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Chair, Cr Cameron Schuster	Melville
Deputy Chair, Cr Doug Thompson	Fremantle
Cr Michael McPhail	East Fremantle
Cr Sandra Lee	Kwinana
Cr Kevin Allen	Cockburn

STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING – 23 FEBRUARY 2015

RECYCLE RIGHT PLAN ENDORSEMENT

The Recycle Right Plan was endorsed by the SMRC Council and formally supported by all member councils with the exception of City of Cockburn.

MEDIA COVERAGE

There were three positive activities about the SMRC in printed local newspapers promoting waste avoidance and recycling in the lead up to Christmas.

GREENFINGERS TELEVISION PRODUCTION

Seven Greenfingers TV segments were filmed and aired on Channel 9. Funding of \$10,000 was received from the Waste Authority to produce two segments and the other five were paid with SMRC budget. The seven segments are:

1. Waste Education
2. How to reduce, reuse and recycle at home
3. Adult Recycling Challenge
4. A waste free Christmas
5. Where does my waste go
6. SMRC recycling
7. Christmas dinner with SMRC

Greenfingers has an estimated reach of 150,000 people across Western Australia per episode. All of the shows from 2014 can be viewed on the Recycle Right Website at

www.recycleright.net.au/recycle-right-greenfingers-tv-2014/

SUCCESSFUL GRANT FUNDING

The SMRC has been successful in receiving a \$131,000 grant as part of the Waste Authority's Engagement in Action funding program. Funds will be allocated to implement the following activities:

- Branding of up to 30 member council waste collection trucks (with a \$30,000 SMRC contribution)
- Branding of 10 Transperth buses
- Virtual tour video
- Reimbursement of animated waste video
- Wide screen and projector for education centre.

MEETINGS HELD SINCE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

Feb 11.....	Agenda Briefing Session
Feb 23.....	Stakeholder Relations Committee
Feb 23.....	Audit & Risk Committee
Feb 26.....	Ordinary Meeting of Council

COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP

The Community Advisory Group (CAG) held meetings in October 2014 and February 2015 and has assisted with activities including Palmyra Farmers Market, Perth Royal Show, Fremantle Plastic Free Festival and Greenfingers TV filming.

Following agreement at the February 2015 Council Meeting, the CAG will now appoint its future members by group decision rather than by the SMRC.

AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE MEETING – 23 FEBRUARY 2015

COMPETITIVE NEUTRALITY ASSESSMENT REPORT

The SMRC undertook a review of its legislative requirements under the National Competition Policy as part of its periodic review.

The assessment has determined that, while RRRRC's business activities meet the first criterion for the implementation of competitive neutrality principles they do not meet the Public Benefit Test. For this reason, and consistent with the requirements of the Competition Principles Agreement, SMRC is not required to implement any competitive neutrality principles to the operations of RRRRC. The report is available on the SMRC website and will be forwarded to Members for information.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPLIANCE AUDIT RETURN FOR 2014

The SMRC has completed the Department of Local Government's annual Compliance Audit Return for the period 1st January 2014 to the 31st December 2014 and reported no non-compliance issues.

RRRC BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT PLAN

SMRC has undertaken a review of its bush fire risk for the Regional Resource Recovery Centre and has prepared an action plan to control and mitigate any potential fire risk.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY AUDIT

Local Government Insurance Services (LGIS) undertook an AS/NZS 4801:2001 Occupational Health and Safety Management System Audit at the RRRRC in January 2015. The audit report states that the SMRC has demonstrated that it has implemented an occupational health and safety system to a high standard and has recommended the SMRC receive a Gold Diligence in Safety Award Achievement.



SOUTHERN METROPOLITAN REGIONAL COUNCIL

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ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – 26 FEBRUARY 2015

MUNICIPAL WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL REVIEW

The SMRC has endorsed the proposal to incorporate the Forum of Regional Councils (FORC) into the Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC). SMRC has formally withdrawn from FORC, effective from 6th March 2015 and will continue its discussions with the MWAC. A letter of appreciation has been sent to FORC and its regional council members acknowledging its past work.

REGIONAL STRATEGIC WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW

Tender applications have now closed for the Regional Strategic Waste Management Plan and an Evaluation and Award Panel is currently assessing the submissions against an extensive criteria. A Tender Evaluation Report will be provided to Council in late March/early April 2015.

WASTE AVOIDANCE AND RESOURCE RECOVERY (WARR) ACT 2007 REVIEW DISCUSSION PAPER

Following release of the discussion paper and formation of the WARR Act Review and Policy Forum, the Regional Council has endorsed the SMRC Consultation Paper response to the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Review.

DIGESTER WEAR BAR REFURBISHMENT & STRENGTHENING WORKS

Tender applications have now closed for the supply and installation of Digester Wear Bars and Surface Treatments. Tender evaluation is currently underway and a report will be provided to Council in March/April 2015.

WORLD WASTE TO ENERGY CITY SUMMIT 2015

The Cities of Cockburn and Melville are organizing a Study Tour Delegation to attend the World Waste to Energy City Summit, UK in May 2015. The SMRC CEO and Executive Manager Strategic Projects will also be attending the conference. The conference focuses on current waste to energy technologies in UK and Europe.

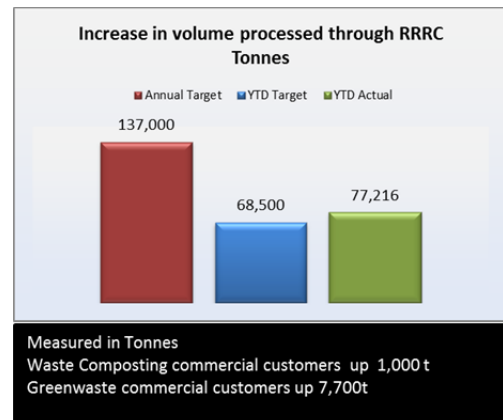
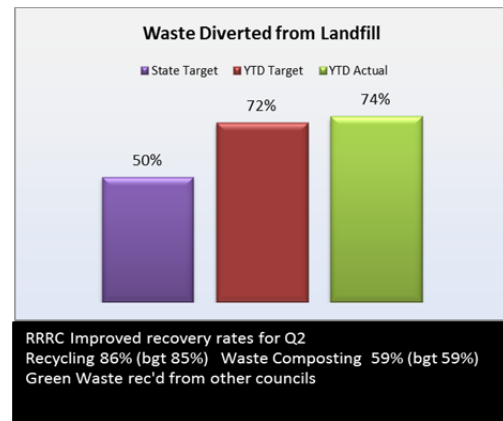
A report will be produced outlining the knowledge and information gained that will assist in the implementation of the regional strategy that guides the transition of the Regional Council and its assets toward 2023 and beyond.

MID YEAR BUDGET REVIEW

The projected financial position for 2014/15 is expected to increase by \$1.1 Million.

The increase in revenue in the first six months is due to the sale of Carbon Credit Units valued at \$300K, additional throughput in the Green Waste Facility of \$325K and a surplus in RRRC Operations of \$320K. Additional savings in insurance premiums of \$460K, together with lower than anticipated expenditure of \$310K make up the net position.

KEY PERFORMANCE RESULTS TO 31 DECEMBER 2014 (6 MONTHS)



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