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KISS YOUR RRRS GOODBYE

RRRS Period 16

The final Resource Recovery Rebate Scheme (RRRS) Application Forms have been distributed to all Local Governments and Regional Councils in WA.

Period 16 (1 January to 30 June 2006) will see approximately \$600,000 distributed to local governments.

Over the lifetime of the RRRS (and the Municipal

Recycling Scheme which it replaced) over \$15 million has been distributed and nearly 1 and half million tonnes has been diverted from landfill.

Period 16 Applications are due **4pm Monday 31 July 2006**. Applications should be submitted to the address on the form. If you have any questions regarding completing the applications please contact Rebecca Brown on 9213 2063.

RRRS Period 15 & 14

Period 15 of the RRRS is currently being considered by the Waste Management Board (WMB).

Cheques were recently distributed for Period 14 of the RRRS.

Any Future?

The WMB are considering an interim scheme to replace the RRRS. Watch this space for more.

OIL HAS MAGNETIC APPEAL

Over the four Phases of the Used Oil Program, over 100 units of infrastructure have been provided to 62 local governments in Western Australia.

As part of the Program these local governments have been given the opportunity to receive promotional fridge

magnets. The magnets direct people to the WasteNet website where they can access the location of used oil infrastructure in their local area.

For more information visit www.wastenet.net.au/programs/



For disposal options
www.wastenet.net.au

DO YOU SUPPORT CDS?

In a recent Newpoll, commissioned by environment groups, of the 300 Western Australians surveyed, 90% said they would return beverage containers for a 20 cent refund.

(Source: www.abc.net.au)

The Municipal Waste Advisory Council is currently formulating a Policy Statement on Container Deposit Systems (CDS).

A workshop to discuss the content of the Policy Statement will be held on **Monday 26 June 2006**.

For more information visit www.wastenet.net.au

For catering purposes please RSVP for the workshop by Tuesday 20 June to Megan Graham on 9213 2086 or by email mgraham@walgga.asn.au

NESTING IN HAZARDOUS WASTE

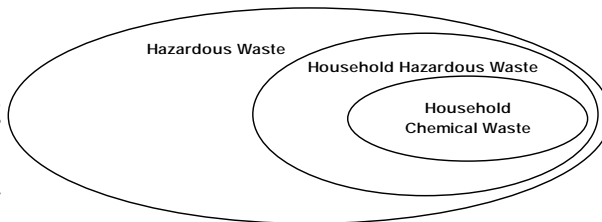
An accord has been reached regarding the terminology used for describing hazardous waste generated by households.

and Household Chemical Waste will be a subset of Household Hazardous Waste.

Governments to work cooperatively on this pressing issue without confusion. The next stage of the process will be to determine which specific wastes fall under each category.

Three nested categories, illustrated, will be used to describe the waste stream. Hazardous Waste will be the encompassing term; Household Hazardous Waste will be a subset of Hazardous Waste;

It is an important step to allow government agencies and Local



For more information please contact Megan Graham on 9213 2086.

Recycling has been issued with the stamp of approval in the UK as the Royal Mail takes up the campaign in its postmark. For six weeks the recycle logo and web address will be stamped onto all mail going through sorting machines, spreading the word to over 6 million people each day.



(Source: www.recyclenow.com)

NO MORE GREEN AT MRC



The Mindarie Regional Council's (MRC's) Tamala Park facility is no longer accepting greenwaste.

Commercial loads of greenwaste are being redirected to the Grass Growers depot in Neerabup and smaller loads of greenwaste from residents are now being disposed to landfill.

being taken to another site (Neerabup) for tub grinding as there was no longer space at Tamala Park.

For more information visit www.mrc.wa.gov.au

MRC CEO, Mr Kevin Poynton explained the greenwaste was

WA IN BAD STATE

The *State of Environment Report Draft 2006* has been released.

landfill by 2020 with current practices;

commercial/industry sectors.

Some key findings in relation to waste management include:

- ◆ The State will not meet its target for zero waste to

- ◆ The need for market development for successful recycling schemes; and
- ◆ The need to develop policies and programs for waste prevention and recycling in

The Report is open for public comment until **Friday 29 September 2006** and is available from www.soe.wa.gov.au

BLT NOT GOOD FOR HEALTH?

Public Health groups have raised concerns about the Butt Littering Trust (BLT) approaching councils and community groups with financial incentives to join the "Butt Free City" campaign.

British America Tobacco." ASH has also indicated it considered the Trust's campaign an exercise in public relations. The BLT highlight that their funding is provided on a 'no strings attached' basis.

important and the Trust does address this concern.



Action on Smoking and Health (ASH) said "The Trust was established and funded by

ASH has suggested that an effective way of reducing cigarette littering is by reducing consumption. This would address the first part of the waste management hierarchy - avoidance. However, the issue of extended producer responsibility (EPR) is also

Although, the New South Wales Department of Environment and Conservation has cast some doubt on the effectiveness of this EPR scheme in its *NSW Extended Producer Responsibility Priority Statement 2005-06*.

For more information visit: www.ashaust.org.au, www.environment.nsw.gov.au or www.buttlitteringtrust.org

MAKING THE MERGE

The existing Department of Environment and the Department of Conservation and Land Management will be merging into the new Department of Environment and Conservation, as of 1 July 2006.

It is hoped that the change will eliminate duplication between agencies and provide a more streamlined channeling of resources. The shift will see a renewed focus upon future sustainability, but hopefully not at the cost of current

environmental issues such as waste management.

For more information visit www.ministers.wa.gov.au/mcgowan/

LIVE THE VISION : E & CHEAP BUY

Spreading the Word

As part of the Zero Waste - Live the Vision campaign, the Western Australian Waste Management Board will soon publish a regular e-newsletter. The newsletter will focus upon policy, program initiatives, strategic

waste initiative schemes, latest research and more.

WMB Buy Recycled Guide

The Buy Recycled Guide lists those businesses that include recycled materials in the manufacture of their products and services.

These products are in many cases cheaper than those without recycled material content.

To sign up for the news e-letter or for more information visit www.zerowastewa.com.au

CCCORE INVOLVEMENT

The Core Consultative Committee (3C) on waste is carrying out their stakeholder involvement program.

precinct management and legislative paper that has been produced.

◆ 3C consultation with stakeholders on the precinct model.

This gives interested stakeholders an opportunity to comment on a draft

Two key parts to this phase include:

◆ A waste treatment industry forum; and

For more information visit www.3c.org.au or phone (08) 6364 7019.

PERFORMANCE BAGGED BY SOME

Total Environment Centre (TEC) and Environment Victoria (EV) have called on Federal and State Governments to regulate the use of plastic bags.

a negligible amount in small supermarkets.

Federal Environment Minister Ian Campbell has claimed the 45% as an enormous achievement by shoppers and supermarket management.

These calls come in response to the 2005 failure of retailers to reduce bag use by the agreed 50%, reaching only 45% in large supermarket chains and only

These green groups reject plans for waiting another year, stating that regulatory action should have been imposed when the voluntary targets were not met.

For more information visit www.deh.gov.au/minister/env/

“It’s time to ban the free bag once and for all,” states Jeff Angel, Director of TEC.

(Source: www.envict.org.au)

CALL A KAB

Keep Australia Beautiful (KAB) is launching its Plastic Bag Reduction Awards, a formal challenge to find projects from across Australia that have made significant attempts to tackle the issue of plastic bags.

businesses and all levels of government who have demonstrated a genuine commitment to address the issues of the profligate use of plastic bags. To enter the Awards an expression of interest form must be completed and returned by **Tuesday 1 August 2006.**

Completed entry forms are due by **Thursday 31 August 2006.**

For more information and to download an expression of interest/entry form visit www.kab.org.au or contact K A B W A o n (08) 6364 6461.

The awards are open to all community groups, schools,

Brazilians lead the world in voluntary recycling for the fifth successive year, with 96.2% of aluminium cans recycled.



(Source: www.planetark.com/dailynewsstory.cfm/newsid/36292/story.htm)

WHAT'S NEW IN RECYCLED ORGANICS

DoE Priorities

Department of Environment (DoE) immediate priorities for Recycled Organics are policy and research. A draft Organics Strategy will soon be available. This will focus broadly on the issue of organics. It will be followed by Draft Interim Standards for

Organics Applied to Land. For further information, please contact Jill Lethlean at the Department on jill.letllean@environment.wa.gov.au

ROWA Your Boat

Formation of Recycled Organics WA (ROWA) is now complete.

ROWA, an industry body, would like to see recycled organics clearly identified within the recycled products suite of the RRRS. They believe this would create the conditions for a market pull situation.

Ice Cream makers have taken the cake in the UK as the least cost-effective item in the home costing an average of £19.50 for each use in the first year of ownership. In comparison, the lucrative kettle costs a mere 5p per boil.



(Source: RFF ,18 May 2006)

KIDS KNOW IT ALL

Sustainability Victoria has released the results of a study titled *The Influence of school age children on household waste behavior*.



Principals, teachers, students and parents were

surveyed from primary schools across Victoria.

It found school based activities are influencing behavior at home

and opportunities exist to strengthen the influence school learning has in the home on waste behavior.

The Report is available from www.ecorecycle.sustainability.vic.gov.au

GOING POSTAL

Australia Post has found a unique approach to the disposal of their international mail bags and in the process made \$10,000 cash for charity.

Victorian Workshop providing employment for mentally handicapped people, allows bags to be baled up to be shipped off for recycling.

Already \$10,000 has been made from recycling the bags, which has been donated to Brunswick Industries and a Down Syndrome Victoria, as

well as the savings from not having to deal with costly waste disposal.

For more information visit www.auspost.com.au

(Source: www.wme.com.au)

GLASS NOT EVEN HALF FULL

It has been reported that the nationwide glass recycling crisis facing New Zealand has grown steadily worse since last year, when a voluntary glass importation levy was removed.

reached capacity and while they are still taking glass, the price paid for the resource has plummeted from \$70 to \$10 a tonne.

Parliamentary discussions have explored a number of options including that of a waste levy starting at \$10 per tonne and

being progressively increased to \$50 a tonne over the next decade.

(Source: *Wairarapa Times Age* May 2006)



The only recycled glass smelter in New Zealand has

SURFS UP FOR CDL

In Hawaii a Container Deposit Scheme has been successfully seeing approximately two thirds of all beverage containers recycled.

If the redemption rate exceeds 70 percent over the 2006 fiscal year, the container fee will rise from one cent to 1.5 cents.

The increase looks highly likely, with an average 71 percent

redemption rate for the 2006 fiscal year so far.

For more information visit www.hawaii.gov/health/environmental/waste/

(Source:www.bizjournals.com)

NOTHING PLASTIC ABOUT KENYA

Plastic bags less than 30 microns thick could be phased out as part of plans to improve waste management in the Kenyan capital Nairobi.

Drop-off points for bags have been set up in the city, as well as calls for a plastic bag levy.

hand in hand with ongoing consumer awareness and anti-littering campaigns.

The campaign is intended to provide grassroots action to go (Source: RRF, 27 May 2006)

MINIMISE YOUR OUTPUT

No Shopping this Year

A group in San Francisco calling themselves the Compactors, have decided that they would not shop for any new items of clothing, electrical goods etc for one year.



The Compactors have also set up a Yahoo

group to offer helpful suggestions and links. For more information visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/thecompact/>

(Source: RRF WINS#14-2006-April 9,2006)

Recycle Bank

Recycle Bank, a pioneering Philadelphia based non-profit group gives households

coupons to spend at local businesses in return for separating their recyclables from waste. More than 90% of the households in the pilot program now recycle, that is up from less than 25% at the beginning of 2005.

For more information visit www.recyclebank.com

CARRY ON ENGLAND

Teaching the Teachers

Resource Management in the Education Sector: Key Findings from a study is a report issued by Waste Watch in the UK.

It sampled 96 educational establishments and gives examples and practical recommendations for ways to improve environmental performance in these institutions. The Report is available from www.wastewatch.org.uk

I Will If You Will

A report, *I will if you will*, issued by the Sustainable Consumption Roundtable has emphasized the possibility for a positive shift to sustainable lifestyles in the UK.

It found people are ready to change to a greener lifestyle if government and business would provide leadership and practical measures to adopt.

The Report is available from www.sd-commission.org.uk (Source: RRF 6 May 2006)

Make it Stick

The first of a series of educational campaigns designed to reduce gum litter has just begun in UK.

15 councils will be running campaigns which will involve a range of posters at street level, on buses and in bars using the slogan: 'Thanks for binning your gum when you're done.'

For more information visit: www.defra.gov.uk (Source: RFF 21 May 2006)

The Chinese government is introducing a 5% tax on disposable chopsticks in an attempt to reduce the 45 billion pairs of chopsticks produced each year.



(Source: www.abc.net.au)

'GREEN PLASTICS'

'Green Plastics' refers to a new breed of 'bioplastics' produced from renewable resources, engineered to perform and look like those of petrochemicals but decompose naturally.

Changes in market demand are making it feasible for companies to invest in these 'green plastics' which have the potential to replace applications formally associated with conventional

plastics. For more information visit www.bpiworld.org

(Source: BioCycle, May 2006, v.7,no.5)

WASTE TIME ONLINE



Recycle Now has developed a game to test your football

and waste stream recognition skills at the same time.

The game can be accessed www.thebigrecyclegame.co.uk

MUNICIPAL WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Next Meeting

Date: 19 July 2006

Time: 4.00 pm

Venue: Town of Cambridge

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



Visit WasteNet www.wastenet.net.au

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2006 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

26 June 2006	MWAC Workshop on Container Deposit Systems Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council, Perth For more information visit www.wastenet.net.au
9–11 August 2006	Transfer Stations 2006 Novotel Twin Waters—Sunshine Coast, Queensland For more information visit www.transferstations.com.au
28 August– 3 September 2006	Keep Australia Beautiful Week For more information please visit www.kab.org.au
13–15 September 2006	ORBIT 2006 Conference Weimar, Germany For more information visit www.orbit2006.de/cms/
15–17 September 2006	Clean Up the World Everywhere, Earth For more information visit www.cleanuptheworld.org
19–22 September 2006	Waste & Recycle 2006: "Crisis? What Crisis?" - Are we fiddling while Rome burns? The Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle For more information visit www.wasteandrecycle.com.au
2–4 October 2006	ISWA Annual Congress Copenhagen, Denmark For more information visit www.iswa2006.org/home.htm
7–9 November 2006	WasteMINZ New Zealand For more information visit www.wasteminz.org.nz
15–17 November 2006	National Recycling Week For more information visit www.planetark.com
31 July 2006	RRRS Period 16 Applications For more information contact Rebecca Brown on 9213 2063 or email rbrown@walga.asn.au
1 August 2006	Expression of Interest for Plastic Bag Reduction Awards For more information visit www.kab.org.au or ph KAB WA (08) 6364 6461
31 August 2006	Entry Form for Plastic Bag Reduction Awards For more information visit www.kab.org.au or ph KAB WA (08) 6364 6461
29 September 2006	State of the Environment Report For more information visit www.soe.wa.gov.au

2006 CALENDAR OF SUBMISSIONS



MUNICIPAL WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL
"Getting the Environment Right"

WHAT IS THE MUNICIPAL WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL?



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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.



SOUTHERN METROPOLITAN REGIONAL COUNCIL

