆ The Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS) or the National Greenhouse

and Energy Reporting Scheme (NGERS) visit [www.climatechange.gov.au/emissionstrading/index.html](http://www.climatechange.gov.au/emissionstrading/index.html) or phone 02 6274 1888;

- ◆ N G E R S c o n t a c t [reporting@climatechange.gov.au](mailto:reporting@climatechange.gov.au); and
- ◆ C P R S c o n t a c t [consultation@climatechange.gov.au](mailto:consultation@climatechange.gov.au).

For Local Government issues with regard to the CPRS or NGERS, contact Melanie Bainbridge on 9213 2039 or [mbainbridge@walga.asn.au](mailto:mbainbridge@walga.asn.au)

## SUM OF OUR PARTS

The Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) 2008 Annual Summary is now available.

The MWAC Annual Summary contains the key events, achievements and projects of the Municipal Waste Advisory

Council over the past year. Highlights this year included:

- ◆ Commencement of the Household Hazardous Waste Program;
- ◆ Adoption of two new Policy Statements on Waste Management Education and

Consultation and Communication; and

- ◆ Alternative Waste Treatment Project.
- The Annual Summary is available at [www.wastenet.net.au](http://www.wastenet.net.au)

## SWIS BANK

The Hon Donna Faragher, Minister for Environment and Youth recently announced the Strategic Waste Initiative Scheme (SWIS) grant funded projects.



second biggest allocation of funds (\$80,140). It will be used for the Dry-cell Battery Waste Collection and Recycling Program. The main aim of the Program is to divert dry-cell batteries across the Perth metropolitan area and the State from landfill.

The grants are funded through the WA Landfill Levy fund, allocated by the Waste Authority and administered by DEC. In the recent round, several grants were given to Local Governments.

EMRC and SMRC received the

EMRC also received \$33,870 for a Pilot Earthcarers Volunteer Program. City of Stirling received \$24,500 for a permanente-waste collection facility in Balcatta. It will assist

with monitoring volumes, brands and types of e-waste collected.

WMRC, MRC, City of Geraldton-Greenough, SMRC and RRC will share \$50,000 for each Local Government to develop Earthcarers community educational packages.

For more information visit [www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au](http://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au) and follow the links to Donna Faragher's media statements.



Work out your Ecofoot print and learn how to tread lighter in the world. Visit [www.ecofoot.org](http://www.ecofoot.org) and try the interactive calculator.

## 110 WISHES GRANTED

The Hon John Castrilli MLA, Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests, welcomed the online



2009 Grants Directory. The Directory provides community members and Local Governments the ability to search for more than 110 grants in

one place.

The 2009 Grants Directory is available at [www.dlgrd.wa.gov.au](http://www.dlgrd.wa.gov.au)

## KAB ACTION



**Have You Got a Spot?**

Keep Australia Beautiful (KAB) WA is seeking support from Western Australian Local Governments for the Adopt-a-Spot Programme, to be launched in **June 2009**.

The Programme gives local communities the opportunity to contribute to a healthier and cleaner environment. It engages volunteers (individuals, community groups, businesses and schools) to undertake coordinated litter cleanups for

designated sites as an ongoing project. Sites include (but are not limited to) roadsides, streets, parks, waterways, bush trails, beaches and wetlands. An interested party can adopt a 'spot' and be issued with a comprehensive resource kit.

For more information contact Maureen Maher at KAB WA on [Maureen.maher@dec.wa.gov.au](mailto:Maureen.maher@dec.wa.gov.au) or 6467 5339 or visit [www.wastenet.net.au](http://www.wastenet.net.au) or .

**Tidy Towns 40 Year Anniversary** Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities award programme has been going strong for 40

years.

You can enter in one or more of the following categories:

- ◆ Community action;
- ◆ General appearance;
- ◆ Recycling and waste management;
- ◆ Natural heritage conservation;
- ◆ Enhancing cultural identity; and
- ◆ Water conservation.

Community submissions for the awards close **Friday 31 July 2009**. For more information visit [www.kab.org.au](http://www.kab.org.au)



### STRONG SUPPORT



Clean Up Australia chairman, Ian Kiernan recently released the results of an opinion poll. It showed that 88% of Western Australian's surveyed would support the introduction of a scheme that gave a 10 cent

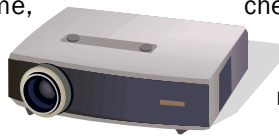
refund on drink cans and bottles. In 2008, over 130 tonnes of beverage related rubbish was collected in WA. This included bottle caps, labels, plastic and glass bottles.

West Australians can take action by getting involved in Clean Up Australia Day on **Sunday 1 March 2009**. You can register a Clean Up site by visiting [www.cleanup.org.au](http://www.cleanup.org.au) or by calling 1800 CUAD DAY (1800 282 329).

### SHINE A LITTLE LIGHT ON WA



Epson has launched a take-back programme, where people can take their old projector lamps for recycling.



Environmentally sensitive chemicals are extracted and the other components are melted down.

business that minimises consumption of energy and resources, recycle materials, and eliminates waste across the entire product life cycle, including production, transportation and usage".

The 15 Epson Authorised Service Centres in Australia will accept all makes and models of projector lamps. On average 97% of the material can be recycled.

Bruce Bealby, Epson's Business Manager Visual Imaging said "this lamp recycling programme is a contribution by Epson, the market leader in projectors, towards creating a new form of

The WA Collection point is: Stirling Business Machines 281 Great Eastern Highway Burswood WA 6100

Milton MobileMuster joins Facebook. To become his friend, just look up Milton MobileMuster on Facebook or email [milton@amta.org.au](mailto:milton@amta.org.au)

### CUT THE FAT

The Today Show Environment Editor John Dee and Pat Cash have established a not-for-profit organisation called 'Do Something'.

environmental and social change.

contains 11kg of waste and 5.8kg of it is compostable.

Fast facts about food waste:

- ◆ Three million tonnes of food waste is thrown out by Australians annually. That is equal to 145 kg per person per year; and
- ◆ The average household bin

The aim of the organisation is to increase community and business awareness of food waste and try to facilitate

For tips on reducing or eliminating food waste visit [www.foodwise.com.au](http://www.foodwise.com.au)

(Source: [today.ninemsn.com.au/article.aspx?id=733365](http://today.ninemsn.com.au/article.aspx?id=733365))

### MUSTY TREES

In May 2008, MobileMuster with Landcare Australia ran the "Old Phones, More Trees" campaign. The campaign pledge to plant a native tree for every mobile phone hand-



set taken back for recycling. Over 100,000 handsets were collected for recycling in 2008, 25,000 more than the previous year. For more information on the campaign visit [www.mobilemuster.com.au](http://www.mobilemuster.com.au)

and follow the "Media Centre" link.

MWAC is following up on the monitoring and survival rate of the trees planted through this programme.

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT TALES



The Municipal Waste Advisory Council want to

know about your Local Government waste activities. Big or small, we want all of WA Local Government to know what is going on in your neck of

the woods. Have a chat with Bienne Argent on 9213 2069 or email [bargent@walga.asn.au](mailto:bargent@walga.asn.au) for all the hot topics in Local Government Land.

## DAY FOR THE WORLD

Nominations are now open nationally for the United Nations Association of Australia World Environment Day Awards 2009.

Projects from Local Government, community organisations, individuals, schools, businesses and the media are offered to nominate in the following

categories:

- ◆ Local Government Awards;
- ◆ Meeting the Greenhouse Challenge Award;
- ◆ Excellence in Sustainable Water Management;
- ◆ Excellence in Marine & Coastal Management Award;
- ◆ Community Award;
- ◆ Individual Award; and
- ◆ more...

The national awards recognises innovation and dedication to protect, manage and restore the environment.

For more information visit [www.unaavictoria.org.au](http://www.unaavictoria.org.au)

Nominations close **Friday 1 May 2009.**



The recycling of one glass bottle saves energy equivalent to running:

A light bulb for almost 1 hour

Or

A computer for 20 minutes

Or

A colour TV for 15 minutes

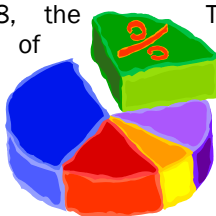
Or

A washing machine for 10 minutes

(Source: [www.britglass.co.uk](http://www.britglass.co.uk))

## ABSERCISE

In January 2008, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) released *Environment views and behaviour, 2007-2008*.



The document contains spreadsheets on people's views and practices on environmental issues. Topics include environmental concerns, personal energy and water

use, waste collection and disposal and environmental involvement.

For a copy of the document visit [www.abs.wa.gov.au](http://www.abs.wa.gov.au) and search the website for 4626.0.55.001.

## DARLING BUDS OF MAY



Australian International Composting Awareness Week

(ICAW) will be held across the nation from **Sunday 3 - Saturday 9 May 2009.**

ICAW's objective is to encourage people to engage in diverting organic waste from

landfill and promote greater use of recycled organic products.

For more information visit [www.compostweek.com.au](http://www.compostweek.com.au)

## WORLDWATCH

The Worldwatch Institute have recently released the 26th edition of the *State of the World Series*.

*State of the World 2009: Into a Warming World* addresses the need to



reduce greenhouse gases and to prepare to adapt to climate change.

The book is written by 47 authors and outlines a framework for the world to not only survive climate change, but to also emerge

more stable, just and prosperous.

For more information visit [www.worldwatch.org](http://www.worldwatch.org)

(Source: [www.environmentalmanagementnews.net/StoryView.asp?StoryID=448038#](http://www.environmentalmanagementnews.net/StoryView.asp?StoryID=448038#))

## MYTHS DO COME TRUE

ASDA and Veolia Environmental Services have launched UK's first zero waste to landfill store in Bootle, Merseyside.



The 'low carbon' store opened in October 2008 and previously diverted, 99% of it's operational waste from landfill. It has now decided to segregate the remaining 1%,

which will be sent to a purpose built recycling centre for either recycling or used to create energy.

(Source: RRF WINS #05-2009-February 13, 2009)

## MUNICIPAL WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL

### Next Meeting

Date: 22 April 2009

Time: 4.00 pm

Venue: Local Government House

Check out the WA Local Government Association Website at [www.walga.asn.au](http://www.walga.asn.au)



Visit WasteNet [www.wastenet.net.au](http://www.wastenet.net.au)

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## 2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 1 March 2009 **Clean Up Australia Day**  
For more information visit [www.cleanup.com.au/au](http://www.cleanup.com.au/au)
- 7 March 2009 **Household Hazardous Waste Temporary Collection Day**  
Mindarie Regional Council  
Ashby Operations Centre, 1204 Wanneroo Rd, Ashby. For more information visit [www.wastenet.net.au](http://www.wastenet.net.au)
- 4-6 March 2009 **Managing Waste in a Changing Climate: Tasmania Waste and Climate Change Conference**  
Country Club Tasmania, Launceston, Tasmania  
For more information contact Kylie Hood on 02 8746 5044 or [kylie@wmaa.asn.au](mailto:kylie@wmaa.asn.au)
- 14 March 2009 **Household Hazardous Waste Temporary Collection Day**  
Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council  
Lawnbrook Road Transfer Station, Walliston. For more information visit [www.wastenet.net.au](http://www.wastenet.net.au)
- 21 March 2009 **Household Hazardous Waste Temporary Collection Day**  
Rivers Regional Council  
City of South Perth—Lesser Hall Car Park, Cnr South Terrace & Sandgate Street, South Perth. For more information visit [www.wastenet.net.au](http://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](mailto:waste2009@impactenviro.com.au)
- 3-9 May 2009 **International Composting Awareness Week**  
For more information visit [www.compostweek.com.au](http://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](http://www.wasteandrecycle.com.au)

## 2009 CALENDAR OF SUBMISSIONS

- 25 February 2009 **National Packaging Covenant—Funding Round—Expression of Interest**  
For more information contact Katrina Hill at DEC on (08) 6467 5370 or email [katrina.hill@dec.wa.gov.au](mailto:katrina.hill@dec.wa.gov.au)
- 1 May 2009 **United Nations Association of Australia World Environment Day Awards**  
For more information visit [www.unaavictoria.org.au](http://www.unaavictoria.org.au)
- 31 July 2009 **Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities award programme**  
For more information visit [www.kab.org.au](http://www.kab.org.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.



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