



MINISTER SIMPSON VISITS THE RRRC

The Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Tony Simpson visited the RRRC for a comprehensive tour of the facilities on Tuesday the 25th of March.

The Minister was hosted by the SMRC's CEO Tim Youé along with the Chairman Cr Cameron Schuster and Cr Sandra Lee, Cr Michel McPhail and Cr Doug Thompson.

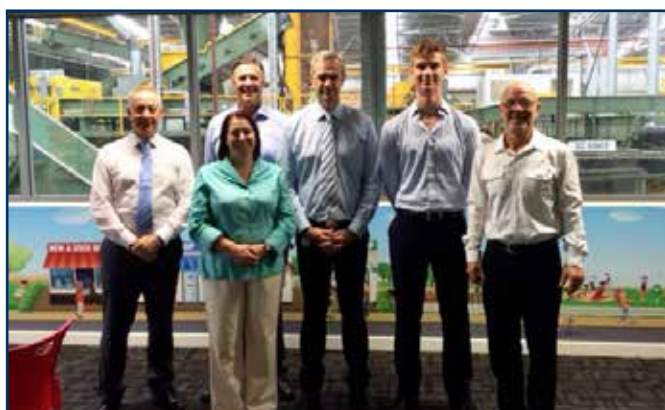


Photo: (left to right):
Tim Youé - CEO, Cr Cameron Schuster – Chairman, Cr Sandra Lee, Hon. Minister Tony Simpson, Cr Michael McPhail, Cr Doug Thompson.

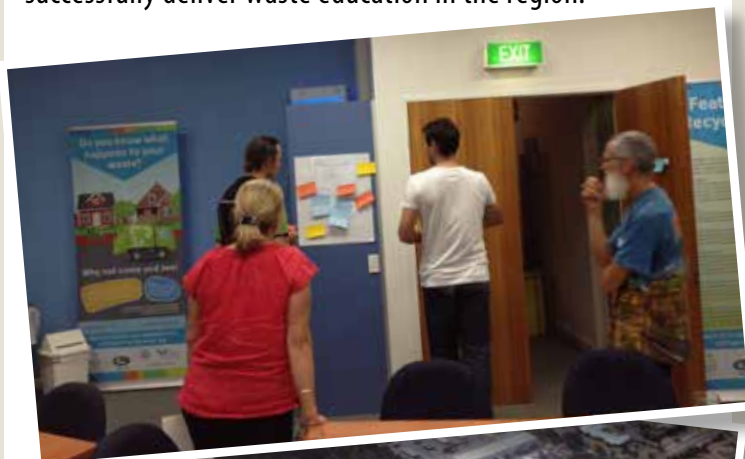
CITY OF COCKBURN BILLBOARDS

The City of Cockburn are currently displaying some great billboards for waste and recycling, designed by Sarah at the SMRC. The billboards will help educate Cockburn residents about how they reduce their waste and where to look for recycling information. – Well done Cockburn!



RECYCLE RIGHT PLAN

A community workshop to further develop the Recycle Right Plan, which will provide a strategic document for waste education messaging and activities, was held on Thursday the 10th of April at the RRRC. A subsequent workshop was held on the 29th of April with Waste Education officers from SMRC Member Councils. The planning sessions hosted robust conversations about how to creatively and successfully deliver waste education in the region.



COMMUNITY TOUR

On Saturday the 3rd of May the SMRC will be holding a community tour of the RRRC commencing at 10:30am. The tour takes approximately 2 hours and everyone who attends will receive a **free sample of a compostable bin bag** to trial at home for their kitchen bin.

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





MALAYSIA VISIT

Kuching City, North Malaysia

The Mayor and officers from Kuching City North in Malaysia visited the RRRRC on the 1st of April.

The group were interested in researching long term waste management and alternative waste treatment options for their region.

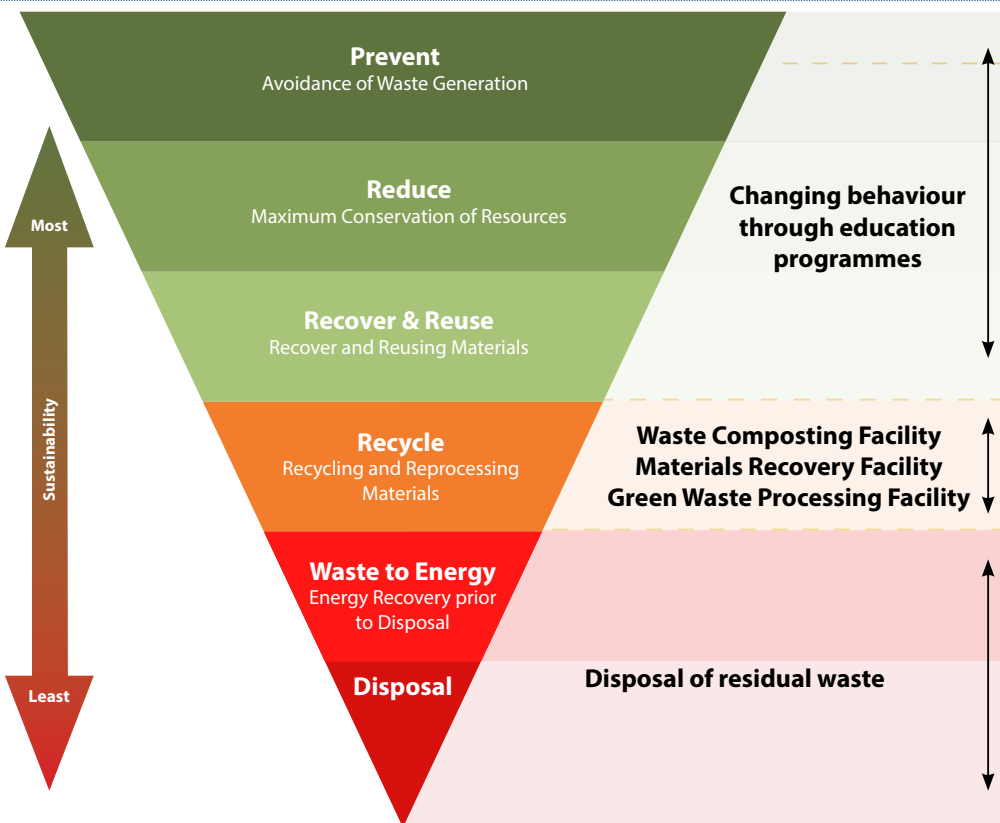
Photo: Brendan Doherty explains the process used to separate waste in the Materials Recovery Facility



THE WASTE HIERARCHY

We all need to make sure we Recycle Right. However, it is most important that we try and produce less waste in the first place.

Is there anything you can do to reduce the amount of waste you bring into your home? Check out the Recycle Right App on the app store and google play and visit the handy tips section to see how you can reduce your waste!



LICENCE

The Waste Composting Facility and the Green Waste Facility at the RRRRC have been issued with a new 3 year licence from the Department of Environment Regulation. The SMRC have sought minor amendments to the new licence, the main

change requested being an increase in the monthly throughput whilst maintaining the overall annual limit on tonnes.

To view of copy of the new licence click this link:
<http://smrc.com.au/wp-content/uploads/key-docs/SMRC%20DER%20Licence%20L7799-2001-8.pdf>



BETTER SOIL, BETTER LIFE, BETTER FUTURE



Monday 5th – Sunday 11th May 2014



International Composting Awareness Week Australia (ICAW), is a week of activities, events and publicity to improve awareness of the importance of compost – a valuable organic resource and to promote compost use, knowledge and products. We can compost to help scrap carbon pollution by avoiding landfilling organic materials and helping to build healthier soils.

Come on a tour of the RRRC in May and you will go into the draw to win 1 cubic metre of compost from the SMRC's compost partner Nutrarich!



TOURS

The Recycle Right Tour Guide 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.



WASTE WISE SCHOOLS



Is your School Waste Wise?

The Waste Wise Schools program targets schools in WA with educational strategies for reducing waste to landfill by implementing the 3Rs, reduce, reuse, recycle - while developing positive environmental values in students and the whole school community.

These schools model responsible environmental behaviours through hands-on learning experiences that are linked to the Australian Curriculum.

Waste Wise Schools is a program of the Waste Authority and offers resources and support for schools to plan, implement and maintain waste minimising projects such as recycling, composting and worm farming.

The program helps schools to set up infrastructure and provides resources aimed at changing attitudes and behaviour in regard to sustainable waste management.

The program is FREE and available to all schools in Western Australia.



FREE COMPOSTABLE BIN BAGS

We are currently trialling compostable bin liners and compostable re-useable shopping bags that SMRC residents can use in their home to reduce the amount of plastic in the green-topped bin. Plastic cannot be composted and needs to be screened out, so it's best to use compostable liners. Each tour participant gets a **free sample** when they come and see what happens to their waste!



MANAGING YOUR BINS IN WINTER

Winter is coming fast and your bin is likely to be less smelly, though more likely to collect water. It is important to make sure your bin lid is closed properly at all times, including collection day.

Water in your bin causes your waste to weigh more, so the trucks fill up faster than they would if your waste is nice and dry. If you have a crack in the lid of either of your bins, contact your Council to have the bin lid replaced.

INFINITY AWARDS



The Infinity Awards acknowledge and celebrate the outstanding efforts achieved by government, industry and the community that contribute towards the Waste

Strategy's targets and the Waste Authority's objectives. Innovation, commitment and creativity are the hallmarks of the award recipients

The Waste Authority Infinity Awards are now open until the 13th of July. If you know a waste champion or your organisation, community group or school is making a difference when it comes to waste check out the guidelines on the Waste Authority Website.

www.wasteauthority.wa.gov.au/programs/public-submissions/infinity-awards

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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