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## **GARAGE SALE TRAIL**



Garage Sale Trail is about re-using great stuff, reducing waste to landfill, meeting your neighbours, stimulating local economies, and providing an awesome platform for fundraising – all with the support of participating local councils.

How do you hold the perfect garage sale? Find the answers in the nifty how-to-guides! Have a look, you know you want to... **http://garagesaletrail.com.au/** 

Registrations open August 11. Give your sale a name and upload photos of items that you would like to sell. That puts your sale on the website for all to see. You can host a sale yourself, or with friends or neighbours. For maximum impact, get your whole street involved and plan an even bigger, more profitable day.



# **GIRL GUIDES TOUR**

In mid-August the RRRC was visited by the Anson Trefoil Guild, the senior members of the Girl Guides. The ladies were enthusiastic to learn about what happens to their waste after it goes in the bin. After finding out about all of the uses for 'waste', the group was keen to get out and let their friends and family know about what they had learnt, and how to improve their recycling habits.



The Anson Trefoil Guild of the Girl Guides with Recycle Right Tour Guide Anna Sondalini.

# **RECYCLING VIDEO**



To watch the Recycle Right recycling video, go to: www.recycleright.net.au/what-happens-to-my-waste/





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#### Photo: Tour Guide Anna Sondalini

## TOURS..

The Recycle Right Tour Guides 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.

For further information, or to book your tour, please call Anna on **9256 9555** or email **tours@smrc.com.au** 

### **KEEP AUSTRALIA BEAUTIFUL** - CLEAN SCHOOLS WORKSHOP

### **Attention Primary Schools and High Schools!**

- Do you have a litter problem in your school?
- Would you like a great program that your students can help implement and gain great leadership skills in the process?
- Do you need some motivation and ideas on how to implement an anti-litter program?

These FREE PL sessions are for primary and secondary schools wanting to learn how to stop littering behaviour at school.

The Clean Schools program provides a step-by-step guide on how to run a whole school litter prevention campaign.

## WILDFLOWER WALK WITH THE FRIENDS OF KEN HURST PARK

Saturday, 20 September 2014, 7:00 AM
to 10:00 AM
Carpark, Regional Resource Recovery Centre, end
of Bannister Road, Canning Vale

Please bring water, snack, hat, sunscreen, closed shoes, camera

**Wildflowers likely to be seen include the following:** Caladenia huegelii, Caladenia longicauda, , Banksia menziesii, and many more

#### Information: Call Eddy Wajon **9310 2936** or email **wajonpub@bigpond.com**



Photo: Banksia Menziesii

Photo: Caledenia Huegelii





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# SUSTAINABLE SEPTEMBER – CITY OF COCKBURN

#### Sustainable September is just around the corner!

The City of Cockburn have an exciting program of events coming up — including worm farming, Sustainable Open House Days, bird nesting workshops, vegetarian cooking and farmers markets!

Check out the program of events at www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/Council\_Services/Environment/

# **COMPOSTABLE BIN LINERS**

In the SMRC your green-topped bin is composted, so it is best to use a compostable liner or newspaper to line your bins and dispose of your waste. Have you tried using compostable bin liners?

Compost-A-Pak <sup>®</sup> is 100% compostable and biodegradable, providing an environmentally friendly alternative to traditional plastic bags. Compost-A-Pak <sup>®</sup> is accredited to the stricter Australian Standards and is suitable for organics waste collection and diversion to either home composting, or industrial composting facilities.

To help us to keep plastics out of the compost, please use compostable liners and put all other plastics into your yellow-topped bin to be recycled.

#### YOU CAN ALSO GET A FREE SAMPLE OF COMPOSTABLE LINERS IF YOU COME ON A TOUR OF THE RRRC AND COME AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR WASTE!

To order your compostable bags visit

http://sourceseparationsystems.com.au/recycling-products/ compost-a-pak.html

SMRC RESIDENTS RECEIVE A 20% DISCOUNT ON THEIR ORDER SO USE THE PROMOTIONAL CODE: SMRC

# SATURDAY TOUR

# Want to see what happens to your waste? Why not come and see!

On Saturday the 13th of September there will be a tour of the RRRC recycling facilities commencing at 11am.

If you are interested in participating please contact Anna Sondalini on **9256 9555** or email **tours@smrc.com.au** 



## **FREMANTLE CAR POOLING**

### Car share trial for Fremantle

The City of Fremantle has approved an initial two year car share trial to promote an increase in the uptake of car sharing options and facilitation of car share operators across the City.

The City will now undertake work to enable a fleet of at least 50 viable car share vehicles in the area by 2020. This network of vehicles (to be owned and managed by private car share operators) will enable households and businesses in Fremantle to have access to a car without having to commit to the purchase of one.

Car share programs allow members to book a nearby vehicle for a short time, unlock it with a membership card, and later return the vehicle at the end of the booking. Cost is calculated on time and trip distance.







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# **RECYCLE RIGHT AT THE PERTH ROYAL SHOW**

The logs that are being used in the Greenfingers garden at this year's Perth Royal Show have been collected from the RRRC Green Waste Facility and are currently being milled into seats.

You can watch live filming of the Channel 7's Greenfingers Gardening program each day. Recycle Right will be there with a fantastic interactive display, games and activities. You will also get the chance to take home some great sustainable giveaways, such as reusable produce bags if you complete a short survey. We look forward to seeing you there!





Photo: Last year's Greenfingers garden at the Royal Show

Photo: The logs being used in this year's Greenfingers Garden at the Royal Show







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# **BIOFILTER MAINTENANCE**

The SMRC are currently carrying out maintenance on Biofilter 4, adjacent to the Railway Line as part of the general maintenance program. The maintenance will ensure the bio-filters operate at an optimum level.

We anticipate the maintenance will have minimal impact to the odour management system and will be completed in early November.

Due to additional machinery in the area, tours to the Waste Composting Facility (WCF) will be suspended until the maintenance program is completed. Information on the WCF will be shown via screen from the Education Room.



Photo: Biofilter

### **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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