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recycle right newsletter

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



PLASTIC FREE JULY

July is fast approaching, so don't get caught without your reusable coffee cup, canvas shopping bags or stainless steel straws! In its sixth year, Plastic Free July is a Perth-based idea that has become a worldwide phenomenon.

In preparation for the challenge, take 5 to complete the thought provoking 'Pesky Plastics' Quiz at www.plasticfreejuly.org/pesky-plastics-quiz.html



Throughout May, the ABC showcased a TV series called the 'War on Waste'. Hosted by Craig Reucassel, the three-part series looked to uncover how much waste we produce as a nation and to learn how, together, we can all do something about it.

The War on Waste has had everyone talking. If you missed it, the episodes are available to watch on ABC iView by following this link: iview.abc.net.au/collection/war-on-waste.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

As it is every year, the 5th of June is World Environment Day. Above all, World Environment Day is the 'people's day' for doing something to take care of the Earth or become an agent of change. That 'something' can be focused locally, nationally or globally; it can be a solo action or involve a crowd – everyone is free to choose.

One of the simplest things you can do to help the environment is to be responsible with your waste. By putting the right thing in the right bin, maximising your recycling potential and shopping smart to reduce your waste, you can be part of the solution. To help you on your way, download the FREE Recycle Right App from the App Store or Google Play.



AND THE WINNER IS...

Throughout May people have been getting their hands dirty to help food that may have ended up having a sad existence rotting away in landfill have another use. At the same time, we have also been running a competition to win a cubic metre of compost from our compost partner NutraRich.

We had over 15 tour groups visit the RRRRC and more than 50 entries but as we all know, there can only be 1 winner – Jhodi Jobe of Booragoon!

We'd like to congratulate Jhodi and thank all of those who entered and came on a tour over the past month. Remember to keep composting all year round!





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**NOW A
WEEKEND
OF GARAGE
SALES**

Sell or Shop Sat 21 &
Sun 22 Oct 2017



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Problem Waste

Bagged recyclables

You do the right thing. You sort your recycling from your organic waste, such as food. You rinse your containers. You take the lids off. But the moment you put those recyclables in a plastic bag and into your yellow-topped bin, you've condemned your recycling to landfill.

Our system cannot process recycling tied up in bags. When bottles, cans and paper are all put together in a bag, there is no way for those items to be sorted correctly. With the sheer volume of recycling we receive every day, our workers do not have the time to open plastic bags. So, help us to recycle right and leave it loose!

For more information about using your bins correctly, download the FREE Recycle Right app from the App Store or Google Play today.



GARAGE SALE TRAIL

After the success of last year's event, the Garage Sale Trail returns in 2017, this time over a massive two days.

The Garage Sale Trail is more than just about helping people to sell their unwanted stuff and hone the skills of bargain hunters. Garage Sale Trail exists to make a difference. The simple act of buying and selling at a garage sale does a whole lot of 'good stuff' beyond making extra cash and finding treasure. It's a simple way to bring communities together, reuse stuff and rethink the idea of what waste really is, while having an excuse to get dressed up, bake and barbecue.

Get on to a good thing, put Saturday 21 - Sunday 22 October 2017 in your calendar and register now, it's completely FREE with thanks to the councils of Australia who make it happen.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY TOUR

Our next community tour is scheduled for Saturday 17th of June. See firsthand the machinery that sorts your co-mingled recycling and discover some of the alternatives to landfilling.

Bookings are essential and if you'd like to organise a visit to find out what happens to your waste, please email tours@smrc.com.au



FAREWELL TO EMMA BAKER



Having been part of the Recycle Right team for over 2 years, it is with great sadness that we say farewell to our Education Officer, Emma Baker.

Emma has made a massive contribution to Recycle Right during her time and will be greatly missed. We wish Emma all the very best for the future.



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