



SOUTHERN METROPOLITAN REGIONAL COUNCIL

# Meeting Summary

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Chair, Cr Cameron Schuster .....	Melville
Deputy Chair, Cr Doug Thompson .....	Fremantle
Cr Michael McPhail .....	East Fremantle
Cr Sandra Lee .....	Kwinana
Cr Kevin Allen .....	Cockburn

### STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING 8 JUNE 2015

Recycle Right featured on Channel 7's WA Weekender television programme in June. The segment focussed on tours of the RRRC as an activity for community groups, schools and the general public and was aired in late June to coincide with the July school holidays.

Funding was received from the Waste Authority to brand public transport buses and waste collection trucks with Recycle Right messaging. Ten buses have been branded and will remain on the roads with bus routes within the SMRC catchment communities over the next 26 weeks.

15 waste collection trucks with branding applied to their sides will cover routes in the Cities of Melville (6 trucks) Cockburn (6 trucks) and Fremantle (3 trucks). The Town of East Fremantle was unable to participate due to their private truck fleet and the City of Kwinana will consider participation in October following contract renewal outcomes.

SMRC staff visited schools in Toodyay, Northam, Wundowie and Bakers Hill during June to conduct Recycle Right Workshops with a focus on the yellow topped bin. Not-for-Profit group REmida was also engaged as part of the project to run recycled artwork activities for children to think creatively about waste.

Improvements have been made at the RRRC which includes signage and interactive displays at the WCF viewing platform and bushland walk; fencing, reticulation and recycled furniture in the community vegetable garden and a new aerial photograph has been installed in the Administration Building Boardroom.



Recycle Right Branding on Public Transport buses driving routes in SMRC catchment communities

### MEETINGS HELD SINCE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

June 8.....	Audit & Risk Committee
June 8.....	Stakeholder Relations Committee
June 10.....	Agenda Briefing Session
June 11.....	Community Advisory Group
June 25.....	SMRC Ordinary Council Meeting



Advertising on waste collection trucks covering routes in Melville, Fremantle and Cockburn

### WASTE TO ENERGY SUMMIT MAY 2015

The CEO and Executive Manager Strategic Projects attended the Waste to Energy Conference in London and conducted 14 site visits and received a number of presentations from the London Waste and Recycling Board and Greater London Authority. The Study Tour provided an insight into best available technologies for the treatment and recovery of energy from the waste stream together with business models delivering waste to energy services on a regional and wider metropolitan basis.

The information and knowledge gained will assist the SMRC in implementing a regional strategy for the future. A detailed report was presented to Council and is available upon request.

### AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE MEETING 8 JUNE 2015

The Committee discussed the following matters:

1. Auditors' Interim Audit Report – No matters were brought to the Councils attention.
2. The CCC's report into Local Government Procurement (March 2015) – It was noted that the SMRC has controls in place that address the findings in the report.
3. The progress status on the actions arising from the internal audit on Stakeholder Relationship Management.
4. Revised Policy – Audit & Risk Committee Terms of Reference
5. Information & Communication Technology Plan 2015-2018 – document that forms part of the strategic directions of the SMRC.
6. Risks rated over 15 and the actions to treat were discussed.



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## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 25 JUNE 2015

### 2015/16 ANNUAL BUDGET

The Annual Budget for 2015/16 was adopted at the June Regional Council Meeting, which represents a \$30 million operational budget and \$3.6 million asset replacement expenditure budget funded from existing reserve funds.

Key budget parameters are:

- SMRC Annual Contributions towards Governance and education average increase of 4%
- Materials Recovery Facility Gate Fee – No increase
- RRRC Project Participants to receive a \$15 per tonne dividend from last FY surplus.
- Green Waste Gate Fee – No increase
- Waste Composting Facility Gate Fee increase 3%
- State Govt Loan Guarantee Fee increase from 0.1% to 0.7%

The net increase in total contributions for RRRC Project Participants is approximately 0.6% (\$1.45 per household).

### EMISSIONS REDUCTION FUND (ERF) FOR AUSTRALIAN CARBON CREDITS

The SMRC's Waste Composting Facility (WCF) has a strong record of carbon emissions reductions, commencing with the Greenhouse Friendly programme during 2005-2010, the Carbon Farming Initiative (CFI) 2010-12 and most recently Australian Carbon Credits (ACCUs) under the ERF. The SMRC successfully transitioned from the CFI to the ERF and has entered into a standardised sale and purchase agreement with the Clean Energy Regulator that commits the Regulator to purchase ACCUs at a contracted price with payment to be made soon after delivery.

Based on past performance of the project, it is estimated that SMRC will produce approximately 90,000 ACCUs from new waste diversion over the next 5 years. Together with ACCUs from legacy diversion between 2010-2012, the net income translates to approximately \$1.6 Million.

### MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY (MRF) POTENTIAL SALE

The SMRC is progressing with the legal, statutory and consultative issues required to dispose, via sale or other means, the RRRC's Canning Vale Recycling Plant. The SMRC resolved to sign the MRF Project – Memorandum of Understanding, subject to agreement with all members. A draft Business Plan was presented to Participants for feedback prior to a public notice, pursuant to Section 3.59 of the Local Government Act 1995 (WA).

### CITY OF KWINANA – SMRC RECYCLING AGREEMENT 2012

The SMRC has agreed to amend the City of Kwinana's recycling collection system by proposing to introduce a 360 litre recycling MGB for those who need extra capacity in preference to commencing weekly recycling.

## POLICY REVIEWS

Two policies were reviewed and approved

1. Revised Audit & Risk Committee Policy and Internal Audit Charter.
2. The existing Media Statements Policy No 1.7 was replaced with a Communications Policy, encompassing all communications, education and community engagement objectives and strategies.

## FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE TO DATE

The projected financial position for 2014/15 is expected to increase by \$1.6 Million.

The increase is a result of additional revenue from the sale of Carbon Credit Units valued at \$300K, additional throughput in the Green Waste Facility of \$325K and a surplus in RRRC Operations of \$320K. Additional savings in insurance premiums of \$460K, together with lower than anticipated expenditure of \$310K make up the net position.

## NOTICE OF MOTION FROM CR C SCHUSTER

The Council resolved the following motion put forward by Cr Schuster. The reasons are detailed in the full minutes of the meeting available on the SMRC's website.

1. *THE COUNCIL RECOGNISES THE CHANGES OCCURRING, AND POTENTIALLY OCCURRING, OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS IN THE OPERATING AND POLICY ENVIRONMENTS THE SMRC FUNCTIONS WITHIN. THE COUNCIL HENCE BELIEVES THAT IT IS POSSIBLE THERE WILL BE SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE SMRC'S OPERATIONS BY JUNE 2019, WITHOUT THERE BEING ANY CERTAINTY AS TO WHAT THOSE CHANGES MIGHT BE, OR HOW THE SMRC'S MEMBER COUNCILS MAY BE AFFECTED.*
2. *ACCORDINGLY THE COUNCIL DIRECTS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ("CEO") TO MAINTAIN A CLOSE VIGILANCE ON THESE CHANGES AND THEIR POTENTIAL IMPACTS, AND TAKE MODERATE AND NECESSARY ACTIONS AS JUDGED APPROPRIATE OVER THESE FOUR YEARS TO JUNE 2019 IN ORDER FOR THE COUNCIL TO BE ABLE TO EFFECT SIGNIFICANT STRUCTURAL OR OPERATIONAL CHANGE IN 2019 (OR LATER) IN A MANNER THAT IS AS CONSULTATIVE, TRANSPARENT AND COST EFFECTIVE AS IS POSSIBLE.*
3. *THE CEO IS ASKED TO BRIEF THE COUNCIL ON THIS ISSUE AT EACH AGENDA BRIEFING FORUM (AND REGIONAL EXECUTIVE GROUP MEETING) FROM THIS DATE, EITHER VERBALLY OR IN WRITING AS JUDGED APPROPRIATE BY THE CEO, OUTLINING HOW CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES ARE DEVELOPING AND ACTIONS HE IS INTENDING TO TAKE, OR HAS TAKEN, TO MEET THE OBJECTIVES OUTLINED ABOVE.*

## INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT)

### STRATEGIC PLAN 2015-2018

Council resolved to adopt the SMRC's ICT Strategic Plan which forms part of the SMRC's Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework.

The Plan has a set of project initiatives over the next three years to ensure basic IT requirements are being fulfilled and the SMRC remains productive and kept up to date with IT security and upgrade changes.