

## NATIONAL WASTE EDUCATORS DIVISION

### DIVISION MEETING

1-2p.m., Tuesday, 23 March 2021

Zoom teleconference

### MINUTES

#### 1. Welcome and apologies

**Attendees:** Reyhaneh Behboudi, Grace Barila, Olivia O'Neill, Alix Baltais, Christine Blanchard, Gayle Sloan, Libby Eustance, Jacqueline Ong

**Apologies:** Teresa Belcher

Chair introduced herself.

#### 2. Previous minutes and actions arising

- 9 February 2021: adopted as a true record.

Actions arising:

- WMRR office to develop brief and send to chairs for distribution to working groups. **(Completed – 17 February)**

#### 3. Issues for discussion

- National WE forum #2 update – case studies + presenters
  - SA working group meeting on Thursday – chair will discuss this. NSW – one case study submitted. Submissions must be about actual programs, not ideas, and practical ways to drive avoidance; commercial aspect will form another session; another potential session – single-use plastic ban.
  - Boomerang Alliance's Toby Hutcheon will be speaking on plastic-free places.
  - This forum about avoidance first and reuse models – e.g., behavioural change practices in events, high-level avoidance in facilities such as food courts; looking for case studies that cover turning these ideas into reality (real behaviour change).

#### 4. State reports

- NSW: working group focusing on avoidance; next meeting will cover rebate and incentive programs – challenge is finding speakers. Brisbane City Council ran a competition for reusable nappies – a ballot for a \$200 rebate; Logan modelled a similar initiative which is ongoing. QLD chair and vice chair will provide contacts and information offline.
- VIC: chair sent a brief to members about proposed topics; chair, vice chair and secretary will catch up this week to discuss potential speakers for next meeting.
- QLD: group meeting next week – group largely a networking and information-sharing platform which works well. At LAWMAC last week, LGAQ said it was keen to set up a waste educators group that will include more than council members; chair is catching up with DES' Kylie Hughes so will discuss this

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too. CEO will also chat to LGAQ to find out more; goal would be harmonisation so will find out what LGAQ and DES hope to achieve and see if they could perhaps use a platform that already exists.

- WA: chair sent out forum brief to official WMRR WA waste educators group and informal networking group; chair will also speak to individuals and ask that they submit case studies.
- SA: group meets quarterly and will meet for the first time this week; typically, meetings include presentations. Main topics for forthcoming meeting: PFAS and SUP ban. Will also ask members to submit case studies for national forum.

#### **5. Other business**

- Green Industries' resources to local government – harmonised materials – consistency across the state; councils may request to add their logos to materials. Might be interesting to see how GISA has developed and executed its resources.
- Chairs and vice chairs encouraged to invite and attend each other's meetings to see what each state is doing.

Action: WMRR to set up a Teams group for chairs and vice chairs for them to share agendas, minutes and other relevant documents.

#### **6. Next meeting date**

11 May 2021