

## SEED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

On Thursday 10 August a memorandum of understanding was signed between North East Catchment Management Authority (North East CMA) and North East Waste & Resource Recovery Group (North East WRRG) to continue their organisational commitment to SEED and its funding.

SEED has been operating in the North East since 2007 providing teachers, educators and environment staff easy access to information on curriculum related environmental sustainability for North East Victoria.

For further information on SEED please visit [www.seed.vic.gov.au](http://www.seed.vic.gov.au)



*Representatives from North East WRRG & North East CMA for the official signing of the MoU.*

## ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017

The final draft Annual Report for 2016-17 has been submitted to DELWP for review. The Board have approved and finalised the Annual Report (with the incorporation of the Financial Statements, Management Letter and Management Representation Letter) and it will be lodge with DELWP by the reporting deadline of 29 August 2017.

## EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Johnsons MME Auditors (appointed by the Victorian Auditor General's Officer - VAGO) have completed the External Audit of North East WRRG and presented the financials to the Audit Committee and Board for approval and endorsement.

## COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR THE NORTH EAST IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

In July 2017 the Minister approved the North East Waste and Resource Recovery Implementation Plan and since then we have been communicating the release of the Implementation Plan and how it is aligned with the State's waste and resource recovery framework.

The north east implementation plan is one of seven regional implementation plans which have been integrated with the Statewide Waste and Resource Recovery Infrastructure Plan, ensuring the coordination of a statewide waste and resource recovery system and to make sure Victoria has a first class integrated system.

Some of the key priorities outlined in the north east implementation plan include:

- Increasing the recovery of recyclable materials to reduce amounts of these materials going to landfill,
- Further development of regional partnerships to enable efficiencies in waste transport, disposal and resource recovery,
- Identifying the need for infrastructure upgrades and improved facility operations, including technological innovations and advancements, and
- Development of a long term regional strategy for landfills in the region.

We encourage all councils and resorts to load the plan onto their website which can easily be downloaded here: [North East Implementation Plan July 2017](#). In particular, North East WRRG are happy to come out and talk amount the Implementation Plan to your council, board, executive or community group and present a short presentation. Please call our office to make an appointment.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information on any item included in this Communique or relating to the North East WRRG please email [EO@newrrg.vic.gov.au](mailto:EO@newrrg.vic.gov.au)