



BETTER SOIL, BETTER LIFE, BETTER FUTURE



International Composting Awareness Week
Australia

Monday 5th – Sunday 11th May 2014

The winner of one cubic metre of compost is:

**The Environment Club at John
Wollaston School**

**A big thank you to Jason and
the team at Nutrarich for
supplying the prize!**



COMMUNITY TOUR

On Saturday the 7th of June, the SMRC will be holding a community tour of the RRRC commencing at 10:30am. The tour takes approximately 2 hours and everyone who attends will receive a **free sample of a compostable bin bag** to trial at home for their kitchen bin.

Please call **9256 9555** or email **tours@smrc.com.au** for further information or to book.



When we Recycle Right we help to do our bit for the environment

Recycle Right is a waste education campaign by the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council (SMRC) to assist the residents in the Communities of Cockburn, Fremantle, East Fremantle, Kwinana and Melville to Recycle Right and put their waste in the right bin.

Waste from these communities is processed at the SMRC's Regional Resource Recovery Centre in Canning Vale.

If you would like to see what happens to your waste, why not come and see on a **free** tour of the facility.

Visit **recycleright.net.au** for more details and great tips on living more sustainably!



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COMMUNITY FEEDBACK HOTLINE

At the SMRC we welcome feedback from the community about our operations at the Regional Resource Recovery Centre in Canning Vale. With your assistance, we can improve how we work and achieve our vision of delivering sustainable waste management solutions for the benefit of our communities and the environment.

The SMRC's Community Feedback Hotline is open to the public 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. You can use the Community Feedback Hotline to:

- Report an odour you suspect may be coming from the RRRC
- Tell us what you think about recycling in the Southern Region of Perth
- Give us feedback about a tour you have been to at our facility
- Give us feedback about your waste calendar and how you would like to receive your information about recycling.

Once an odour is reported to the Community Feedback Hotline, details such as the location, time and character of the odour will be immediately sent to the staff at the Regional Resource Recovery Centre, who will conduct an inspection of the Waste Composting Facility, as well as investigate the location where the odour was reported.

Incidences of odour are also immediately sent to the DER so their officers can attend to determine the source of the odour.

A call to our feedback line will receive a personal response by the next working day.

Odours reported hours or days after they have been experienced cannot be verified.

The Community Feedback Hotline, **1300 556 726**, is answered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, all year round.



Participating in the Community - Planting for the future!



Friends of Ken Hurst Park are having a Tree Planting Day and need volunteers.

Planting Day will take place on Sunday 15 June 2014 at 10.00am to 1.00pm.



Meet at the RRRC admin office at 10.00am.



Don't forget your gloves, bucket, trowel and rubber hammer if you have them. Bring as much water as you can to water-in the plants.

Lunch will be provided at RRRC admin after planting. Please let Taryn Davis know if you wish to attend at tdavis@smrc.com.au



LEEMING CADET UNIT

The Leeming Bushranger Cadet Program came on a tour of the RRRC in early May to increase their knowledge about recycling. The tour was thoroughly enjoyed by the Cadets and the staff at the RRRC. Each Cadet went home with a compostable 'I'm changing the world' bag and a DVD of our Greenfingers production.



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TOURS

The Recycle Right Tour Guide can provide your school, community group, family and friends with a fantastic tour of the Regional Resource Recovery Centre in Canning Vale. The tour takes 1.5 to 2 hours and includes a stroll through the conservation area, the Waste Composting Facility, Audit and Green Waste Facilities and finishes in our state-of-the-art Materials Recovery Facility Education Centre.

Please call **9256 9555** or email tours@smrc.com.au for further information or to book your tour.



CHUA CHU KANG PRIMARY SCHOOL, SINGAPORE

On the 22nd of May students from the Chua Chu Kang Primary School, Singapore visited the RRRC to learn about recycling in Western Australia. The group particularly enjoyed walking through the RRRC bushland on the way to the Waste Composting Facility and seeing the Banksia's and Acacia's. They also enjoyed hearing the story of Michael Recycle, which is read to younger students who visit the facility.



Students from Chua Chu Kang Primary School, Singapore in the Education Room at the Materials Recovery Facility.

GARAGE SALE TRAIL

Garage Sale Trail – a fantastic series of events where people from all over the country hold garage sales on the same day – was officially held in Western Australia for the first time in 2013.

There were 670 sales in WA with 31,000 customers. The Waste Authority supported local governments in 2013 by subsidising their registration fee and has made a decision to do this again for 2014 and 2015, providing \$100,000 each year. There are a number of improvements to Garage Sale Trail planned for 2014. Chris Ferreira, who is well known in WA for his work on the Greenfingers television program, The Forever Project, Great Gardens and Heavenly Hectares, has come on board as the Western Australian coordinator.

Chris will be using his local knowledge to bring new ideas and new relationships to the campaign as well as run complementary sustainability workshops with councils as a part of the Garage Sale Trail program.

In addition, Garage Sale Trail will be providing more support to local government and there is more public.

Authority to Subsidise Garage Sale Trail relations and publicity planned. ABC Local Radio has already committed to



Cockburn Central provided a great location for nearby residents to set up together on Garage Sale Trail day 2013.

being involved again in 2014 – and will be running a range of activities in the lead-up to and on the day. The Waste Authority supports Garage Sale Trail as a way of encouraging Western Australians to consider their reusable household items as a resource and to reduce the number of items that end up going to landfill or being dumped. Garage Sale Trail also provides many community engagement and community development opportunities. Schools and other community groups can hold a sale for fundraising and local craftspeople can also get involved.

Visit www.garagesaletrail.com.au for more information about Garage Sale Trail and how you can get involved.



NEW RECYCLE RIGHT TOUR GUIDE

Anna Sondalini has joined the Recycle Right Tours Team at the RRRC along with Claire Dunn who joined us in March to help educate the community about what happens to their waste at the RRRC.

Anna has a keen interest in sustainable action and enjoys sharing knowledge about recycling and green living with others. She is excited to be able to share her enthusiasm about the great work done at the RRRC with others, and to help them Recycle Right!



Photo (left to right): Claire Dunn and Anna Sondalini



RRRC GARDEN

The RRRC Garden is still producing a range of lovely fresh vegetables and herbs. Last week's harvest was silver beet, rainbow spinach, chillies, carrots and pumpkin! The veggies were turned into a very tasty frittata!



NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE INCURSION

On Tuesday the 20th of May, Claire and Taryn visited the year 5/6 class to talk about packaging and how the choices we make when we buy things affect our world. They discussed with the class what makes good and bad packaging.

The students need to design a sustainable and strong package for biscuits. They will be following up with the class to see how they went.

COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP

If you would like to join the CAG or learn more about what they do, please contact them on the details below.

Please email smrccag@gmail.com or write to them at SMRC Community Advisory Group, PO Box 1501, Booragoon WA 6154.



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