



Meeting Summary

The information contained in this newsletter relates to matters discussed at the SMRC Regional Council Meetings during March and April 2017. The Meeting Summary may be circulated or tabled to elected members and officers of the member local governments of the SMRC. To request further information on articles in this Meeting Summary please email smrc@smrc.com.au or phone 9329-2700.

Chair, Cr Cameron SchusterMelville
 Deputy Chair, Cr Doug Thompson Fremantle
 Cr Kevin Allen Cockburn
 Cr Michael McPhail..... East Fremantle
 Cr Wendy CooperKwinana

WASTE RECYCLING EDUCATION NETWORK (WREN) – 6 APRIL 2017

The meeting saw strong attendance and participation with only one member unable to attend.

Key outcomes from the meeting included:

- Hayden Lindsay stepped into the role as Chair with Christine Cooper assuming the position of Deputy Chair
- Feedback provided by the Waste Authority was passed on to the group regarding their unsuccessful grant application in 2016.
- The group discussed how they can play a more active role in the community through new projects and a distribution of roles to suit this.
- An update about the 3-bin FOGO trial was provided, with Patrick to make a presentation to the group at a later date.

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – 27 APRIL 2017

WASTE COMPOSTING FACILITY DIGESTER REFURBISHMENT WORKS

SMRC is in a legal dispute with a contractor relating to defect works carried out on its digesters. The defect work was subsequently completed by another contractor to the satisfaction of the SMRC and will defend its actions through mediation.

DER REQUEST FOR TENDER: RIGHT BIN TOOLKIT – WASTE COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT MATERIALS FOR USE BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The SMRC submitted a response to the Tender utilising the Recycle Right Brand and communications approach but the tender was rejected in favour of the winning bidder Gatecrasher.

The SMRC will review and continue to deliver the Recycle Right Programme within its funding capabilities.

TENDER T2016-04 PROVISION OF TRADE SERVICES

Council endorsed the CEO’s decision to select Effect Engineering for the Provision of Mechanical, Metal Working and Fabrication and Polyurea WA for the Provision of Surface Protection, Treatment and Coatings, as no tenders were received for the above categories.

COUNCILLOR TRAVEL

Council approved Cr Kevin Allen’s request to provide financial assistance for him to attend the City of Cockburn’s delegation to the World Waste to Energy and Resources Summit 2017, in London UK, May 2017.

MEETINGS HELD SINCE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

Apr 6.....WREN
 Apr 12.....Agenda Briefing
 Apr 27..... Ordinary Council Meeting

CORPORATE POLICIES

The Code of Conduct for Employees with amendments was adopted by Council.

DRAFT 2017-18 ANNUAL BUDGET

The SMRC has prepared a Draft 2017/18 Budget Parameters Report for participant’s consideration. The Budget represents a \$25.7 million operational budget.

The proposed 2017/18 budget has an average decrease per household of 4%, equivalent to a decrease of \$10 per household, due to the reduction in MRF gate fees.

The Draft Budget Report has been sent to Member Council’s CEOs for comment before the final budget is proposed for adoption in June 2017

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Financial report for the 9 months ended 31 March 2017 shows higher operating revenues of \$250K, due to member tonnes received and lower operating expenditure of \$100K resulting in an \$350K budget operating surplus.

SMRC Reserve Strategy

The SMRC has six established cash reserves for the purposes of funding future capital and unplanned expenditure or losses in revenue

RESERVES		YTD Actual	ESTIMATED
		Mar-17	Jun-17
		(\$M)	(\$M)
PLANT REPLACEMENT	Annual Asset Renewal Program	\$2.83	\$2.30
CONTINGENCY	Commodity price fluctuation, Unplanned Capital Ex	\$2.31	\$2.31
CONFERENCE	Councillors & Staff	\$0.05	\$0.05
OFFICE - 9 ALDOUS PL	Capital Ex / Major Repairs	\$0.25	\$0.25
INSURANCE	Self-insured claim management Excess \$1M	\$0.50	\$0.50
RESTORATION	RRRC ground lease liabilities on termination of lease	\$1.00	\$1.00
		\$6.94	\$6.41

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