

NORTH EAST WRRG BOARD

North East WRRG welcomes three new Directors Francesca Ciantar, Simon Kelley and Melanie Oke and the return of Director Anthony Griffiths to the Board. These appointments take effect from 1 August 2018 until 30 April 2022.

Lead by Chair Veronica Schilling, Directors Alan Clark, Louise Perrin and Peter Olver complete the North East WRRG Board membership.

Francesca Ciantar	Francesca is a practicing solicitor based in Wodonga. Francesca has a Masters in Environmental Science and Environmental Law and is the founder of the Plasticwise network that currently has over 19 branches across Australia and one branch in Gizo in the Solomon Islands.
Simon Kelley	Simon is an Environmental Engineer, with a Masters in Economics. He has worked in the electricity generation industry for over 15 years across a range of roles, as engineer, economist, policy advocate and operations leader. Simon has a long-standing interest in the resource recovery sector, starting his career in the late 1990's consulting on kerbside recycling, landfill design and electricity generation from landfill gas.
Melanie Oke	Melanie has been working to reduce waste and increase recycling for over 12 years. In her current role she coordinates waste and resource recovery policy and programs for the City of Melbourne, leading a small team and providing advice across the organisation. Prior to joining City of Melbourne in 2009, Melanie worked as an environmental consultant at Hyder Consulting and as a waste and litter campaign officer at Frankston City Council. Her undergraduate degrees in Science and Forest Science were completed at University of Melbourne and recently completed a Master of Management at Monash University. Melanie grew up on a small farm near Beechworth and is looking forward to spending more time in the region as part of her new role as Director.

WASTE AND RESOURCE RECOVERY EVENTS

VICTORIAN WASTE EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Sustainability Victoria (SV) and Loddon Mallee Waste and Resource Recovery Group (LMWRRG) have partnered to host an interactive and engaging two-day conference designed for educators delivering waste/recycling and litter programs.

Further information can be found at:

www.eventbrite.com.au/e/victorian-waste-education-conference-tickets-47150449263

WASTE EXPO AUSTRALIA 2018 (MELBOURNE)

Waste Expo Australia as part of Australian Sustainability Week alongside All-Energy Australia, will form the most significant waste, recycling and renewable energy and energy efficiency event at Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre 3 & 4 October 2018.

Take advantage of the industry's largest free to attend conference. Gain valuable insights, learn from case studies and share knowledge at Waste Summit.

- Industry panel sessions
- Workshops
- Updates on legislation, levies and policy
- Learn about future trends and innovations

Further information can be found at: www.wasteexpoaustralia.com.au

NEWRRG PROJECTS

North East WRRG has started a number of new projects and will continue working with its stakeholders to deliver positive waste and resource recovery outcomes. At a glance, projects underway include:

Procurement Strategy for the North East Region

This project aims to investigate and plan for continuing joint procurement opportunities in the North East region to maximise resource recovery and improve the quality of procurement through the development of the Joint Procurement Strategy. The North East has almost 15 years in this area and is sharing its knowledge and experience with other Waste and Resource Recovery Groups. This work will also assist to identify NEWRRGs capacity and capability to facilitate collaborative procurement. North East WRRG is currently seeking the appointment of a suitably qualified consultant to develop the strategy aided by input from our Local Government and Alpine Resort partners.

Optimisation Study.

The North East WRRG is currently seeking the appointment of a Project Manager to oversee the Local Government funded project. It is proposed that the study will deliver outcomes that:

- 1) improves understanding of the strategic and operational opportunities for waste and resource recovery in North East Victoria;
- 2) maps out the strategic opportunities to better inform future investment for waste and resource recovery in North East Victoria; and
- 3) ultimately guides the future directions for individual local governments and alpine resorts (resulting in a regional perspective) to advance environmental, economic and social outcomes

It is proposed that the study will be completed by March 2019.

Annual Local Government Waste and Resource Recovery Tour

The Local Government Waste and Resource Recovery Tour continues to be a valued project delivered by the North East WRRG. It is proposed that the next tour, scheduled for March 2019 will be to Melbourne. We are currently seeking out relevant waste and resource recovery, manufacturing and demonstration sites that will be of demonstration sites that will be of interest to our Local Government and Alpine Resort members.

NORTH EAST REGION HIGHLIGHT

Student Environment Days held through the School Environment Education Directory program continue to be popular with schools across the north east region. The Wodonga Student Environment Day was held at the CUBE in Wodonga on August 9th for over 200 students from the Wodonga area. The next day is in Wangaratta and the HP Barr Reserve on 25 October 2018.



NEWRRG: Waste Wise

NECMA: Water bugs

DELWP: Web of life

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information on any item included in this Communique or relating to the North East WRRG please contact the Executive Officer, Cydoni Edwards on 0438 003 038 or cydoni.edwards@newrrg.vic.gov.au