

Barwon South West Waste and Resource Recovery Group

Leadership and innovation in Waste minimisation and Resource Recovery

Barwon South West WRRG

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- Mr. Ian Coles
- Mr. Stephen Hart
- Mr. Lindsay Merritt
- Ms. Jill Parker
- Mr. David Bell
- Ms. Jane Stanley
- Ms. Philippa Bakes

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www.bswwrrg.vic.gov.au

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Welcome to another edition of the Barwon South West Waste and Resource Recovery (WRRG) newsletter

We are very pleased to announce that Philippa Bakes has been appointed as the eighth Board Member. Ms Bakes has considerable financial and business development expertise and will be a valuable member of the Board.

Barwon South West WRRG was established on 1st August following the *Environment Protection and Sustainability Victoria Amendment Act 2014* receiving Royal Assent. The resulting merger of the two previous groups of Barwon Waste Management Group and SouthWest Waste Management Group continues to progress well.

The region stretches from St Leonard's near Geelong to Nelson near the South Australian border inclusive of the Victorian Municipalities of:

- Borough of Queenscliffe
- Colac Otway Shire
- Corangamite Shire
- Glenelg Shire
- City of Greater Geelong
- Moyne Shire
- Southern Grampians
- Surf Coast Shire
- Warrnambool City

The Ministerial appointed Board is comprised of four Council representatives and four skills based appointees.



Transfer Station site visit

Local Government Forum

The Local Government Waste Forums held its Election of Office Bearers meeting recently and very pleased to announce the appointment of Bruach Colliton as the Chairperson.

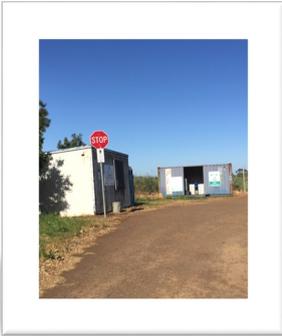
Cr Colliton brings a new regional perspective to the group and is looking forward to working closely with Barwon South West WRRG in advising matters and issues affecting the role of local governments in waste management and resource recovery.

The Forum will have oversight of the Local Government Program which will respond to the needs and issues identified in the region.

The Advisory Reference Group (ARG) also held their election meeting and pleased to announce the appointment of Stephen Adams as Chairperson. Mr Adams brings considerable experience and expertise in the waste industry and will progress the Local Government Program.

Business cases are under development for priority weighting

Regional Implementation Planning (WRRIP)



Work is continuing on the Regional Implementation Plan prior to submission to the Minister for approval in 2016. Consultation has commenced and we are very keen to hear from you.

Did you know that as Australians we are amongst the highest producers of waste in the world? Whilst rates are improving for recycling and reuse, as a community we can strive to do more.

There are a number of ways that you can be involved

Visit our website bswrrg.vic.gov.au for the survey

We encourage all members of our community, including businesses and industry, to register and have their say about resource recovery and waste issues, needs and priorities.

The Sustainability Victoria participate website is also another avenue for engagement

<http://participate.sustainability.vic.gov.au/Sustainability-Victoria>

Our staff are also available to take submissions so we can ensure that our regions needs are heard and considered.

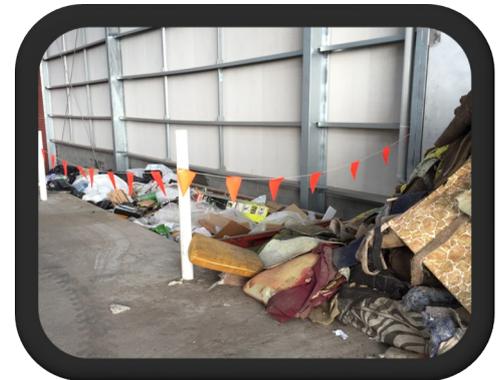
The Implementation Plan will play a crucial role in deciding what waste infrastructure is required, which will be vital as we move towards a waste and resource recovery circular economy.

Determining the true value of waste

Statewide Waste and Resource Recovery Infrastructure Plan

As the WRRIP is provided to the Minister for consideration, the Statewide thirty year plan (SWRRIP) will focus on waste infrastructure across Victoria
The key goals are :

- Landfills only for receiving and treating waste streams from which all materials have been recovered
- Materials are made available to the resource recovery market through consolidated volumes
- All waste facilities provide best environmental and public health outcomes for communities
- Targeted evidence based information provides the platform for integrated statewide resource and recovery infrastructure planning and investment opportunities



‘ Resource Recovery streams are turning waste into wanted ‘



Barwon South West Board

The Board has met a number of times and in various locations across the Barwon South West region. Most notably the Board has :

- ◆ Provided the Annual Report for tabling
- ◆ Worked closely with DELWP, EPA and SV on regional matters
- ◆ Developed a three year Business Plan
- ◆ Appointed key staff and aligning work with neighboring region

The Annual Report was tabled in Parliament highlighting the achievements over the past year and is available on our website. Although the WRRIP is the main immediate focus for the Board, the Business Plan provides a roadmap for the other activities and strategic direction that the Board will be taking .

The Board is committed to continuing to strengthen established relationships with the commercial and industrial, construction and demolition sector given the expanded responsibilities of the groups. The Board are working closely and consulting with local government members who will play a key role in all future planning.

The Board has been focusing on the vision for the region and the strategic framework provides the greatest value for the region's stakeholders (value drivers) enabling the Board to focus all activities on the things that really matter for the wider community.

As well as delivering our WRRIP, the priority pillars are:

- Planning
- Procurement
- Facilitation and Engagement
- Governance
- Market Development and Innovation

Staffing

Barwon South West WRRG is currently staffed by a small but hard working structure of Executive Officer, Program Director, Snr Project Officer, and Project Officers.

The team:

- Linda Kelly
- Neil Brewster
- Janet Forbes
- Gabrielle Hargrave
- Vicki Finch
- Thomas Elford

Currently BSWRRG staff are in two office locations, Hamilton and Geelong.

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Offices will be closed over the Christmas break and would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a safe, happy and healthy festive season.