

NATIONAL WASTE EDUCATORS DIVISION

DIVISION MEETING

1-2p.m. AEST, Wednesday 23 June 2021

Zoom teleconference

MINUTES

1. Welcome and apologies

Attendees: Claire Mahendradatta, Libby Eustance, Grace Barila, Christine Blanchard, Jacqueline Ong

Apologies: Gayle Sloan

2. Previous minutes and actions arising

- 23 March 2021: adopted as a true record.

Move: Libby Eustance **Second:** Claire Mahendradatta

Actions:

- 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. (**Ongoing**)
- 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. (**Attached to meeting invite for discussion**)

3. Issues for discussion

- Battery product stewardship:
 - Battery Stewardship Council (BSC) received a \$1M federal grant and ACCC authorisation.
 - BSC presented at a WMRR webinar in June; scheme currently in the operational design phase and scheme will include power packs.
 - BSC currently securing signatories and will soon release a battery stewardship readiness strategy.
- Child car seat product stewardship:
 - [Seat Care](#) received federal product stewardship funding in November 2020 and the scheme is meant to be operational in 2021. WMRR CEO will be speaking with Equilibrium shortly and will seek an update.
- National WE forum:
 - Instead of seeking topics from working groups for the next forum (see action above), the division agreed to run a forum on product stewardship; three schemes that will make the most impact will be showcased at the webinar.
 - Material streams that are significant to LG: batteries, e-waste, mattresses, car seats (SA – significant dumping issue), household hazardous waste.
 - No council case studies; information session with presenters.

Action: WMRR will lock in date, schemes, and speakers.

4. State reports

- SA: Presentation by Recycle Smart at the working group meeting. PIRSA also presented on fruit fly outbreak and how to deal with impacted fruits; their message was to double wrap food/fruit scraps in plastic bags –

KESAB overcoming this by supplying green bins in red zones to prevent double bagging that will lead to landfill disposal. Working group also discussed batteries and child car seats.

- WA: most significant event is the fast tracking of the single-use plastic ban by four years. Working group hasn't met but there will be interest in a national product stewardship forum.
- QLD: group met last week; roundtable where members discussed what they were doing; Recycle Smart also came up in discussions as some councils had been approached. QLD government has purchased the Love Food Hate Waste licence and is developing tools and products for councils to adopt; soft launch expected in a few months with a bigger campaign at the end of the year. NSW and VIC have rolled out this program; in QLD, this is a \$950K initiative with a further \$1M available the next year. Single-use plastic ban in place in QLD; starting with single use cutlery coming up followed by a staged approach for other products.
 - SA members may be interested in finding out more; contacts for NSW EPA staff involved in the Love Food Hate Waste program sent to chair. SA and WA looking at running a combined session.
- NSW: educators and YPs alternate profiles in Inside Waste; this edition will feature an educator. 20Y strategy released so next few meetings will cover key issues; the biggest will yellow bin and how to standardise materials that go in there; may also organise presentation on single-use plastic given plastic action plan also released – may seek case studies from other jurisdictions. Group will also plan a site visit to potentially the Eastern Creek CDS facility or Earthpower.

5. Other business

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6. Next meeting date

27 July 2021