



## RECYCLING APP

The SMRC are revolutionising Waste Education with Perth's first mobile app for waste and recycling!

The Recycle Right app provides you with mobile information on what goes in which bin, what to do with waste that doesn't belong in either bin as well as great tips to help you to live more sustainably.

Stay tuned – we will make sure you are the first to know about it!



[recycleright.net.au](http://recycleright.net.au)



## WHICH BIN DO I PUT IT IN?

**Did you know the contents of your green topped bin are composted**



10% General Household Waste  
(Check your council for exceptions)

90% Organic Waste

Remember the following items will contaminate your composting bin, so please –

- NO glass or ceramic items
- NO hazardous waste: chemicals, batteries or printer cartridges
- NO demolition or building materials

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**Did you know the contents of your yellow topped bin are recovered and recycled**



- All plastic containers & plastic wraps (empty with lids off)
- All glass & ceramics (whole & broken)
- All paper, junk mail glossy magazines & cardboard products (empty)
- All metals: steel & aluminium including aerosol cans

**PLEASE**

- Empty and rinse
- Remove lids
- Do not flatten containers
- Items should be loose

**REMEMBER**

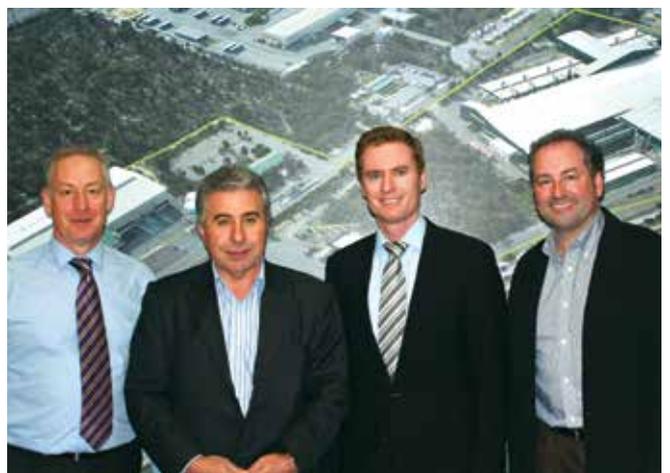
- NO hazardous waste
- NO kitchen or garden waste
- NO building waste

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## MINISTER'S VISIT

On Thursday the 1st of August it was our great pleasure to have the Minister for Environment, the Hon. Albert Jacob visit the Regional Resource Recovery Centre in Canning Vale. Chairman Tony Romano and Chief Executive Officer Tim Youé hosted the tour. The Minister was accompanied by members of his staff, the Chairman of the Waste Authority, Marcus Geisler as well as staff from the new Department of Environment; Regulation.

The group took a tour through the conservation area at the RRRC and visited the various facilities before finishing up at the Recycle Right Education Centre at the Materials Recovery Facility.



(Left to Right) SMRC CEO Tim Youé, SMRC Chairman Cr Tony Romano, Hon. Minister Albert Jacob, Waste Authority Chairman Marcus Geisler in front of an aerial photo of the RRRC.

For information on what goes in which bin and how to live more sustainably visit [www.recycleright.net.au](http://www.recycleright.net.au)



## NATIONAL OP SHOP WEEK



More and more Australians are turning to charity op shops to buy clothes. However, charity op shops still need good quality donations. Making a donation can help op shops from running short of stock.

Boosting donations to charity op shops is the aim of the second 'National Op Shop Week'. An initiative of the DoSomething! charity in partnership with the National Association of Charitable Recycling Organisations (NACRO), the event runs from August 25th to September 1st.

In 2012, Australians donated over 300,000 tonnes of items to charity op shop stores (equating to 13,200 40 foot containers). Of that:

- 126,000 tonnes were reused by the community – either given away by charities or sold through charity op shops.
- 30,000 tonnes were recycled (for example some donations are torn into wiper rags – mainly through disability workshops).
- 42,000 tonnes of low grade goods were exported to developing countries.
- 60,000 tonnes were unusable and disposed of in landfill – the cost for this is borne by the charities. That's why only good quality items should be donated to charity op shops.

[www.dosomethingnearyou.com.au/op-shop-week](http://www.dosomethingnearyou.com.au/op-shop-week)

## WASTE AUDITS

The SMRC will be conducting Waste Audits in the Cities of Cockburn and Melville in the coming months to measure the impact of the introduction of weekly recycling to these areas.

*In partnership with the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council*



## MRF BALE STORAGE SHED

### Bale Storage Shed Construction

A contract has been awarded to CPD Group to construct a new Bale Storage Shed beside the Materials Recovery Facility.

The work includes a 600m<sup>2</sup> storage shed for baled recycled and a loading dock for sea containers.

The site has been cordoned off with construction fencing and earthworks have begun.

The shed is scheduled to be finished in December.

## TOURS

Tour Coordinator, Emily Tomsett 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.

### COMMUNITY TOUR – Saturday 25th September

There will be a community tour on Saturday the 28th of September at 10am. Registration is essential. Please call **9256 9555** or email [tours@smrc.com.au](mailto:tours@smrc.com.au) We must receive 10 registrations for the tour to go ahead so please register now for this incredible learning experience!





## cool australia's **enviroweek** 25 - 31 AUGUST, 2013

### What is the challenge?

Enviroweek is a week for young Australians to create good habits for long-term change.

Sign up for a challenge, take action and get sponsored.

Schools, classes or students take up a green challenge. Whatever your interest or lifestyle, Enviroweek has a challenge for you.

Try the Epic challenges for a week of CRAZY action.

To find out more visit [www.enviroweek.org](http://www.enviroweek.org)

## IT'S SHOWTIME

★ 28 SEPT – 5 OCT 2013 ★

### PERTH ROYAL SHOW

This year the SMRC will be teaming up with **Guru Productions** and our compost partner **Nutrarich** to show Perth how what was put in their bin a few weeks ago, becomes a valuable resource – compost.

Make sure you come along and learn about waterwise gardening practises, edible gardening, home food production techniques and recycling!



## A DAY OF CELEBRATION AT CHRIS FERREIRA'S SUSTAINABLE GARDEN Sunday 8th September 2013



From early morning to sundown, Sustainability expert Chris Ferreira will open his garden to celebrate sustainable practices and provide tips to all who are interested in creating gardens for the future.

Chris has totally made over his traditional 1950s block into an inspiring garden suited to today's climate and lifestyle. The garden features sustainable food production, greywater systems and waterwise species. New plantings include deciduous trees, vines, sheltering windbreaks and a native garden.

Throughout the day there'll be delicious food – including wood-fired pizza, teas and homemade muffins – available to purchase.

Chris will be talking regularly throughout the day about the development of his sustainable house and garden. Between **10am & noon Steve Wood** will talk about Growing vegetables and between **1pm and 3pm Sabrina Hahn** will share her ideas on Creating joyous family friendly gardens.

#### Event Details:

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS EVENT**, please register direct with *The Forever Project* at <http://theforeverproject.com.au/our-events/register.aspx?e=154>

**Address:** 11 Mortlock St, Hamilton Hill

**Open:** 8am-8pm. \$8.00, no charge for children under 18

## SIGN UP FOR THE SMRC E-NEWSLETTER

The SMRC e-newsletter brings you important information about the Regional Resource Recovery Centre, along with useful recycling facts and tips for you and your community. To receive the e-newsletter, simply go to [www.smrc.com.au](http://www.smrc.com.au), click 'Sign up for enews' and take a minute to enter your details. You can unsubscribe at any time.

## COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP

The Community Advisory Group is an independent group of devoted community volunteers who work actively to increase the community understanding of recycling. They meet between February and November each year.

To contact, join or find out more please email [smrccag@gmail.com](mailto:smrccag@gmail.com) or write to them at SMRC Community Advisory Group, PO Box 1501, Booragoon WA 6154.



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## WASTE & RECYCLE CONFERENCE 2013

**11 - 13 September 2013**  
**The Esplanade Hotel Fremantle**

**Register now for the 2013 Waste & Recycle Conference! The Conference runs from Wednesday 11, to Friday 13 of September and will be held at The Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle, Western Australia.**

At this year's Conference key attractions include:

- Our biggest ever trade exhibition with over 35 exhibitors
- Numerous networking opportunities
- Four internally respected Keynote Speakers covering Waste to Energy, Producer Responsibility, large scale project development and community engagement
- Special Guest Speaker – Dr Karl Kruszelnicki
- Major discussion forums on current issues
- Exciting site visits to new waste and recycling facilities
- A wide variety of topical presentations

For further information, and to register, visit the Waste & Recycle Conference website [www.wasteandrecycle.com.au](http://www.wasteandrecycle.com.au)

## BABY BANDICOOT AT THE RRRC

A tiny baby bandicoot has been spotted by staff at the RRRC in the conservation area. The availability of food, the temperature, rainfall and even the length of sunlight in a day can influence the number of young bandicoots a mother has each year. On average the female bandicoot will have around three young in each litter and between two and five litters per year. The most common time of year for breeding is between June and December.

We will attempt to safely get some photos by remote sensor camera to see if there are more than one!

## SOUTHERN METROPOLITAN REGIONAL COUNCIL

