

# Barwon South West Waste and Resource Recovery Group

Leadership and innovation in Waste minimisation and Resource Recovery

## BSWRRG Board of Directors

- Mr. Chris O'Connor (Chair)
- Mr. Ian Coles
- Mr. Stephen Hart
- Mr. Lindsay Merritt
- Ms. Jill Parker
- Mr. David Bell
- Ms. Jane Stanley
- To be appointed

The Barwon South West Waste and Resource Recovery (BSWRRG) has now entered a new exciting phase.

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 has progressed 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  
Corangamite  
Glenelg  
City of Greater Geelong  
Moynes  
Southern Grampians  
Surf Coast  
Warnambool

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

The current vacancy requires ministerial endorsement of appointee.



Public Place Recycling Port Fairy

On the 1st June 2015, the Board established the BSWRRG strategic vision as 'Leadership and innovation in Waste minimisation and Resource Recovery'.

The operational objective is to 'Wipe Out Waste' (WoW)

## Local Government Forum

The newly re-established Local Government Waste Forums, chaired by Cr Andy Richards are required to:

Include a representative from each council in a region;

Advise BSWRRG boards on matters and issues affecting

the role of local governments in waste management and resource recovery

Progress the Local Government Program Fund.

The Advisory Reference Group (ARG) chaired by Mr Peter Robertson will workshop identified

projects for consideration by the Forum for inclusion in the program funding.

## State and Regional Implementation Planning



Essentially over the next 12 months BSWWRRG will be instigating a 10 year plan using a 30 year infrastructure outlook framework.

The Statewide Waste Resource Recovery Infrastructure Plan (SWRRIP) has recently been released and will be the centerpiece of waste management in Victoria. The waste planning role of BSWWRRG is also expanded to cover all waste streams, including construction and demolition (C&D) and commercial and industrial (C&I) waste.

The SWRRIP must contain a Schedule of existing and required waste and resource recovery infrastructure, deliverables including:

- ◆ Establishing long-term strategic planning at state and regional levels
- ◆ Identification of priority growth areas.
- ◆ Economic assessment of all waste and recovery options
- ◆ Identification of gaps in infrastructure and capacity.

- ◆ Providing a strong evidence base to targeted investment in waste and recovery
- ◆ An analysis of future processing needs

This statewide planning approach gives a great opportunity to integrate waste planning with other Departments and regulatory bodies.

SWRRIP aims to 'minimise community, environment and climate change and public health impacts whilst supporting a viable resource recovery industry'.

## Waste and Resource Recovery Implementation Plan

To progress the SWRRP, over the next twelve months we will undertake a Region Waste Resource Recovery Infrastructure Plan (RWRRIP) essentially how needs of waste management in our region will be met over 10 years.

This will be achieved by identifying BSW region current waste and resource recovery infrastructure including the tonnes of waste and materials generated and managed.

Community and business expectations will be requested during consultation including any future land planning and ability to respond to any landfill impacts.

This vital information will provide the longer term planning under the SWRRP

Consultation will commence in our region shortly and we will be talking and listening to you, stay tuned!

For further information please follow the link "<http://participate.sustainability.vic.gov.au/regional-waste-and-resource-recovery-implementation-plans>"



*'The aim of the restructure and the new legislation is to decrease tonnages going into landfill'*



## BSWRRRG Board

The BSWRRRG has met a number of times and in various locations across the region. In addition to the transitional requirement, most notably the BSWRRRG has :

- ◆ Developed a Business Plan,
- ◆ Established a Charter of Corporate Governance
- ◆ Appointed an Independent Audit Committee member
- ◆ Held a strategic planning workshop
- ◆ Finalised Public Place Recycling projects
- ◆ Finalised Resource Smart Initial funding
- ◆ Appointed key staff

Some of BSWRRRG's focus includes—

Planning is a major task for our group and includes land use planning and protecting large investments that have been made into Landfills, transfer stations, organic facilities and other waste infrastructure. This may include recommending buffer zones and overlays with existing and planned facilities.

BWRRGs is responsible for undertaking waste and resource recovery infrastructure planning to meet the future needs of its relevant region while minimising the environmental and public health impacts of waste and resource recovery infrastructure.

Joint Procurement of services and infrastructure is another task legislated for Board responsibility and is a new task for waste groups. We will work with industry, councils and communities to identify opportunities ,

In addition coordinating opportunities for improved large contracts for C&I and C&D waste streams should bring value to industry and divert waste from Landfill. Joint procurement with organics will help the region to work together and have the size to drive industry best practice and produce a material that is a more consistent higher value product and attractive for commercial users.

Much of the BSWRRRG's existence has been about setting up the group but now we are moving into the exciting phase of our new role and looking forward to the task of getting more resource and value from our waste.

## Staffing

BSWRRRG is currently staffed by a small but hard working structure of Executive Officer (1FTE), Program Director (0.8 FTE) and Project Officer (0.6 FTE)

Ms Linda Kelly was recently appointed as Executive Officer, bringing a wealth of experience in the water sector at senior level. Having worked in Canberra for COAG and Murray Darling Basin, NVIRP in Victoria and water utilities in Western Australia, Victoria and Tasmania, Linda is no stranger to policy, regulation and program delivery.

Ms Cydoni Edwards continues in a Program Director role, Cydoni's knowledge and wealth of experience in the region and as previous Executive Officer for the South West is invaluable for the new entity.

Ms Vicki Edwards is also retained in a Project Officer capacity. Vicki has been instrumental in delivering the Public Place Recycling (PPR) and supporting the Local Government forums.

Currently BSWRRRG staff are in two locations, Hamilton and Geelong. Office location in Geelong is under review, with co-location scoping commenced.

Additional staff will be appointed aligned with program delivery, the roles and organizational structure to be signed off by the Board.



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