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ALL FIRED UP



A big thank you to all those who attended, as exhibitors, sponsors, speakers and delegates, the Waste & Recycle Conference 2008.

On Thursday and Friday of the Conference delegates converged to discuss the highlights of the sessions and the key themes that had been highlighted for them.

A summary of these key

themes will be available from the Waste & Recycle Website . The main themes included:

- ◆ Importance of Extended Producer Responsibility to address the growing waste stream;
- ◆ Life cycle analysis as a tool to assess the effectiveness of recycling;
- ◆ Illegal dumping, the cost associated; and
- ◆ The need for local solutions appropriate for

the community.

A full summary of the key themes will be provided to the Minister, Waste Authority and place on the Website.

Date for your diaries—**2009 Waste & Recycle Conference 14-18 September.** More information will soon be available from the Waste & Recycle website www.wasteandrecycle.com.au

LATHERED UP OVER LEVY

The Landfill Levy Discussion Forum was held at the Waste & Recycle Conference on Tuesday 9 September.

The Municipal Waste Advisory Council would like to thank the Waste Authority for holding the session. The Forum was attended by over 80 people.

More information on the outcomes of the session will be available from the Zero Waste website www.zerowastewa.com.au

200 VOTES FOR HHW

The Waste Authority, Western Australian Local Government Association and Rivers Regional Council held a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Pilot Collection Day on Saturday 6 September 2008.

It was hosted by the City of South Perth from 9.00am to 1.00pm at the City of South Perth Civic Centre, Corner of South Terrace and Sandgate Street, South Perth.

Even though the day coincided with the State election, over 200 attendees dropped off household hazardous waste.

The next HHW Pilot Collection Day will be hosted by the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council (SMRC) **9.00am to 1.00pm on Saturday 4 October** at the Regional Resource Recovery Centre, Bannister Road, Canning Vale.

Items that are not covered by the HHW Program include used oil, asbestos, electronic waste, waste from commercial/industrial businesses and containers larger than 20L.

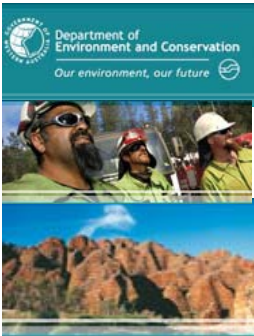
For more information on the Household Hazardous Waste Program contact Kellie Field on 9213 2062 or kfield@walga.asn.au or visit www.wastenet.net.au and follow the 'events' links.

WHO'S YOUR SUPPLIER?

The WA Local Government Association is seeking to put in place a used oil collection Preferred Supplier Agreement which would provide an effective used oil collection and recycling service to Local Government. A Preferred Supplier Contract means an arrangement with WALGA operating for the benefit of its members, which under the Local Government (Functions

and General) Regulations, 1996, enabling Local Governments direct accesses to Contracts, without the need to Tender. The State Government, through the Waste Authority, has granted funding of \$150,000 per annum for 2 years to assist Local Government to recycle used motor oil. Funding will be provided to Local Governments for up to 50% of the cost of

recycling the used oil. WALGA anticipate awarding the Tender for the Preferred Supplier Contract by mid October 2008. For more information contact Judy Scott on 9213 2086 or jscott@walga.asn.au or Bienne Argent on 9213 2 0 6 9 o r bargent@walga.asn.au



Check out the new DEC website

dec.wa.gov.au

WHERE'S WALLY?

The Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) would like to welcome the new State Council representative on MWAC.



1994 nominated to be a Councilor, as he always had a keen interest in community service.

WALGA representative as a Director of the Healthways Foundation.

Cr Wally Barrett from the Shire of Murray joined MWAC in August 2008.

He has a varied working background in plumbing, the Police Force and Army Reserves. Cr Barrett is an active community member in the Lions Club assisting in drug education and awareness. For the past twelve months he has been the

Cr Barrett said he is interested in waste and being part of MWAC because he "believes we have to be more responsible with the disposal of waste and recycling" and due to "the Shire of Murray facing difficulties with waste management".

In 1993, Cr Barrett retired from the work force and in

IT'S NOT EASY BEING GREEN

The Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme is likely to have widespread indirect impacts across Local Government, with direct financial, human resourcing and physical impacts on the waste sector.

two submissions to the Australian Government's recently released Green Paper to highlight the waste sector direct impacts, and the broader cost and environmental impacts of the Scheme. WALGA's composite submissions on the Green Paper can be found at www.walga.asn.au/about/

[policy/environment_waste/env_sub_docs](http://www.walga.asn.au/policy/environment_waste/env_sub_docs)

For further information contact Climate Change Coordinator, Melanie Bainbridge on 9213 2039 or email mbainbridge@walga.asn.au

WALGA has prepared



TEAM WASTE & RECYCLE

WALGA hope that you were all informed, invigorated and inspired by the Waste and Recycle Conference 2008.

licence, we want you to apply for a position on the organising committee.

To qualify for this position you must be employed as a WA Local Government Officer. Nominations close **Monday 13 October 2008.**

Or maybe you were hoping for a different theme, a bigger social program or more big toys? Well, if you want creative



WALGA are seeking enthusiastic creative Local Government minds to join the Waste and Recycle Conference 2009 Organising Committee. Benefits include free registration and remuneration for attending meetings.

Nomination forms are available from www.walga.asn.au for more information contact Rebecca Brown on 9213 2063 or rbrown@walga.asn.au



LOVE ME TENDER

The WALGA Tender Bureau Service is a consultancy service designed specifically for WALGA members who need to engage professional procurement specialists.

The procurement specialists within the service each have Local Government procurement experience and are able to assist you with tendering, documentation, specification preparation, workshops, and a variety of other procurement activities.

Members can have confidence in the high standards and fully compliant services accessible through each procurement process facilitated or supported by the Tender Bureau Service.

The Tender Bureau Service are in the process of finalising a Preferred Supplier Contract for Heavy Plant, General Plant and Utility Equipment. This new contract should include companies such as Westrac, CAT, Hitachi, Conplant, Komatsu, CJD Equipment (Volvo), Earthwest (Hyundai)

and Liftrite. Members buying off this Contract will save on average 15% off the marked price for plant and equipment.

WALGA will also be providing a facility for the disposal of used plant and equipment through the Tender Bureau Service.

For assistance with your procurement activities the Tender Bureau Service can be contacted by email purchasing@walga.asn.au or phoning 9213 2037.

Right on the Mark

Marks & Spencers has cut plastic bag use by 80% since implementing a 5p (10.4c) charge across its UK operations in early May. This is equal to 70 million less plastic bags over a 10 week period.

SUPERMARKETS BAN TOGETHER

IGA Stores in Mosman Park and Cottesloe will be plastic bag free from 3 November 2008. Instead of giving away plastic bags, they will be offering free paper bags and have reduced the price of green and string bags.

that store owners and staff that by not providing plastic bags, they were being environmentally responsible in reducing landfill and preventing plastics bags from ending up in waterways.

committed to phasing out plastic bags however did not support a ban or tax on them. He said that phasing out of plastic bags was best done at a national level to make a real difference.

Mosman Park IGA Store Manager Stuart Arnold said

Former Environment Minister David Templeman said that the government was (Source: thewest.com.au)

THE ROAMING RECYCLER



Mindarie Regional Council (MRC) have recently purchased a fitted out waste education trailer for use at community events, shopping

centres and schools in the MRC areas. There are interactive games, pop up quizzes on household hazardous waste and information display stands (made from recycled aluminium doors!). The displays require two people to

put together and the trailer can be pulled by a reasonably sized vehicle.

If you think your event could use The Roaming Recycler contact Peg Davies, Waste Education Officer on 9306 6603 or 0422 941 492



ALL HALLOW'S EVE MAYHEM

All Hallow's Eve is the most magical and mysterious night of the year. Come out and join the ghosts and ghouls for the night. Not trick and treating... but winning fantastic prizes.

What the?
WMAA Quiz Night

When?
Friday 3 October 2008 at 7.30pm

Where?
Legacy House, 64 Mill Point Road, South Perth

Cost?
\$15 per person

Tables of?
8 people

Fancy Dress?
Optional (but there will be prizes for the best Halloween costume)

For more information contact Lyndal Moore on 02 8746 5000 lyndal@wmaa.asn.au



(Source: WME magazine, August 2008, pg 15)



NEW FACE OF WASTE



The new WA Liberal Minister for the Environment and Youth, is Hon. Donna Faragher. She is the member for the East Metropolitan Region and

was elected to the Thirty-seventh Parliament on 26 February 2005 (for term commencing 22 May 2005). Donna was born 12 September 1975 in Bassendean, WA. She is married and before entering Parliament was Policy and Parliamentary Adviser to the former Federal Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator the Hon Chris Ellison.

(Source: parliament.wa.gov.au)

Canberrians have large feet



According to the ACT's 2008 State of the Environment report Canberrians have an ecofootprint 17% larger than the national average.

(Source: WME magazine, August 2008, pg 10)

DATA WASTE

The Waste Management Association of Australia (WMAA) are starting the *Australian Waste Database Feasibility Project*.

The purpose of this project is to assess the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of WMAA facilitating the revitalisation ongoing operation of a national waste data collection

and reporting database.

WMAA is currently in the process of consulting with interested stakeholders in each state. From this process, WMAA hope to gain a better understanding of the challenges and frustrations associated with waste data collection and reporting from a diverse range of perspectives.

In WA preliminary discussions are scheduled for 9am–1pm **Thursday 2 October 2008**.

To register your interest or request further information contact Monique Unger (02) 8746 5005 or monique@wmaa.asn.au

FREE ENVIROTOOL

A new free tool has been designed to improve the management of small landfill sites.

The Environment Risk Assessment and Mitigation Package (E-RAMP) aims to address waste operators concerns by helping to assess

and manage potential environmental landfill issues. operators and better outcomes for the environment.

The free Excel based tool lead operators through a step by step process to produce a report which provides a snapshot of the environmental risks specific to their individual site. It aims to provide financial benefits for the small landfill

To download the tool and accompanying Guidelines visit www.environment.nsw.gov.au

(Source: Local Agenda, Issue 17 August 2008, pg 11)

LEAKY LANDFILL

Recently residents from 400 households have been strongly advised to vacate the Brookland Greens Estate in Melbourne's suburb of Cranbourne due to methane leaking from the nearby landfill.

The Stephenson's Road landfill is managed by the City of Casey and was closed in 2005.

According to *The Age*, Casey Council predicted this potential problem and objected to developers



building so near to the landfill, however had its decision overturned at the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

The City of Casey supplied the EPA and Country Fire Authority (CFA) with monitoring results and reports of a local residence that required the occupants to relocate last week, as well as the results for neighbouring properties.

The CFA says there is a very real risk of explosions and wants some residents to

consider relocation. The level of methane in the wall cavity of the residence has now been confirmed at 60%. Further tests found pockets of methane in the ground (under the house) to be approximately 20%. Methane can ignite when it reaches concentrations of 5 to 15%.

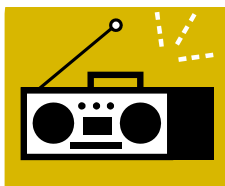
(Source: www.environmentalmanagementnews.net and www.casey.vic.gov.au/updatesstephensonsroad)

A WORLD WITHOUT WASTE

A *World Without Waste* is a new series on ABC Radio National. and communities towards zero waste.

The four part series has been made by the ABC and BBC and tracks the international drive by governments, scientists, environmentalists

The series visits four different countries in the Asia-Pacific Region: Japan, China, Philippines and USA.



The series transcripts and recordings are available at www.abc.net.au/rn/features/worldwaste/default.htm

SENATE RESULT

The Standing Committee on Environment, Communication and the Arts recently held an inquiry into the Management of Australia's Waste Streams and the consideration of the Drink Container Recycling Bill 2008.

WALGA made a submission to the Senate Committee Inquiry. The Inquiry received over 90 submissions. The Senate Inquiry released its Report on 3 September and the Committee recommended:

◆The Environment Protection

and Heritage Council consider initiatives, including container deposit schemes, to improve away-from-home recycling. Such initiatives should include elements such as an incentive to recycle, convenience, adequate infrastructure and a supporting education and awareness program.

◆The Commonwealth Government calculates options to send a direct and undiluted price signal to the market and publishes the greenhouse benefits of recycling or landfill gas

reduction, capture and use as part of its deliberations on the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme.

To download the full Report visit www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/eca_ctte/aust_waste_streams/report/index.htm

Visit www.wastenet.net.au and follow the 'Policy' links then 'Submissions and reports' to download the WALGA submission.



Need help turning foodscrap and garden waste into something useful for the garden?

Visit createyourowneden.org.nz

For an easy guide to start composting, worm farming or using a Bokashi system.

(Source: RRF WINS #37-2008-September 12, 2008)

SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE PURCHASE

Ebay has launched a new website called www.WorldofGood.com

It offers consumer products that are organic, made from recycled or natural materials, or support artisan women in developing nations.

The website aims to be transparent in its approach to

being environmentally and socially responsible. The producers and sellers are verified by various third parties called Trust Providers, such as TransFair USA (Fair Trade Certified), Co-op America and Aid to Artisans.

"WorldofGood.com by eBay gives shoppers who care about making a difference access to

great products that help people and the planet" said Lorrie Norrington, president of eBay Marketplaces. "Socially responsible shopping just got bigger and better."

All WorldofGood.com listings are also available on eBay.com

ECONEWS & VIEWS

The WALGA Eco-News for September is out now! Catch up on the environmental news, views, events and projects from the Association and Local Governments around the State.

Eco-News is available bi-monthly from

www.walga.asn.au/news-publications/publications/walga_eco_news

For further information, to be added to the distribution list or to contribute articles, please contact the Environment Policy Officer, Kathryn Buselich on 9 2 1 3 2 0 4 9 or

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MUNICIPAL WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Next Meeting

Date: 15 October 2008

Time: 4.00 pm

Venue: Local Government House

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



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2008/09 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 1- 3 October 2008 **1st International Conference: Hazardous Waste Management**
Chania-Crete, Greece
For more information visit hwm1.tuc.gr
- 2 October 2008 **National Database**
Regional Resource Recovery Centre, Canning Vale
For more information contact Monique Unger, 02 8746 5005
- 3 -6 November 2008 **ISWA Congress 2008**
Singapore
For more information visit www.wmras.org.sg/
- 10-16 November 2008 **National Recycling Week**
For more information visit www.planetark.com
- 17-20 November 2008 **2nd International Symposium on Energy from Biomass and Waste**
Venice, Italy
For more information visit www.venicesymposium.it/
- 19-20 November 2008 **Sustainable Waste Management—A Long Term View**
Melbourne, Victoria
For more information visit wmaa.asn.au
- 14-18 September 2009 **Waste & Recycle Conference 2009**
Fremantle, Western Australia
For more information visit www.wasteandrecycle.com.au

2008 CALENDAR OF SUBMISSIONS

- 26 September 2008 **Strategic Waste Initiatives Scheme (SWIS)**
For more information contact Project Coordinator Paul Ward on 6467 or email paul.ward@dec.wa.gov.au
- 30 September 2008 **Zero Waste Plan Development Scheme—Phase 2**
For more information visit www.zerowastewa.com.au
- 3 October 2008 **Community Grant Scheme**
For more information contact the DEC Project Officer, WARRA Grants Bianca King on bianca.king@dec.wa.gov.au
- 13 October 2008 **Local Government Officer Nomination—Waste & Recycle Conference Committee**
For more information visit www.walga.asn.au or contact Rebecca Brown 9213 2063, email rbrown@walga.asn.au



MUNICIPAL WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL
"Setting 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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