

recycle right newsletter

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



NEW RECYCLE RIGHT WEBSITE AND APP ARE NOW LIVE!

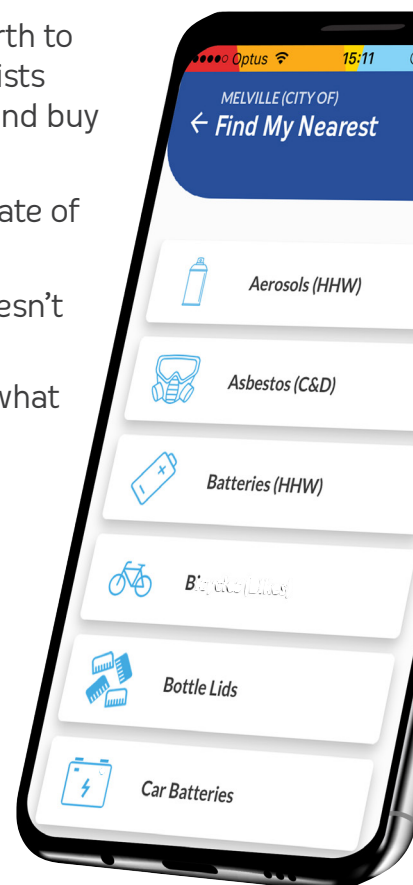
A new app and website has been launched this month to help the people of Perth to Recycle Right. The new resource (recycleright.wa.gov.au) encourages and assists residents and businesses in Western Australia to recycle, reduce their rubbish and buy more recycled products.

Developed by the 'Recycle Right' education program, the much-anticipated update of the Recycle Right app features:

- **Which Bin** – find out at a glance, what goes in which bin along with what doesn't belong there and the correct methods of disposal.
- **Bin Day Reminders** – set an alert to remind you of which bin goes out on what day for your area.
- An ever-growing **A-Z list** of specific items and what to do with them.
- **Find My Nearest** – an extensive database of drop-off locations or recycling facilities in Perth for items such as batteries, car parts, building/demolition waste, hazardous household waste and more.

The website also provides a Resources Hub of worksheets, how-to guides, fact sheets and templates.

Information on both the app and website is tailored to the full assortment of bin systems found in the Perth metropolitan area: 3-bin FOGO (Food Organics, Garden Organics), 3-bin GO (Garden Organics) and 2-bin.



SUSTAINABLE **GIFT WRAPPING** WORKSHOP



With Christmas just around the corner, come and join Japanese native, Perth-based artist, Nami Osaki for her FREE Furoshiki workshop! Furoshiki is the Japanese art of fabric wrapping and tying and is what was traditionally used prior to the proliferation of plastic bags. Furoshiki perfectly embraces the 3R's (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) and is a lovely no waste alternative to wrapping paper. As fabric comes in so many beautiful colours and patterns it provides you with the perfect opportunity to "shoosh" up your gift and add a personal touch. Best of all, the recipient is able to reuse the fabric! All the Furoshiki is provided to use for each participant for the purpose of learning (not to take home sorry). Please bring the following items on the day:

- 2 same size empty wine bottles
- 2 same size tissue boxes (rectangle)
- Any objects you would like to learn how to wrap with Furoshiki

Bookings are essential!: <https://bit.ly/2EdGiLy>



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SMRC COMMUNITY GROUP

Are you in the Fremantle, East Fremantle, Kwinana or Melville Council areas and would like to take part in making change? Why not join an enthusiastic group doing just that?

The Waste and Recycling Education Network (WREN) meets in Booragoon once a month at 6 pm. The next meeting is on 13 February 2020.

Members engage in issues regarding waste and recycling. We act as a conduit between the public and the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council (SMRC) and spread the word at community events.

The group is small and free thinking, we thrive on using our left brain and like to get things done. We would love to have you join us.

Email SMRC@SMRC.com.au or contact:

SMRC Waste Recycling Education Network,
P.O. Box 1501, Booragoon,
W.A. 6154



Photo (left to right): Joan and Noel Lombardo (community champions), City of Melville Mayor Hon. George Gear JP, Chief Executive Officer Marten Tieleman, Director of Technical Services Mick McCarthy, Marketing Coordinator Stephanie Courtney, Waste Education Officer Esther Landells and Manager Resource Recovery & Waste Paul Molony

CITY OF MELVILLE CROWNED CHAMPIONS AT WASTE AWARDS

The City of Melville was crowned champion of the most popular category, *Communication Engagement Success of the Year* at the recent 2019 Waste and Resource Recovery (WARR) awards.

Winners were announced at the annual gala dinner on 14 November at the National Maritime Museum in Sydney.

The City of Melville won for its grassroots, ground up engagement program, 'Talking Trash the Melville Way'. This category drew the greatest number of nominations (18), making it a tight race and a challenging judging process.

Over the last 18 months, the City of Melville has spent many hours planning and investigating alternative, more appealing ways to engage and educate residents on all things waste.

The three-bin FOGO trial was conducted two years ago to 7,000 households throughout Melville. The trial showed that council needed to move away from a corporate approach and create a grass roots, ground up approach to engage the community.

From rap waste videos, to gaming apps and interactive information sessions, they have changed the way they communicate.

Rather than just offering the standard three-bin FOGO service, they made adjustments and provided free larger recycling bins as well as offering free general waste bin audits to those struggling with capacity issues. It's not a one size fits all system and their understanding that larger families and households have different needs.

The general waste bin audits provided a great opportunity to provide personalised feedback to households to help them better sort their waste.

Combined, these initiatives have made a huge impact on not only diversion from landfill targets and contamination levels, but also reduced customer calls, complaints and confusion about what goes in what bin.

A snapshot of the achievements and projects of the winners and finalists can be found at www.insidewaste.com.au/index.php/warr-awards-2019/#1572990939892-8251b20b-10b5.



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BEING WASTE WISE THIS CHRISTMAS



Aim to be waste wise this Christmas and put items in the correct bin:

1. Be sure not to bag or box your recyclables by placing all items loosely and separately into your yellow-topped bin. Rinse and clean items and remove lids. Flatten your cardboard boxes.
2. Sort before you go to your bins. When entertaining guests, provide labelled bins to help them separate their waste.
3. Take hazardous wastes (batteries, aerosols etc) and electronics to your closest drop-off point
4. Donate unwanted gifts or items that have been replaced to charity.
5. Try to minimise food waste, only buy what you need, serve smaller portions and store and use leftovers.
6. For more great tips and information on how to Recycle Right this Christmas visit recycleright.wa.gov.au



GEORGE STREET FESTIVAL RECYCLING SUCCESS

This year at East Fremantle's George Street Festival all food & beverage vendors were required to use GO2CUP in an effort to reduce unnecessary waste at the festival. GO2CUP supplied over 20 food and beverage vendors with reusable cups, plates and cutlery which, once used by festival goers, were then placed in allocated bins to be washed and used again at other events. Over 9,700 reusable items were supplied by GO2CUP and over 9,000 of these were used over the day. The used items filled over 45 bins! Approximately 9,500 people came along to the George Street Festival and, with the help of GO2CUP reusable items, only 300 - 400kg of waste was collected for the whole day!

Free water refill stations were also made available at the East Fremantle George Street Festival helping festival goers to avoid the purchase of approximately 650 single use plastic water bottles.

Congratulations to the Town of East Fremantle and everyone who attended the George Street Festival for their amazing efforts to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle Right!

Like us on Facebook (facebook.com/RecycleRightWA/) for more news, tips and tricks on all things waste, recycling and sustainability!

12 ZERO WASTE CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS



On the 12th day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...

TWELVE BOTTLES SIPPING



Replace plastic water bottles with a reusable drink bottle

ELEVEN CLOTH BAGS USING



Take a cloth bag shopping to avoid using plastic bags

TEN GIFTS A WRAPPING



Wrap gifts in reusable packaging like cloth (Furoshiki), newspaper or brown paper and secure with string

NINE BATTERIES CHARGING

Provide rechargeable batteries...



and a charger with any battery operated gifts

EIGHT PLANTS A PLANTING



Gift the gift of a plant or seedlings

SEVEN CUPS A KEEPING



Keep Cups are a great alternative to single use coffee cups

SIX FOODS A BAKING



Try some homemade baking for Christmas gifts

FIVE METAL STRAWS



Replace single use plastic straws with metal, glass or paper straws

FOUR HOMEMADE CARDS



Why not make your own Christmas cards or send e-cards this year?

THREE BEESWAX WRAPS

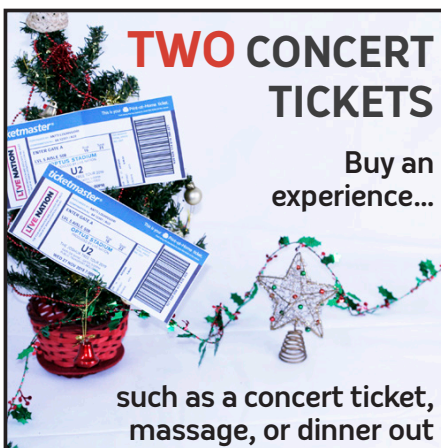
Wrap/cover your food...



with clever beeswax wraps rather than single use soft plastic clingwrap

TWO CONCERT TICKETS

Buy an experience...



such as a concert ticket, massage, or dinner out

A CHRISTMAS TREE IN A POT



Why not use a real tree/plant in a pot and decorate?



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RRRC COMMUNITY TOUR



If you would like to see what happens to your recycling bin once it leaves the kerb, why not come and join a tour. It's a perfect opportunity to learn a little more about an everyday activity.

Our next community tours will be taking place on for Saturday 14 December at 9.00am.

For more information, contact tours@smrc.com.au.



NEW TO THE COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT TEAM

Jared Crowe

I am very excited to come on board as the new Waste Education Officer at the SMRC and work with like-minded individuals who are conscientious about their consumption choices and passionate about waste reduction. I can't wait to help share my knowledge of everything waste related and I'm also looking forward to being the new in-house worm keeper at the RRRC. Worm on! My background includes a Bachelor's degree in Sustainable Development and Community Development at Murdoch University and I've since had the privilege of working with the City of Cockburn's waste education team and Chris Ferreira's The Forever Project for the past couple of years. As well as composting, thrifting, gardening and recycling, I love repurposing and finding new homes for old and unused items.



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