

NEWRRG PROJECTS UNDERWAY

NEWRRG is currently undertaking two projects with support from its stakeholders across the region. The two projects include a feasibility study to find solutions to increase the recovery and reduce contamination of asphalt, masonry, soils (AMS) and garden and timber waste to support future regional procurement processes and a regional-options for the recovery and processing of food waste and timber pallets in the retail sector to enable them to participate in future regional procurement processes.



REDUCING CONTAMINATION OF AMS MATERIALS



IDENTIFYING OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECOVERING PALLETS

UPCOMING EVENTS

RECYCLED CONTENT IN ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROCUREMENT

SV are holding a free Sustainable Procurement Masterclass with local government on how we can increase the use of recycled content in road construction procurement.

Please use this link to secure your ticket

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/sustainable-procurement-masterclass-when-recycled-rubber-hits-the-road-tickets-44625639489>

ENVIRO CONVENTION 18

ENVIRO'18 is an opportunity to bring together leaders from business, government and academia to learn from and discuss the experience of government and businesses overseas, to ensure that the transition to Circular is as seamless and well informed as possible. We all know that the current linear 'make-take-waste' approach is no longer viable and that we need to change the way we design, purchase, think, use, and produce the goods of today, in order that they can be the resources of tomorrow.

https://www.wmaa.asn.au/Public/Events/ENVIRO_18/Public/Enviro2018/Enviro.aspx?hkey=f3a1f5f0-0285-447a-ad6a-e28d818b744f

RECYCLING INDUSTRY

NEWRRG recently assisted the Victorian Recycling Markets Government Taskforce to hold a roundtable discussion in Benalla. The purpose of the workshop was to seek input from a range of stakeholders to help develop the Strategic Plan for Recycling. The Strategic Plan will focus on the opportunities and measures that can be undertaken by each part of the recycling sector to transition to a more resilient economy. With over 70 people attending the workshop, there was some good discussions about what all levels of government and industry need to do over the next 3-5 years to respond to the challenges.

NEWRRG will continue to provide information to Local Government and Alpine Resorts and act as a conduit back to the State Waste Portfolio (DELWP, SV and EPA) for our stakeholders.

We will continue to seek advice from our Councils and Alpine Resorts to ensure that we can focus our resources and energy to meet the needs of the region and welcome input for partners on local issues at any time.

DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NORTH EAST WASTE & RESOURCE RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Over the last 4 years the NEWRRG has worked with its stakeholders to develop and begin implementation of the North East Waste and Resource Recovery Implementation Plan. The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) has assisted this process with funding support over the 4 years. The support funding finishes in 2017/2018 and a final report has been provided to DELWP, highlighting the achievements and value that the support funding has brought to the North East region.

Specific work that has been able to be accomplished through this funding includes:

- Development of the case for buffers around landfill and other key waste sites ready for implementation into various planning schemes in the region.
- Kerbside audits, providing insight to waste, recycling and organics kerbside bin composition and providing valuable data for informing future waste and resource recovery opportunities.
- ACCC approval for joint procurement for waste related services. (Includes Albury City Council) and the development of procurement templates for future collaborative procurements opportunities.

NEWRRG continues to discuss future funding requirements with DELWP and to seek out other funding opportunities that will assist the implementation of the plan.

NEWRRG GOVERNANCE

To meet its legislative function, significant energy is being placed in updating the organisation's Governance Framework. A schedule of policy development and review has been established to guide the organisation through its governance responsibilities and improve its operational efficiencies.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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