



SMRC Chairperson Cameron Schuster was in the newspaper earlier this month urging residents to consider the environment and avoid unnecessary waste during the festive season. Stories ran in the Cockburn Gazette, Melville Times and Comments News. Photo: David Baylis, Community Newspaper Group



CAMERON'S TOP TIPS TO REDUCE WASTE AND RECYCLE RIGHT THIS CHRISTMAS

- 1** If you are having a Christmas party, avoid disposable plates, cutlery and serving trays – and if this is impossible, make sure you buy biodegradable ones.
- 2** Make it easy for your guests to recycle by having two clearly labelled bins – one for recycling and another for general waste.
- 3** Minimise food waste by buying only what you need, avoid overeating and use leftovers.
- 4** Wrap food waste in newspaper and place in the green-topped bin so it can be composted.
- 5** Think carefully about your gifts. Do they generate waste like batteries? Is the gift likely to be durable and lasting? To avoid waste altogether, you could support a local charity, or give an experience or gift voucher.
- 6** Use paper wrapping instead of plastic or foil and save it for next year.
- 7** Separate your paper, plastic and polystyrene packaging and place loosely in the yellow-topped bin. Flatten boxes.
- 8** Tinsel must not be placed in the yellow-topped bin as it may get caught in the recycling machinery and break it.
- 9** Christmas lights bump up your power bill and drain natural resources – so reduce your lighting display, use LED lights and turn lights off at bedtime.
- 10** Give the gift of knowledge – **download the free Recycle Right App** onto your family members' smart phones via the App Store or Google Play Store.



RECYCLE RIGHT ON TV

Have you been watching us on Greenfingers TV? Recycle Right has filmed seven segments this season, with a few left to air this month on Channel 9 at 5.30pm.

The TV segments focused on themes such as reducing waste at Christmas time, what happens to my waste, and tips for avoiding, reusing and recycling at home.

Katherine McCann, who is a member of the SMRC's Community Advisory Group (CAG), kindly opened her home to Greenfingers TV to share messages on how she has reduced her family's impact on the environment. "I like to think of my waste as a resource," Katherine said.

To view the TV segments, visit recycleright.net.au



Photo above: Katherine McCann with Greenfingers presenter Christina Morrissey



Photo right: Our Tour Guide Anna Sondalini on set filming a segment on Christmas waste



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Photo: Our Tour Guide Anna Sondalini

JOIN US FOR A TOUR

The Regional Resource Recovery Centre (RRRC) in Canning Vale is one of the few operational facilities in Perth where you can find out how your waste is recovered. Our Recycle Right Tour Guides provide individuals, schools and community groups with an insightful walk around the Waste Composting Facility, Audit, Green Waste Facilities and conservation area, before finishing in our state-of-the-art Materials Recovery Facility Education Centre. The tour takes 1.5 to 2 hours.

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

2014 HIGHLIGHTS

As we prepare for the new year ahead, we take a look back at the activities, highlights and achievements of 2014.



January: Environment Minister Hon. Albert Jacob MLA announces \$7.5 million in funding to implement the Better Practice Kerbside Collection Guidelines, which focus on two and three bin collection systems.

February: The new bale storage shed for the Materials Recovery Facility was completed and provided more capacity to store baled recyclables.



March: The SMRC launched its new-look corporate website.

April: The Regional Resource Recovery Centre (RRRC) had some special guests tour the facilities, including Minister for Local Government Hon. Troy Simpson and the Mayor and officers from Kuching City North in Malaysia.



May: Chua Chu Primary School came all the way from Singapore to learn about recycling at the RRRC.



June: Recycle Right visited Phoenix Shopping Centre to encourage recycling as part of World Environment Day.



July: Our community was encouraged to eliminate single-use plastics such as bags, water bottles, containers and straws as part of Plastic Free July.

August: City of Fremantle approved a two-year car sharing trial.



2014 HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)

September: Recycle Right took part in the Greenfingers Garden at the Perth Royal Show and provided the garden's compost from the SMRC. Recycle Right also featured at the Waste and Recycle Conference Trade Exhibition. City of Cockburn held a fantastic program of events as part of Sustainable September.



October: The second Garage Sale Trail took place and our community seized the opportunity to de-clutter their homes and bag a bargain.



November: Recycle Right took part in Scitech Discovery Centre's Sustainability Week and encouraged children to avoid waste and recycle.





FAST FACTS: TOILET PAPER

- An average person uses 8.6 sheets of toilet paper per use – that's more than 20,000 sheets each year.
- Every minute 200 trees are chopped and pulped for toilet paper around the world
- With our current rate of deforestation, 50,000 species of trees become extinct each year
- Every tonne of toilet paper made with recycled materials saves 400kg of greenhouse gases
- Toilet paper pulled from the top rather than under saves a few squares per use

How you can help:

- Only buy 100% recycled toilet paper
- Use only what you need
- Advertising with puppies, kids and catchy jingles is cute, but with a few small changes you can make a big difference.

Source: www.wipeitout.org



REGIONAL RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTRE – GREEN WASTE FACILITY

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK: 8:00am – 4:00pm (Except Christmas & New Years day)

The following **charges** apply:

CLEAN GREEN WASTE

Max Cut 1.5m length/300mm wide – No Contamination (see ✕ list)

Cars, Utilities & Trailers up to 1.5 cubic metres (Single Axle 6x4 box trailer)	\$30 per entry
Cars, Utilities & Trailers 1.5 - 3.0 cubic metres (Tandem 8x4, Caged or Enclosed High Sided Trailers)	\$55 per entry
Trucks & Heavy Vehicles – minimum entry charge	\$75 per tonne
Trucks & Heavy Vehicles – oversized > 1.5m length 300mm wide	\$150 per tonne
Commercial contracts over 200 tonnes pa	\$50 - \$75 per tonne

PALMS

Max Cut 1.5m length/300mm wide – No Contamination (see ✕ list)

Cars, Utilities & Trailers up to 1.5 cubic metres (Single Axle 6x4 box trailer)	\$55 per entry
Cars, Utilities & Trailers 1.5 - 3.0 cubic metres (Tandem 8x4, Caged or Enclosed High Sided Trailers)	\$70 per entry
Trucks & Heavy Vehicles	\$150 per tonne
Trucks & Heavy Vehicles – oversized > 1.5m length 0.3m wide	\$150 per tonne

Residents of the **City of Cockburn** and **Town of East Fremantle** may use a **valid tip pass**. Paying customers do **not** have to be residents within a SMRC member Council area.





PLASTIC FREE FESTIVAL

Did you know that each year enough plastic is thrown away to circle the earth four times? We use plastic all day, every day, from our computer keyboard, to plastic containers, to the washing basket. While plastics are recyclable, we have a significant way to go to reduce our use of plastic products and their impact on the environment.

Next month the City of Fremantle and Town of Cottesloe will hold a two day Plastic Free Festival. The festival, on 16 and 17 January 2015, offers free activities and workshops to encourage people to minimise their use of plastics.

As part of the festival, events will include a seminar by Dr Jennifer Lavers on seabirds and plastic pollution, the official launch of the Responsible Cafés initiative and a One Planet Fremantle photography exhibition. The SMRC will participate in the event with Recycle Right activities and information for children and adults.

For more information on the Plastic Free Festival, visit fremantle.wa.gov.au/One_Planet/Plasticfree



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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