



SOUTHERN METROPOLITAN REGIONAL COUNCIL

MEDIA STATEMENT

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MRF Officially Opened

The Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) at the SMRC's Regional Resource Recovery Centre was officially opened this Tuesday by the Chair of the Waste Authority, Mr Marcus Geisler.

The facility will be separating and baling approximately 70 sea containers of recyclables per month which are then sold on for reprocessing into new products.

The event was attended by 200 guests who were charmed by a performance from students from Newton Primary School in Spearwood singing 'Don't put it all in the green topped bin'.

Colourful public art was on display by local artist Nidia Hansen as well as bins painted by the students at Newton Primary.

The facility is part of one of the largest integrated recycling facilities in the Southern Hemisphere.

'I congratulate everyone involved and the supreme effort they have made which is evident as we look outside at this fantastic state of the art Materials Recovery Facility' Chairperson Tony Romano said.

Cr Romano also thanked the CEO's and Regional Executive Group Members for their support and decision to proceed with its re-building after it was lost to fire in 2009.

Acting CEO Tim Youé also thanked the staff and their families for their effort and commitment they have shown, often above and beyond the call of duty, in getting this project to fruition."

'We are open for business' he said 'and we are open for free tours to the public which can be booked via our website or by calling 9256 9555'

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Media backgrounder – About the SMRC

The SMRC is a statutory local government authority established by Local Councils in the southern part of metropolitan Perth. It is responsible for developing environmentally sustainable waste management solutions and climate change abatement measures for the communities of Cockburn, East Fremantle, Fremantle, Kwinana and Melville.

The SMRC is committed to assisting the State Government to work towards achieving its Zero Waste objective by 2020.

Each year the SMRC diverts more than 60,000 tonnes of waste from landfill and prevents about 70,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide from entering the atmosphere which is equivalent to taking more than 16,000 cars off the road. Its Regional Resource Recovery Centre (RRRC) in Canning Vale produces more than 25,000 tonnes of compost each year for use in agriculture and soil amendment programs and recovers approximately 70 sea containers per month of recyclables.

The RRRC employs 72 staff and provides work for 100 local small businesses and contractors each month. This contributes more than \$20 million to the economy.