

# NATIONAL WASTE EDUCATORS DIVISION

## DIVISION MEETING

1-2p.m. AEST, Tuesday, 11 May 2021

Zoom teleconference

### MINUTES

#### 1. Welcome and apologies

**Attendees:** Reyhaneh Behboudi, Grace Barila, Gayle Sloan, Libby Eustance

**Apologies:** Christine Blanchard

#### 2. Previous minutes and actions arising

- 23 March 2021: adopted as a true record

#### Actions

- WMRR to set up a Teams group for chairs and vice chairs for them to share agendas, minutes and other relevant documents. [Link to group here.](#)

#### 3. Issues for discussion

- Forum debrief + feedback:
  - Forum received positive feedback; topics for future forums to focus on initiatives that will enable positive impact as well as the people who can push change, i.e., we need buy-in for projects and initiatives cannot be developed in isolation from operations.
  - Operations staff need to better understand WARR education and vice version, to do that, we should push avoidance while also showing where the cost savings are through the take-up of alternative programs. It's not just about what goes/doesn't go in the bin. E.g., BCC's voucher system – the program, education messages, behaviour change, and cost savings.
  - Other programs that could be unpacked – community gardens, home composting. It's about how we help community see it as a system – growing your own food, shopping based on avoidance principles.
  - Food waste is a key area of avoidance opportunity. KESAB runs several food waste programs including a cooking with food scraps demonstration.
  - National Recycling Week coming up in November – what can we do to tie in with this? National campaigns, open days at facilities, onsite tours, virtual tours; these could then be recorded and videos sent to schools and the community. Potential sites – Jeffries (organics), Boral (C&D), Re.Group's MRFs.

**Action:** Division to think about what initiatives will shift the dial and to come up with a national campaign for WMRR to promote during National Recycling week.

- Determining state and national issues

- NSW waiting for 20Y strategy which will hopefully provide direction for the state.
- WA – FOGO is the biggest thing though the push back is the cost of rolling this out. Two EfW plants also coming online soon.

#### 4. State reports

- SA: no meeting till June when the group will tour Peats Soil; also aiming to do a tour of YCA Recycling in July.
- NSW: last meeting – session on rebate schemes and incentives; 3 presenters talked these schemes in the context of sanitary products, organics, as well as compost. NSW waste educators also have a profile spot in every other issue of Inside Waste magazine. Chair flagged that her contract with WSROC was ending at the end of the month.
- WA: group met last week and had two presentations including one on Go To Cups. Chari will be reviewing and updating agenda.

#### 5. Other business

- Next WE forum – could potentially look at ordinary people who are avoidance champions.

Action: National office will put together the forum email template for chairs to distribute to their working groups to find out what topics they'd like to hear about at the next forum.

#### 6. Next meeting date

15 June 2021