

NORTH EAST IMPLEMENTATION PLAN RELEASED

After a long wait the North East Implementation Plan was signed off by the Minister and released in early July. This is why the communique was delayed by a few weeks.

You can download a copy from our website where you can also find some FAQs and summary information on the 5 key aims of the Plan.

www.newrrg.vic.gov.au/projects/wrrip/

You can also download a press release from:

www.newrrg.vic.gov.au/2017/07/07/north-east-implementation-plan-released/

The north east implementation plan outlines our vision and strategy for managing the North East region's waste. The plan focuses on identifying the region's waste and resource recovery infrastructure needs and how these will be met over the next 10 years.



We would especially like to thank our key stakeholders including local government and the alpine resorts as well as business and the community who all contributed enormously to the development of the Plan.

We would be happy to come out and talk about the Plan to your council, board, executive or community group. Please call our office to make an appointment.

NORTH EAST WRRG BOARD OF DIRECTORS INDUCTION TRAINING

The current board including our two new directors Mr Alan Clark and Cr Peter Olver were in Melbourne in mid-June for two days of director training. It was a very focused and well-run course with lots of examples and case studies to learn from.

We were also fortunate to hear from the Minister for Energy, Environment & Climate Change, the Hon. Lily D'Ambrosio about state level developments in the waste and resource recovery area. We also had the chance to hear from Cheryl Batagol, EPA Chairman about the reforms underway at the EPA.

BUSINESS PLAN 2017-2020 AND ANNUAL REPORT

North East WRRG's Business Plan 2017 – 2020 was finalised and submitted at the end of May to the Minister for review and approval.

We have also prepared and reviewed our draft 2016-17 Annual Report and it is now ready to insert the financial information once our audit has been completed. Preparing the Annual Report highlighted some of the excellent projects and achievements that have been chalked up in the past year. Some of which were:

- Holding the 30th Schools Environment Day and having the 5000th student and 200th school attend,
- Undertaking a regional kerbside audit of all bins including the food organics and garden organics bin (green bin),
- Organising joint procurements with councils and resorts and getting an 11-year blanket approval for joint procurement of waste and resource recovery infrastructure and services from the ACCC, which will save hundreds of thousands of dollars for councils over its term,
- Undertaking the "sort and save" program with our resource recovery centres across the region, and
- Organising and running training and educational activities for councils and resorts.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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