



REMEMBER TO RECYCLE RIGHT THIS CHRISTMAS



NEW SMRC COUNCILLORS

The recent local government elections have meant some changes to the SMRC Council. The SMRC farewells Chair Cr Tony Romano from the City of Cockburn, Cr Cliff Collinson from East Fremantle and Cr Rob Willis from the City of Melville. We greatly appreciate your commitment and support of the SMRC.

We welcome our new Chair, Cr Cameron Schuster from the City of Melville, Deputy Chair Cr Lee-Anne Smith from the City of Cockburn and Cr Michael McPhail from the Town of East Fremantle and we look forward to continue to deliver sustainable waste management solutions for the SMRC region.



Cr Cameron Schuster
City of Melville



Cr Lee-Anne Smith
City of Cockburn



Cr Michael McPhail
Town of East Fremantle

REFRESH FOR THE RECYCLE RIGHT WEBSITE

Recycle Right has undergone some exciting changes this last month! To check out the new website, go to recycleright.net.au

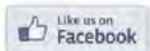


COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP

The Community Advisory Group appointed a new chair at the November Meeting. Congratulations to Norm who is the new Chair of the Group for the next 12 months and Durga who is Deputy Chair. Welcome also to Delphine, Louis and Cliff who are new members of the 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.



Like us on facebook at RecycleRight NOW with SMRC CAG.



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During the Christmas season, most households generate more waste than usual. SMRC Chairperson Cameron Schuster is urging residents in the Southern Metropolitan Region to **Recycle Right** this Christmas.

Not all gifts have to be store bought so why not think of giving gifts that create minimal waste. You could support a business in your community by purchasing locally made gifts, or buy an experience such as rock climbing, a relaxing massage or a game of golf.

“Christmas is also a great time to teach children about giving to those less fortunate than ourselves. Share the Christmas spirit by recycling toys and clothing your children don’t use, by donating them to charity or putting them under a giving tree.” Cr Schuster said.

Christmas is a time of year that can generate large amounts of waste, including food waste and lots of packaging. It is important to put waste you do produce in the right bin so it can be recovered and recycled. Even better, why not try creating less waste in the first place?

Cr Schuster’s advice is “Start by making your supermarket shopping list and checking it twice to ensure you don’t over buy this Christmas. As well as saving money you will also help the environment.”

“Be sure to place packaging loosely in the yellow topped bin and avoid filling boxes with plastic and other wrapping to ensure it is recycled.” Boxes should be flattened.

The SMRC has a great new app which tells you which bin to put your waste in as well as abundant tips for producing less waste and living more sustainably. Search Recycle Right on the App Store or Google Play Market, or use the mobile web version at m.recycleright.net.au



For the correct information on what goes in which bin and to recycle right this Christmas, please visit recycleright.net.au

For information about the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council please visit www.smrc.com.au

CAMERON’S CHRISTMAS TIPS TO REDUCE WASTE AND RECYCLE RIGHT THIS CHRISTMAS!

- 1** Give the free gift of recycling knowledge and tell people about the Recycle Right app on the App Store and Google Play Market.
- 2** Give low impact gifts that create minimal waste and have a good end of life solution.
- 3** Be sure to place packaging loosely and separately in the yellow-topped bin. Please do not put plastic packaging inside cardboard boxes. Flatten your boxes.
- 4** Use paper wrapping rather than foil or plastic and save your paper wrapping for reuse next year.
- 5** If you are having a Christmas Party, make it easy for your guests to recycle by providing two labelled bins – one for general waste and the other for recyclables.
- 6** Try to minimise food waste this Christmas, only buy what you need, serve smaller portions and store and use leftovers.
- 7** Wrap food waste in newspaper and put it in the green-topped bin together with your garden waste, so we can turn it into compost.
- 8** Tinsel should not be placed in your yellow-topped bin.
- 9** Visit www.recycleright.net.au this Christmas to find out which bin to put it in!





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LOWER THE IMPACT OF HOLIDAY LIGHTING

Remember the cost of your Christmas Lights go beyond your electricity bill, they also drain natural resources, so here are some tips to minimise the impact of your Christmas lights:

- Reduce the size of your outdoor lighting display
- Use LED lights for house and Christmas tree lighting
- Turn your lights off at bedtime



RRRC VEGETABLE GARDEN

The Vegetable Garden at the RRRRC is growing fast! The compost along with help from worm juice from the newly added worm farm, is giving the plants the nutrients they need to grow like crazy!

The staff that contribute to the upkeep of the garden have been happily harvesting, herbs, tomatoes, rocket, edible flowers and spinach. Very soon the corn and the capsicum will be ready to pick – just in time for a bright, fresh Christmas salad!



GREENFINGERS TV

In October and November the Regional Resource Recovery Centre featured on Greenfingers TV, showing Perth that recycling does happen and just how important it is for the environment and climate change, that we make sure our waste goes in the right bin.

The shows take you inside the Waste Composting, Audit, Green Waste and Materials Recovery Facility.

<http://recycleright.net.au/recycleright-green-fingers-tv/>



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the secrets to gardening success

7 PERTH
5:30PM SUNDAYS





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COMMUNITY FEEDBACK HOTLINE

At the SMRC we welcome feedback from the community about our operations at the Regional Resource Recovery Centre in Canning Vale. With your assistance, we can improve how we work and achieve our vision of delivering sustainable waste management solutions for the benefit of our communities and the environment.

The SMRC's Community Feedback Hotline is open to the public 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. You can use the Community Feedback Hotline to:

- Report an odour you suspect may be coming from the RRRC
- Tell us what you think about recycling in the Southern Region of Perth
- Give us feedback about a tour you have been to at our facility
- Give us feedback about your waste calendar and how you would like to receive your information about recycling

Once an odour is reported to the Community Feedback Hotline, details such as the location, time and character of the odour will be immediately sent to the staff at the Regional Resource Recovery Centre, who will conduct an inspection of the Waste Composting Facility, as well as investigate the location where the odour was reported.

Incidences of odour are also immediately sent to the DER so their officers can attend to determine the source of the odour.

A call to our feedback line will receive a personal response by the next working day.

Odours reported hours or days after they have been experienced cannot be verified.

The Community Feedback Hotline, **1300 556 726**, is answered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, all year round.

FREE RECYCLING APP

Give the free gift of Recycling knowledge with the Recycle Right App

The Southern Metropolitan Regional Council has revolutionised Waste Education with Perth's first mobile app for waste and recycling for the Southern Region of Perth.

Features of the app are:

- ☆ Which Bin
- ☆ Find My Nearest
- ☆ Materials A-Z
- ☆ Take Part
- ☆ Hints and Tips
- ☆ Leftover Recipes

The app is free and available in both mobile web and native versions.



Mobile Web App

To install the mobile web app on your apple or android smartphone or tablet, go to m.recycleright.net.au and add the icon to your homescreen.



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CITY OF COCKBURN COMMUNITY TOUR

City of Cockburn



The City of Cockburn's Environment and Waste Education Officer, Vicky Hartill recently organised a tour of the Regional Resource Recovery Centre for the Cockburn community to come and see what happens to their waste!



Recycle Right Tour Guide Emily Tomsett showing the compost produced at the SMRC from the green-topped bin.



The Cockburn community tour on their way around the Regional Resource Recovery Centre.

If you would like to tour the Regional Resource Recovery Centre please see the details below on tours.

TOURS

Recycle Right Tour Guide Emily 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.

Please call **9256 9555** or email tours@smrc.com.au for further information or to book your tour.



NUYTSIA FLORABUNDA

The Western Austrian Christmas trees are in full bloom at the Regional Resource Recovery Centre in our treasured Banksia Woodland. The surrounding Ken Hurst Park is also in bloom and the splashes of orange around the facility are sure to brighten your day. Why not come and see for yourself!





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SMRC ANNUAL REPORT

The SMRC 2012/13 Annual Report is available to view online as an interactive document, or download in pdf format on the SMRC website at: www.smrc.com.au/go/who-we-are/key-documents



SMRC LICENCE

Having successfully implemented works required by conditions in our current licence, the SMRC has now applied for an amendment. For more details please visit www.der.wa.gov.au

STATE WIDE THAT'S RUBBISH CAMPAIGN

In conjunction with the Western Australian Local Government Association and the Waste Authority, Recycle Right is currently being expanded to include information for the yellow-topped bin for the whole of Perth.

Go to 'find out more about recycling in your area' on recycleright.net.au

"As long as I put it in my yellow bin, it will be recycled."



That's Rubbish!

If it's not recyclable through the yellow top bin, or recyclable items are not placed correctly (like off bottles, empty aerosol food containers, all items above their point of use) the bin's contents should go to landfill. Visit recycleright.net.au for every tip on making smart changes that help our environment.



WE WISH YOU A
Merry
CHRISTMAS
AND HAPPY
★ **NEW YEAR!** ★



WISHING YOU A HAPPY, HEALTHY CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR FROM THE REGIONAL COUNCILLORS & STAFF



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FIELD AMBIENT ODOUR ASSESSMENT

The results of Field Ambient Odour Assessments, which are carried out independently in the area adjacent to the RRRC, are available each month on the SMRC Website at www.smrc.com.au/go/community-information-and-feedback

SOUTHERN METROPOLITAN REGIONAL COUNCIL

