

NATIONAL WASTE EDUCATORS DIVISION

DIVISION MEETING

1-2p.m. AEST, Tuesday, 30 November 2021

Zoom teleconference

MINUTES

1. Welcome and apologies

Attendees: Grace Barila, Claire Mahendradatta, Teresa Belcher, Gayle Sloan, Christine Blanchard, Jacqueline Ong

Apologies: Libby Eustance

2. Previous minutes and actions arising

- 7 September 2021: adopted as a true record.

Move: Grace Barila **Second:** Christine Blanchard

3. Issues for discussion

- Most waste education issues are state-wide so division agreed to meet quarterly instead of once every 6 weeks and to ensure more targeted agenda. Offline sessions will be called when needed.
- National yellow bin harmonisation project update:
 - Arcadis engaged to look at cost impacts and changes that need to be made based on what states are doing. VIC has put out a paper for discussion.
 - Focus is MSW.
 - Challenge is getting states to align – another year away. It's about contents in bins; no ability for states to tell LG what to do. QLD, NSW, TAS have nothing but some good guidance in northern TAS. VIC, SA, WA have something.
 - WMRR did a paper – once finished, we will share. But realistically, adoption and implementation will take at least 18 months.
 - In SA, a lot of wish-cycling. Arcadis' objective is to have a clean stream of material that has a market.
 - Waste educators should focus on what they're doing and try to get state-wide campaigns that are consistent.
 - QLD: part of organics working group's (state government) remit is to look at standards when it comes to FOGO and GO.

4. State reports

- WA: meetings held bi-monthly; next one in Feb.
 - WMRC + SMRC are working jointly on school incursion material; presented at W&R conference – was well received so making it available to those who join Recycle Right and member councils. Used Great Sorts material from DWER.
 - Wanneroo received grants from Waste Sorted to do a "speak in my language" [package](#) – translating material that looks at what goes in which bins; tailored to language groups.
 - Branch Christmas drinks on Thurs.
- NSW: vice chair not nominated yet; will send potential list to office. NSW branch drinks this Thurs.
- QLD: meeting on Thurs; not much to update on. Michael Balk from mememe productions is guest speaker at next meeting.

- SA: had a meeting 2 weeks ago; new MRF has opened – Charles Sturt city council running it. Will open officially next week but group had preview of the MRF. SA now has 3 MRFs.
 - CDS responses due to EPA last week. WMRR put in a submission.
 - SA single-use plastics – 2nd tranche to commence 1 March 1 polystyrene cups, clamshells, plats, oxo-biodegradable. Discussions on what the next phase will look like will occur soon; might look at coffee cups.
 - Group has a site visit to Adelaide Brighton cement this Fri.
 - Department of Education put out tender for all schools to receive a 3-bin system; and one requirement is that co-mingled recycling goes to a MRF.

5. Other business

- Meetings to be held quarterly.

6. Next meeting date

15 February 2022