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recycle right newsletter

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



OUR TOP TIPS FOR AN EARTH FRIENDLY 2021

1. Avoid single use plastics when food shopping – take reusable produce bags and choose plastic free options
2. Place a 'No Junk Mail' sign on your letterbox
3. Invest in reusable takeaway items e.g. water bottle, lunch box, cutlery, straw, coffee cup
4. Try your hand at zero waste gift wrapping, such as 'Furoshiki' fabric wrapping or reusable boxes and bags
5. Purchase items second hand and get to know your local op shop!
6. Invest in a reusable metal safety razor
7. Join your local 'Buy Nothing' group on Facebook
8. Compost food scraps through your lime green lidded FOGO bin, a home compost, bokashi bin or worm farm
9. Invest in stainless steel pegs that will last a lifetime!
10. Support local sustainable businesses such as your local bulk food store or low waste cafe
11. Switch to bamboo toothbrushes
12. Reuse what you already have, often the most sustainable option is the one you already own
13. Swap to shampoo/conditioner/soap bars or refill liquid soaps from your local bulk store
14. Download the Recycle Right app!



Be a GREAT Sort!

WA is filled with **GREAT** sorts who put less in their bins. Before throwing something away, **GREAT** sorts consider if it can be **G**ifted, **R**ecycled, **E**arth-cycled, **A**voided or **T**aken to a special drop-off point.

Remember to take hazardous items such as used batteries, light globes and unwanted electronic items to special drop off centres so that they can be recycled safely. Be a GREAT sort and use landfill as the last resort.

To find your nearest drop off centre for items which can't be recycled through your kerbside bins check out the [Find My Nearest](#) tool on the Recycle Right website!



Take special waste to drop-off points



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UPCOMING 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.

Free 1.5 hour tours of the Regional Resource Recovery Centre in Canning Vale educate visitors about the recycling process and allow safe and exciting views from observation decks into the various facilities. To find out more, or to book a tour of the RRRC for your school or group, email tours@smrc.com.au.



WE'RE HIRING...

Community Waste Education Officers!

The Southern Metropolitan Regional Council (SMRC) is on the lookout for a number of waste and sustainability enthusiasts to join our team of Community Waste Education Officers to assist in the delivery of an educational behaviour change program in the region.

Responsibilities of the position include the implementation of a bin auditing and education program as part of the new 3-bin FOGO collection system, conducting visual inspections of residents' bins, collecting data and providing feedback at the kerbside.

To be successful in this role you will have the following:

- Developed oral and written communication skills.
- Empathy with resource recovery, climate change and issues.
- Capable of working within time constraints to meet set targets.
- Ability to work in a busy team environment.
- Moderate level of physical fitness.
- A current Police Clearance.
- Current C Class Drivers Licence.

If this role sounds like something you might be interested in, please [click HERE](#) for more information and to apply.

To be considered please submit your application asap as shortlisting for this role will commence immediately.



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SMRC: DISABILITY ACCESS AND INCLUSION PLAN 2020-2025



The Southern Metropolitan Regional Council (SMRC) has written a Disability Access and Inclusion Plan. The plan describes how the SMRC is working to make sure its services are accessible to everyone including people with disabilities. The current plan can be viewed [here](#) or copies can be made available on request and in alternative formats if required.

Community consultation is an important part of the review process, and we would like to hear from any residents who would like to have input into the development of the new plan. To register your comments please forward in writing to Teresa Belcher, SMRC, 9 Aldous Place, Booragoon WA or email smrc@smrc.com.au. For more information contact Teresa at the SMRC Office on **08 9329 2700**.

Please note community consultation closes on Friday 23 January 2021.



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you toss it.**

**Don't let your good
work go to waste.**
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BINDI SAYS...

WASH IT BEFORE YOU TOSS IT!

Our Recycle Right member, the City of Canning, has launched a fun, new campaign featuring its newest waste team member, Bindi the Australian White Ibis.

Bindi was drawn by a local artist and named by Canning resident Chloe in a City-wide competition.

Chloe said: “as bindi bindi means butterfly in Noongar language, it also represents the transformative potential of our waste if we reuse and recycle. Bindi loves to rethink waste as potential and help prevent stuff ending up in the tip.”

The first focus area of the City’s nine-month campaign is ‘wash it before you toss it,’ encouraging residents to rinse their jars, containers, tins and bottles before placing them in the recycling bin.

Those living in or visiting Canning will be seeing Bindi on the City’s waste and recycling trucks, across social media and outdoor signage, so keep an eye out!

For more information on the campaign or the City’s waste services, visit canning.wa.gov.au/waste or call the team on **1300 422 664**.



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WHICH BIN? TIPS TO HELP YOU TO RECYCLE RIGHT



Post-Christmas clear out? Decorations may look great on a Christmas tree but not so great in your yellow lidded Recycling bin! Items like tinsel, beads and other Christmas decorations can tangle in the machinery at our Materials Recovery Facility where your recycling is taken to be sorted.

Please make sure to place any discarded decorations in to your General Waste bin or, better yet, save them to use it again year after year.



Photo (left to right): Southern Metropolitan Regional Council Waste Education Officer Jared Crowe, City of Melville Waste Education Officer Leah Adams.

RECYCLE RIGHT AT KIDCHELLA

On Sunday 17 January, the Recycle Right and City of Melville waste teams attended the 2021 Kidchella Festival, which saw fantastic weather and a great turnout. The festival included rides, food trucks, face painting, education stalls, dance parties and awesome kid's activities.

The day was a tremendous success and the Recycle Right stall saw lots of visitors pass through the area participating in waste sorting activities, as well as people of all ages taking the time to learn more about waste and recycling.

The City of Melville also brought along one of their waste trucks and allowed the public to sit behind the wheel, have their photo taken and learn how the truck's mechanisms work. Congratulations to the City of Melville for organising another brilliant Kidchella festival and thank you to all the Recycle Right volunteers who helped on the day.



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