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recycle right newsletter

A monthly publication helping Western Australians to reduce their household waste, recycle right and live more sustainably.



Cr Schuster Launches Nappy Campaign

On the 22nd of November, SMRC Chairman Cameron Schuster kicked off a campaign to help educate the public about the correct disposal of nappies through the Bounty Bag program at the Regional Resource Recovery Centre in Canning Vale.

The campaign will target 21,000 new parents in the Perth metropolitan area over the next year and is aiming to help reduce the number of disposable nappies ending up in recycling bins and in the litter stream. Funding for the campaign has been made possible thanks to a \$10,000 Community Litter Grant from Keep Australia Beautiful, as well as contributions from the other regional councils around Perth.

The event was attended by representatives from Keep Australia Beautiful, WALGA, WMRC, EMRC, MRC, SMRC and launched, what is hoped to be, an effective campaign.



Photo (clockwise):

Anne Pettit, Cr Cameron Schuster, Emma Baker, Patrick Hay, Sarah Dimmock, Geoff Atkinson, Bronwyn Lee and Libby Eustance



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UPCOMING COMMUNITY TOURS

With school holidays on the way, the coming months are a fantastic opportunity to come out to the Regional Resource Recovery Centre to find out what happens to your waste. If you'd like to come and visit our facility in Canning Vale, we have a number of Community Tours available over the next two months.

Upcoming dates:

- Saturday 3rd of December
- Saturday 14th of January

Bookings are essential.
Call Emma on **9256 9528** or
contact her via email
tours@smrc.com.au



Recycle Right This Festive Season



There's no better time of the year to catch up with friends and family and share gifts than at Christmas. Amidst the celebration, many households often generate more waste than normal. Much of the waste generated around Christmas is food waste and packaging. It's better to try and avoid the waste in the first place, so here are a few important tips:

- Consider giving gifts which create minimal or no waste at all, or gifts that have been repurposed or recycled.
- Support your local community by buying locally made gifts or even consider giving an experience such as a massage, rock climbing or a game of golf.
- Nobody likes to wash up a sink full of dirty dishes, but you **can** ditch the disposables! Set up a wash up station and ask people to wash as they go. Many hands make light work.

- Plan your Christmas meals and be realistic about portion sizes to help minimise food waste.
- This Boxing Day is National Leftovers Day, so learn to love your leftovers! Parties are often over catered, but rather than throwing food away, send guests home with some food and make the most of what's left. You can also find many tasty leftover recipes on the Recycle Right app.
- Provide multiple labelled bins. Make it easy for your guests to put the right thing in the right bin, so that our resource recovery efforts aren't wasted.

If you do have to dispose of something, make sure you put it in the right bin so it can be recovered and recycled correctly. If you're not sure of which bin to put your waste in, download the Recycle Right app from the App Store or Google Play, or simply visit the desktop version at **m.recycleright.wa.gov.au/**

Problem Waste



Christmas Lights & Tinsel

Whilst many of the items we use for Christmas decorations each year are made from materials that are recyclable, many of these items should not be placed in your household bins. Long, stringy items such as tinsel, Christmas lights and even long string bits of packaging and plastic will get tangled in the machinery at the processing facilities and can cause serious damage and downtime.

If these items are still in good condition, donate them to charity or pass them on to a friend or family member.

If you do have to dispose of tinsel, it's best to save it for your next verge collection, whilst old Christmas lights can be taken to your nearest drop off facility.

For more information on what to do with other unusual items this Christmas, download the recycle right app or visit recycleright.wa.gov.au.



Jacaranda Festival

On Saturday the 26th of November, the Recycle Right team attended the 2016 Applecross Rotary Jacaranda Festival, with many people braving the heat to explore the more than 130 stalls.

In partnership with the City of Melville, the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council provided public place recycling to the festival for the 6th year in a row.

The day was a great success and the Recycle Right stall saw lots of visitors pass through the area participating in upcycling children's activities, as well as people of all ages taking the time to learn more about waste and recycling.

The Message in a Plastic Bottle is being shared across high schools in the SMRC region

Waste Wise Schools has developed a cross curriculum unit for Year 7 students. Students study the topic of bottled water and plastic waste in science, maths, geography and English, whilst engaging with some very important sustainability issues. This amazing resource supports collaboration between different learning areas and provides students with not only the tools to think more sustainably about the world around them, but also practice essential NAPLAN skills.

Waste Wise Schools is a program of the Waste Authority and offers resources and support for all Western Australian schools to plan, implement and maintain waste minimising projects such as recycling, composting and worm farming. They regularly run free teacher development workshops to help your school reduce waste and become more sustainable.

Find out more by visiting wasteauthority.wa.gov.au/programs/wws/



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City of Melville
takes **Outstanding
Achievement Award**
for this year's Garage
Sale Trail



With an entire team in attendance at the WA Kick off session, Melville proved they were a force to be reckoned with from the very beginning and have received an Outstanding Achievement Award at this year's Garage Sale Trail Council Awards.

Utilising a multi-faceted approach including social media, community group involvement, local newspapers and elected members, Melville succeeded in reaching top of the WA Leaderboard with 223 sales and stalls registrations, congratulations Melville!

The Southern Metropolitan Regional Council was also recognised, receiving a special mention at the awards.

Paintback Drop Off Day

ACCEPTED ✓	NOT ACCEPTED ✕
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Interior and exterior architectural paint – water and solvent based ✓ Deck coatings ✓ Floor paints ✓ Primers ✓ Undercoats ✓ Sealers ✓ Stains ✓ Shellacs ✓ Varnishes ✓ Urethanes (single component) ✓ Wood coatings (containing no pesticides) ✓ Packaging 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✕ Industrial maintenance coatings ✕ Automotive and industrial surface coating (shop application) paints and finishes ✕ Aerosol paints ✕ Automotive paints ✕ Anti-fouling coatings ✕ Melamine, metal and rust preventative ✕ Caulking compounds, epoxies, glues or adhesives ✕ Colourants and tints ✕ Resins ✕ Paint thinners, mineral spirits or solvents ✕ Paint additives ✕ Roof patch or repair ✕ Tar-based or bitumen-based products ✕ Two-component coatings ✕ Traffic paints ✕ Texture coatings ✕ Bagged renders ✕ Isocyanates ✕ Metal coatings ✕ Paint washings

**Drop-off Limit: Up
to 100 litres per
visit per vehicle,
in secured
containers of 20
litres or less**

Paintback is an industry initiative to divert architectural and decorative waste paint and packaging from landfill. Paintback will be hosting 2 collection events in the Metropolitan region of WA in December 2016 for trade painters and householders to drop off waste paint and packaging at no additional cost.

North of the River: You can drop off your paint on the 3rd of December at the City of Wanneroo Operations Depot, 1204 Wanneroo Rd, Ashby,

South of the River: You can drop off your paint on the 10th of December to the City of Rockingham's Council Carpark, Ameer St, Rockingham.

To help organise the events, if you intend on taking your

leftover paint to these drop off days, please register your intent here: **paintback.com.au/trade/registration_wa/**

To find out your nearest HHW collection points year round, download the Recycle Right App from the App Store or Google Play, or visit **recycleright.wa.gov.au**.





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**Wishing you
a very happy
Christmas &
New Year**

from

**THE SMRC CHAIRMAN,
REGIONAL
COUNCILLORS,
CEO AND STAFF**

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to **Recycle Right**
this Christmas!



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For all your recycling information and hints and tips on living more sustainably, please visit recycleright.wa.gov.au



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National Recycling Week

It all happened this National Recycling Week with the Recycle Right team taking part in all the fun that this time of the year brings.

The week saw 6 school groups and 2 community groups come for tours of the RRRRC, an article in the West Australian newspaper, an episode about how to recycle right on *Waterwise Gardening with the Garden Gurus* and we even launched a competition for schools to the pallet garden we had on display at this year's Royal Show!

Recycle Right and the Garden Gurus

You may have noticed Recycle Right on the recent launch of *Waterwise Gardening with the Garden Gurus*. During November we featured in two episodes which looked at some of the ways to help ensure we are all doing the right thing.

The first two episodes are available at recycleright.wa.gov.au/recycle-right-garden-gurus-tv-2016/

Be sure to tune in for another fantastic episode on Sunday the 4th

of December at 3:00pm on Channel 9 where we will be taking a look at some of the ways you can minimise your impact on the environment by reducing your waste!



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