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# recycle right newsletter

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



## NEW LOOK AND NAME FOR SMRC

The Southern Metropolitan Regional Council (SMRC) has recently completed a major rebranding and has a new name – the Resource Recovery Group.

A need for a brand refresh and new name was prompted by a diversifying business and expanding customer base.

“This step has been made to broaden our growth and commitments by helping our customers and partners identify with our brand and value proposition in the broader marketplace,” Chairman Cr. Doug Thompson said.

The brand has the strapline: ‘Recycle. Innovate. Educate.’ to describe the key capabilities of the Resource Recovery Group.

“We **Recycle** materials to their highest practical value; **Innovate** and implement new approaches to recycling and resource recovery; and **Educate** by providing tools to recycle right, reduce waste and live more sustainably,” Cr Thompson said.

“The change demonstrates our ongoing vision to maximise material recovery and minimise climate impact by providing best practice resource recovery solutions with high recovery rates and ethical supply chains.”

The organisation remains a local government authority constituted under the *Local Government Act 1995 (WA)* with all the good governance that status requires.

The Regional Resource Recovery Centre (RRRC) in Canning Vale will be now referred to as the Resource Recovery Group – Canning Vale Centre.

The SMRC will be trading as the Resource Recovery Group, with changes effective from Wednesday 8 September on every platform.

Our new website can be found at **[resourcerecoverygroup.com.au](https://resourcerecoverygroup.com.au)**.

The next step is to get the change endorsed by the Minister for Local Government.

The Resource Recovery Group brand was officially launched at the **WA Waste and Recycling Conference** that was held at Crown Towns from 8-9 September. Staff from the Resource Recovery Group manned a stand that showcased our new brand and also some bags of FOGO-derived compost that is now available for residents to purchase! We also had some of our new Waste education games on display for delegates to test out.



The Resource Recovery Team L-R: Teresa, Jared, Tina, Sarah and Liz





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### AUSTRALIAN WILDLIFE WEEK

Each year during the first week of October, Australian Wildlife Week is commemorated across the country to encourage a positive relationship between humanity and nature.

At the Resource Recovery Group Canning Vale Centre, we count ourselves incredibly lucky to be home to 1.4ha of remnant Banksia Woodland. This woodland is important habitat for the conservation dependent Southern Brown Bandicoot and feeding grounds for the endangered Carnaby's Black Cockatoo. There are lots of other wildlife you can spot on a tour of the site, including a nesting pair of Eagles and the often sunbaking bobtail lizards.



### MODERN CLOTH NAPPY WORKSHOPS

Gone are the days of pins, soaking or bleaching! Modern cloth nappies are shaped, fitted, washable and reusable. Discover modern cloth nappies and tips on how to make using them easy!

Join Kam Andrews, "The Nappy Guru" for a cloth nappy workshop to learn about using and maintaining cloth nappies. Kam will demonstrate different cloth nappies available and explain the benefits of each.

A number of workshops are being held for residents living in the Resource Recovery Group catchment area - City of Melville, City of Fremantle and Town of East Fremantle. The workshops cover modern cloth nappies for babies, toddlers, children and adults – people of all ages are welcome. Proof of address will be required upon entry to the workshop (e.g. Drivers licence, utility bill).

**Tuesday 26 October 2021** at 6pm, The Meeting Place Community Centre, South Fremantle – [bit.ly/3lFHApY](https://bit.ly/3lFHApY)

**Monday 22 November 2021** at 10am, Piney Lakes Environmental Education Centre, Winthrop – [bit.ly/3FJpF98](https://bit.ly/3FJpF98)

For more dates, visit – [bit.ly/3DHoAgy](https://bit.ly/3DHoAgy)

#### **Cloth Nappy Rebate:**

City of Melville and Town of East Fremantle residents can apply for a 50% rebate of up to \$100 for either the hire or purchase of cloth nappies.

City of Fremantle residents can apply for a 50% rebate of up to \$150 for either the hire or purchase of cloth nappies.

To be eligible for the rebate, you must first attend a cloth nappy workshop run by The Nappy Guru facilitated by the City of Melville, the City of Fremantle or the Town of East Fremantle.

This is to ensure you have the information and support needed to successfully transition to using cloth nappies. Please bring photo ID with your name and address for proof of residence. The registration fee is \$7.70, with \$5.00 to be refunded to successful cloth nappy rebate applicants on top of the cloth nappy rebate amount.





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# NATIONAL RECYCLING WEEK NOV 8-14

This year marks the 25th anniversary of National Recycling Week! Since 1996, Planet Ark's National Recycling Week has provided an important opportunity for councils, workplaces, schools and the wider community to improve their recycling knowledge, reduce their waste and recycle right.

Recycle Right is hosting a number of events to celebrate National Recycling Week.

Visit [bit.ly/2YWvjUP](https://bit.ly/2YWvjUP) to find out more.



Recycle only these five things.



## JOIN A TOUR OF THE RESOURCE RECOVERY GROUP – CANNING VALE

If you would like to see what happens to your recycling bin once it leaves the kerb, why not come and join a tour? It's a perfect opportunity to learn a little more about an everyday activity.

During the free 1.5hr tour you will visit:

- **The FOGO Processing Facility**, where FOGO material is pre-processed to remove contamination
- **The Green Waste Facility**, where garden waste is turned into mulch
- **The Materials Recovery Facility**, where recyclables are separated, baled and sold for reuse
- **The Education Centre**, where we have lots more resources to help you to reuse, reduce and recycle

### TOUR DATES:

**Community Tour – Saturday 6 Nov @ 9am** – Open to all  
Bookings essential! For more information or to register go to:  
[bit.ly/3ax3i8K](https://bit.ly/3ax3i8K)

**Monday 8 Nov @ 10am** (City of Fremantle & Town of East Fremantle)  
Open to residents from the City of Fremantle & Town of East Fremantle  
Register at [bit.ly/3AEnVuf](https://bit.ly/3AEnVuf)

**Tuesday 9 Nov @ 10am (EMRC)**  
Open to residents from the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council catchment: Cities of Bayswater, Kalamunda and Swan, Town of Bassendean and the Shire of Mundaring.  
Register at [bit.ly/2YMfH5Q](https://bit.ly/2YMfH5Q)

**Tuesday 9 Nov @ 1pm (City of Canning)**  
Open to residents from the City of Canning  
Register at [bit.ly/3lLe01X](https://bit.ly/3lLe01X)

**Wednesday 10 Nov @ 10am (City of Melville)**  
Open to residents from the City of Melville  
Register at [bit.ly/3AFL3by](https://bit.ly/3AFL3by)

**Thursday 11 Nov @ 10am (WMRC)**  
Open to residents from the Western Metropolitan Regional Council catchment: Town of Claremont, Town of Cottesloe, Town of Mosman Park, Shire of Peppermint Grove and the City of Subiaco.  
Register at [bit.ly/3lClpj0](https://bit.ly/3lClpj0)



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## WEBINAR

SAVING SOFT PLASTICS  
**WITH REDCYCLE**



**Wednesday 10 Nov**  
**12pm-1pm via Zoom**

If you're curious to see how REDcycle works and what their soft plastics recycling program achieves, join us for a lunchtime webinar to have all your questions answered.

Rebecca Gleghorn, RED Group's Marketing and Communications Manager, will talk about all things REDcycle, from the very beginning until today, what products are made from the returned soft plastics, where to from here, and how you can get behind a whole new initiative.

This webinar is hosted by Recycle Right and open to all Western Australian residents.

For more information and to register visit [bit.ly/3AGLnH4](https://bit.ly/3AGLnH4)



# JOIN THE RECYCLE RIGHT RANGERS

The Recycle Right Rangers is a volunteer group under the umbrella of the Resource Recovery Group's 'Recycle Right' Education Program working to encourage and assist residents and businesses in Western Australia to recycle, reduce their waste and live more sustainably.

Members of the Recycle Right Rangers volunteer at community events, tours, school incursions and educational workshops all over Perth. You'll get the opportunity to join exclusive behind-the-scenes tours of waste and recycling facilities, provide feedback on the Recycle Right waste education material, attend quarterly workshops, gain a 'Working with Children Check' card, and receive valuable experience working with the community and school children on waste education.

Come and join likeminded individuals who are passionate about creating positive, sustainable change in their community!

If you are interested in becoming a Recycle Right Ranger, please complete this form to register your interest, and email to our Waste Education Officer, Jared, at [jcrowe@resourcerecoverygroup.com.au](mailto:jcrowe@resourcerecoverygroup.com.au). You will then be contacted to join the next introductory session that will be run.

To download the Expression of Interest form visit [bit.ly/2XfDqLC](https://bit.ly/2XfDqLC)





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### **GARAGE SALE TRAIL**

13-14 & 20-21 November



Over two big weekends, the Garage Sale Trail is a free festival of garage sales that happens in communities across Australia annually. The festival is dedicated to helping you extend the life of your stuff and find the ultimate pre-loved gem.

In 2020, over 250,000 Australians hosted a garage sale or shopped the Trail. Together, they extended the life of over 1.5 million kgs of stuff saving these items from landfill and maximising the value of all the energy and resources that goes in to making the stuff we buy.

Visit [garagesaletrail.com.au](https://garagesaletrail.com.au) for more information.



### **'Be a G.R.E.A.T. Sort' Waste Education Activities**



**The Recycle Right team have been busy working with the WMRC waste educators to create a set of education materials/games for schools and the community.**

Together we sought to develop an effective community education program that normalises positive waste behaviours and caters to a diverse range of age groups, learning styles and demographics.

The end result is a series of waste education games based on the Waste Sorted "**Be a G.R.E.A.T. Sort**" campaign. The games can be standalone or used in a school incursion program where up to 400 students rotate through game activity stations in just one day. Each year group's session commences and concludes as a whole group to consolidate student learning and key takeaways.

The activity stations consist of:

1. **The GREAT Gifting Game** – Gifting unwanted reusable items to charity, swapping, or selling them.
2. **The Responsible Recycler Game** – Recycling these top five items: paper, cardboard, plastic, glass and aluminium and steel cans.
3. **The Excellent Earthcycler Puzzle** – Earthcycling food scraps and garden matter into compost
4. **The Awesome Avoiders Game** – Avoiding excess waste, packaging and disposables
5. **The Terrific Taker Relay** – Taking batteries, e-waste, and chemicals to special drop-off points.

Two additional activities include:

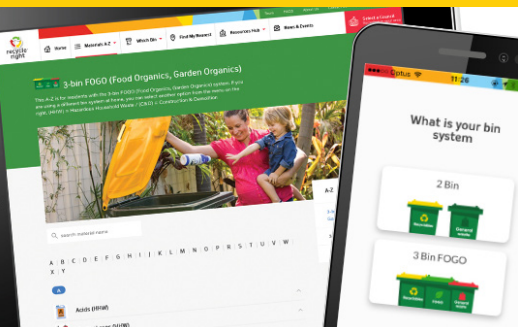
6. **Landfill is the Last Resort Activity** – When we throw things away, how long do they take to break down?
7. **Containers for Change Game** – Players are asked to sort eligible containers accepted for a 10c refund so they can be recycled.

Ready to book in? Call Jared from Recycle Right on **9329 2700** or email [jcrowe@resourcerecoverygroup.com.au](mailto:jcrowe@resourcerecoverygroup.com.au).



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## RESOURCES TO HELP YOU TO 'RECYCLE RIGHT'

Our Recycle Right website and App continues to help you—the people of WA—to Recycle Right. Information on both the app and website is tailored to the full assortment of bin systems found in the Perth metropolitan area: 3-bin FOGO (Food Organics, Garden Organics), 3-bin GO (Garden Organics) and 2-bin. Visit **[recycleright.wa.gov.au/](http://recycleright.wa.gov.au/)** to find out what goes in which bin, access an ever-growing A-Z list of items and what to do with them, Find My Nearest database of drop-off locations and Bin Day Reminders to alert you on your bin days.

The website also provides a Resources Hub of educational worksheets, how-to guides, fact sheets and templates.



## WHICH BIN? PLASTIC BOTTLE LIDS

Plastic bottle lids can be recycled BUT not through your yellow-lidded recycling bin. They are too small to be correctly sorted at the Materials Recovery Facilities (MRFs) that process our kerbside recycling and usually end up contaminating the glass. Visit **[bit.ly/3joMuvs](http://bit.ly/3joMuvs)** to see what happens to your bottle tops if you put them in the recycling bin.

If you would like to see your plastic bottle lids recycled, simply collect them up and drop them off at your local Containers for Change refund point. For more information on recycling your bottle lids through Containers for Change go to **[bit.ly/3ofUDFG](http://bit.ly/3ofUDFG)**

Alternatively, as a last resort, plastic bottle lids can be placed in your general waste bin.

## OTHER EVENTS

### Bottle Top Hill – Plastic Lid Drop Off Saturday 13 Nov, 8am – 10am

**Anglican Church of the Holy Cross, 56 McLean St, Melville 6156**

Bottle Top Hill is a 100% volunteer-run community project to help change our behaviour on waste and support a more circular economy. Avoid landfill and bring your clean, plastic drink bottle tops for reprocessing in WA. There will also be a donation drive for stationary for Give Write – **[givewrite.org.au](http://givewrite.org.au)** and Recycle Right will be there to answer all of your waste related questions.

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