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# recycle right newsletter

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



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## CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE SCHEME LAUNCHED!

Whether you're keen to earn a bit of extra cash, raise money for your local sports club or even donate to your favourite charity, you can now start earning 10-cents for every eligible drink container collected for the Containers for Change scheme. Eligible containers include most aluminium, glass, plastic, steel and liquid paperboard beverage containers which are typically consumed outside the home. The introduction of container deposits schemes in other states have resulted in a dramatic reduction in litter and a huge increase in recycling rates. In WA over 1 million containers were returned through the program on the first day!



For more information about the Containers for Change program and to find your nearest refund point visit [containersforchange.com.au/wa/](http://containersforchange.com.au/wa/)

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### JOIN THE WREN

Do you live in the Fremantle, East Fremantle or Melville Council areas and would like to take part in making change? Why not join an enthusiastic group doing just that?

The Waste Reduction and Recycling Education Network (WREN) meets in Booragoon once a month at 6pm. The next meeting is on 12 November 2020.

Members engage in issues regarding waste and recycling. We act as a conduit between the public and the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council (SMRC) and spread the word at community events.

The group is small and free thinking, we thrive on using our left brain and like to get things done. We would love to have you join us.

Contact [SMRC@SMRC.com.au](mailto:SMRC@SMRC.com.au) for more information or head on down to our stall at the Jacaranda Festival in Applecross on 28 November to have a chat!



# UPCYCLED ART COMPETITION WINNERS

In celebration of National Science Week (15-23 August), Recycle Right ran an 'Upcycling Art Competition' for primary schools within the SMRC catchment area. Our panel of judges were given the difficult task of evaluating a total of 24 amazing art sculpture entries that were sent in from six different schools.

All the entries were judged on their creativity, uniqueness, maximum use of recycled products and 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle' message.

The winners will receive a voucher from Scitech for their Discovery Shop, some Recycle Right reusable bags and a pot plant for the classroom. Well done to all those who entered!



### Winning images – left to right:

- The Recycled Octopus
- Lantern Fish
- Upcycled Dragon

### Lower Primary Winners

**First:** 'The Recycled Octopus' – Richmond PS Year 1s/ Classroom 2

**Second:** 'Jelly the Jellyfish' – Richmond PS Year 1s/ Classroom 1

**Third:** 'Taylor the Turtle' – Richmond PS Year 1s/ Classroom 1

### Middle Primary Winners

**First:** 'Lantern Fish' – Richmond PS Year 3s/ Classroom 9

**Second:** 'Coffee Pod Art' – Hilton PS Year 3s / Classroom 5

**Third:** 'Deep Blue Love' – Richmond PS Year 4s / Classroom 6

### Upper Primary Winners

**First:** 'Upcycled Dragon' – Caralee PS Year 5s

**Second:** 'The Metal Whale' – Winthrop PS Year 6s / Classroom E4

**Third:** 'Earth's Time Glass' – Winthrop PS Year 6s / Classroom E4

**Special thanks for Scitech for sponsoring part of the prize.**





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### BE A GREAT SORT

Waste Sorted, a Waste Authority program, have just launched their latest campaign to help West Australians be a **GREAT** sort.

WA is filled with GREAT sorts who put less in their bins. Before throwing something away, GREAT sorts consider if it can be **G**ifted, **R**ecycled, **E**arth-cycled, **A**voided or **T**aken to a special drop-off point.

Join these GREAT sorts and make landfill the last resort!

To find your nearest drop off point for items which can't be recycled through your kerbside bins check out the Find My Nearest tool on the Recycle Right website! [recycleright.wa.gov.au/find-my-nearest/](http://recycleright.wa.gov.au/find-my-nearest/)



### GARAGE SALE TRAIL

Registrations are now open for the 2020 Garage Sale Trail! Visit [garagesaletrail.com.au/](http://garagesaletrail.com.au/)



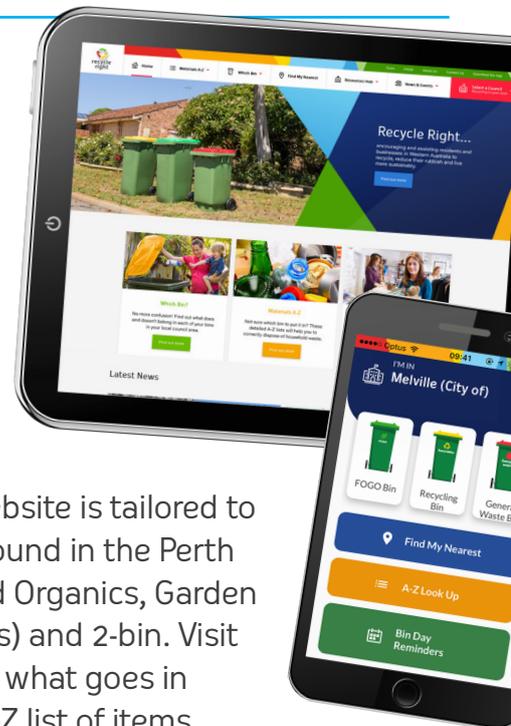
The Garage Sale Trail is a free festival of over 16,000 garage sales that happens in communities across Australia annually. This year's event is all about helping people to make or save money by buying or selling secondhand and with new ways to get involved both online and in the real world, you can take part no matter what restrictions are in place. You'll help save valuable resources from landfill and make or save some money in the process.

### RESOURCES TO HELP YOU TO RECYCLE RIGHT

Our Recycle Right website and App (re-launched in November 2019) continues to help you—the people of Perth—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.



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UPCOMING EVENT

RRRC COMMUNITY TOUR



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.

Our next community tour will be taking place on Saturday 24 October at 9.00am.

For more information or to register, contact [tours@smrc.com.au](mailto:tours@smrc.com.au).

This will be our first tour back since the COVID-19 pandemic so get in quick as spots are limited!



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## WHICH BIN? TIPS TO HELP YOU TO RECYCLE RIGHT

Overwhelmingly soft plastics are one of the most common sources of contamination we are currently seeing in recycling bins across Perth.

Save your soft plastics from ending up in landfill or contaminating our recycling streams by collecting them up and dropping them off at a REDcycle bin in front of your local Coles or Woolworths.

For a comprehensive list of what you can take to REDcycle head to: [redcycle.net.au/what-to-redcycle/](http://redcycle.net.au/what-to-redcycle/)

If you can't take your soft plastics to be REDCycled then please place them in your General Waste bin.

## WELCOME TO RECYCLE RIGHT!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council (EMRC) and Western Metropolitan Regional Council (WMRC) who have recently joined as members of the Recycle Right education program. Residents in these regions will now benefit from consistent, collaborative waste education as well as extended access to the Recycle Right mobile app and tours of the RRRC.



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