

NATIONAL WASTE EDUCATORS DIVISION

DIVISION MEETING

12.30-1.30p.m. AEST, Tuesday, 17 May 2022

Zoom teleconference

MINUTES

1. Welcome and apologies

Attendees: Grace Barila, Claire Mahendradatta, Jacqueline Ong, Libby Eustance, Gayle Sloan, Teresa Belcher

Apologies: Christine Blanchard

2. Previous minutes and actions arising

- 15 February 2022: adopted as a true record

Actions arising:

- Chairs to ask their working group about good avoidance campaigns for webinar (more in section 3)

3. Issues for discussion

- 2022 WE webinar ideas – presentations and speakers
 - WMRR sent out a survey to membership and WGs asked for suggestions. 2 provided – Future Greens Solutions (WA) and Swap for Good (SA). However, both do not meet the original brief of behaviour change education.
 - Conversation required around where we take responsibility, how consumers can do things differently. How consumption decisions can influence the facilities we build.
 - Potential speakers – Jodie Conduit just finished some work around consumption and CE; CEO meeting her and Wendy Bevan next week. Mark Boulet from Behaviour Works also completed work on behaviour change; specific model to drive circularity. [Lindsay Miles](#) – advocate of zero waste lifestyle.
 - Could be about how to get to net zero through our consumption choices. How to get to a zero consumption society.
 - Practical changes that make a practical difference. At present, what we have is end-of-pipe.

Action: WMRR to create simple survey for waste educators that chair will pass on to members, asking them what we can do within the system to help them add and show value.

- Key questions for survey – in terms of reuse, repair, avoidance, design, what would help you build your knowledge in this space? What would help you add value in your role? What do you want to hear about?
- Avoidance driven by consumer decisions and consumption. Takes a year to change packaging and get it up the supply chain. Harris Farm doing a good job – circular usage of produce; puts reuse systems in place. Not enough government support for those systems.
- Love Food Hate Waste in terms of shopping lists, leftovers. Maybe get WRAP UK to show us their practical stuff, e.g., how to increase longevity of food, instead of just food rescue. What a good campaign looks like.

4. State reports

- NSW: chair meeting division president on Friday to discuss a joint NSW and SA event.
- WA: Waste & Recycle conference coming up; call for abstracts out; looking for interstate speakers. Waste Sorted Awards on Thursday
- SA: as noted above, collaborating with NSW on event; potential speaker – Jodi Bricout. Pushing SA conference to get abstracts.

5. Other business

- Packaging in FOGO: WA has a list developed about 18 months ago on what can go into FOGO bins; list on Waste Authority [website](#). In SA, outputs note being tested though this may change.

6. Next meeting date

2 August 2022