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# recycle right newsletter

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



The Recycle Right Robot in Trevor Cochrane's Waterwise Garden

## Recycle Right at the Royal Show

Be sure to visit Recycle Right in the Waterwise Garden and take a pic with our Recycle Right Robot!

Complete a short survey and you will receive a free Onya bag to help you go plastic free!



Photo Left: Logs from the SMRC's Waste Compost Facility

Photo Below: The Recycle Right Stand in the Waterwise Garden



## Clean Schools with...



Many schools experience difficulties managing litter and recognise the importance of a clean and healthy environment. Educating students about the effects of litter and influencing beliefs and attitudes are key steps towards behaviour change and litter reduction in the community as a whole.

The Clean Schools program aims at changing the littering behaviour of students through a whole school approach to litter prevention and a range of resources to help.

If you would like your school to be a Clean School, register by visiting the link below.

[www.kabc.wa.gov.au/get-involved/clean-schools](http://www.kabc.wa.gov.au/get-involved/clean-schools)

Metro workshop:

Thursday 13 October 2016  
1pm – 4pm

Harvest Lakes Community Centre, 62 Aurora Drive ATWELL



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Join the 12th WA  
Beach Cleanup  
15-16 Oct 2016



**JOIN US FOR THE 12TH ANNUAL  
WA BEACH CLEAN-UP!**

**15-16 OCTOBER 2016**

Register a beach for a Clean-up any time over the weekend of October 15th & 16th, 2016 or volunteer with an existing group.

All Clean-up materials are provided, so all you need is a pair of hands and some energy to spring clean our beaches!



**To GET INVOLVED in the WA Clean-up  
email: [renee@tangaroablue.org](mailto:renee@tangaroablue.org)**



This clean-up is made possible by the State Government's Natural Resource Management Program and Royalties for Regions program.

[www.tangaroablue.org](http://www.tangaroablue.org)

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# Garage Sale Trail 2016

## Put your sale on the trail! Be part of Australia's biggest Garage Sale on Saturday, 22 October 2016!

All SMRC Councils are taking part in the Garage Sale Trail, Australia's fastest-growing sustainability and reuse event on Saturday, 22 October 2016.

Get rid of unwanted items, free up some space, meet the neighbours and make a few extra bucks. Reduce waste, repurpose and have your old items reused.

It's totally free to register and anyone can get involved! You can organise a group sale or host your own and even get your neighbours to have one too.

Join thousands of households, schools, businesses and community groups and make this year's Garage Sale Trail the biggest and best yet.

**Registrations Now Open!**

Visit [garagesaletrail.com.au](http://garagesaletrail.com.au) to receive a FREE seller's kit and start advertising your sale and items! You can also search for sales in your area and plan your trail!



**THE AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD MAKES**  **\$309**

**IT'S GOOD STUFF**  
Garage Sale Trail is calling on all Aussies to get involved. Not because having a garage sale on one day will change the course of the world or even Australia's environmental course but because it's a symbol and celebration of being conscious that we can all make a difference to the plight of the planet and our local community too. Buying or selling at a garage sale is one of those simple actions we can all do as part of a whole range of behaviours to lead a more sustainable lifestyle...and make a few bucks in the process.

**WHAT'S IN IT FOR HOUSEHOLDS?**

Host a garage sale to declutter, make some pocket money, meet your neighbours and have fun in the process. Raise money for yourself or for a cause that is important to you. Anyone can hold a garage sale, its FREE to participate.

 **DECLUTTER**    **MAKE MONEY**    **MEET NEIGHBOURS**    **NATIONAL MOVEMENT**

The first 2,500 sales to register by 25 Sept in participating council areas will receive a FREE Promo Pack in the mail with posters and flyers to spread the word locally.

**REGISTER EARLY**

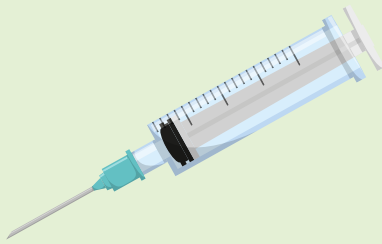
Find out more tips and register at [www.garagesaletrail.com.au](http://www.garagesaletrail.com.au)



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## Problem Waste



### Medical Waste

Needles, syringes and sharps are classed as medical waste and should never be placed in your kerbside bins. Medical waste must be destroyed to prevent risk of infection from pathogens. Needles and syringes can be safely disposed of by returning to a needle and syringe exchange program, placing in a special needle and syringe disposal unit provided by some local governments or businesses, or arranging for a waste disposal company to assist in the disposal of large quantities of needles and syringes.

To find your nearest drop off facility visit  
[www.safesharps.org.au](http://www.safesharps.org.au)



## Waste & Recycling Conference Waste 101 Tour

On Wednesday 14 September the SMRC hosted the Waste & Recycling Conference 101 Tour.

This Tour was an opportunity to cram a day full of different waste experiences – whether new to the industry or just needed a bit of a refresher course.

The Tour started with a workshop at the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council's (SMRC) waste education centre – which will have ensured participants knew their PET from their HDPE and their WAWA from the DER.

Attendees took home a free Waste 101 Guide explaining the What, Who and How in the waste industry.



## Fremantle Recycling Hub

If you live in the City of Fremantle, there is a great recycling hub in the Council Office at reception for your printer cartridges, batteries and mobile phones. You can also check out the Recycle Right App for other locations.



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### Tours Of The Regional Resource Recovery Centre

If you'd like to organise a visit to find out what happens to your waste, call Emma on **9256 9528** or via email [tours@smrc.com.au](mailto:tours@smrc.com.au).

The next community tour dates open to families and individuals are:

**Wed 5th October at 1pm**

**Sat 12th November at 10am \*National Recycling Week Tour\***

**Sat 3rd December at 10am**

Other dates can be arranged for groups.

To discuss your tour requirements, please contact Emma Baker on the contact details given above.



# SMRC Annual Report

The SMRC Annual Report is now available to download from the SMRC website. The Annual report provides a great snapshot of our activities and achievements throughout the last financial year. To download the Annual Report, visit [smrc.com.au/corporate-information/key-documents/](http://smrc.com.au/corporate-information/key-documents/)



## Would You Like To Join The Waste Recycling Education Network?

**If you are interested in waste and sustainability, educating the community and making a difference, the Waste Recycling Education Network needs you!**

**Do you love recycling?**

**Would you like to join the Waste Recycling Education Network?**

The Waste Recycling Education Network is an independent group made up of community volunteers who raise public awareness about recycling.

The Free Recycle Right waste and recycling App is ready to download from the App store and Google play.

**WREN**

To contact or join us:  
Email: [smrccag@gmail.com](mailto:smrccag@gmail.com)  
Find us on Facebook at Recycle Right Now with SMRC WREN, or write to:  
SMRC Waste Recycling Education Network  
P o Box 1501, Booragoon WA 6154

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**COMMUNITY**

Come on a tour of the Regional Resource Recovery Centre to find out what happens to your waste!  
Book a tour on 9256 9555

All it takes is a few hours of your time to attend a meeting and assist with a community waste education project. Everyone is welcome to join.

The group meet on a Thursday every two months and will be involved in some exciting projects in the community in 2016. If you have any questions or would like to talk

about joining, you can contact Taryn Davis at the SMRC on **9329 2700** or email [tdavis@smrc.com.au](mailto:tdavis@smrc.com.au)

