

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDED PROJECT PROGRAM

The Local Government Waste Forum presented its Local Government Funded Project Program for 2019/2020 to the Board for consideration of inclusion in the North East WRRG Business Plan 2019/2020.

The Board discussed the collaborative process the Local Government Forum has undertaken to produce a range of priority projects that consider local needs and regional benefits.

The Board is pleased to endorse the following projects for 2019/2020. North East WRRG will work with the Local Government Forum and Technical Advisory Sub-Committee to develop the project scopes to ensure that each project delivers the priority needs as identified by the members.

PROJECT	FUNDING ALLOCATION
ONGOING CURRENT PROJECTS -Living Bin Program -ResourceSmart Schools Program -Sustainable Environment Education Directory Program -Training and Development -Annual Waste and Resource Recovery Tour	\$52,500
REGIONAL DATA PLATFORM Initiative to introduce a consistent waste and resource recovery data gathering to aid future planning and efficiencies in data requests/reporting.	\$50,000
PROBLEMATIC MATERIALS Investigate opportunities to improve access and overcome barriers to recovering problematic waste materials such as household batteries, paint and chemicals for smaller councils.	\$18,000
PROJECT MANAGEMENT SUPPORT	\$16,000

STAKEHOLDER LUNCHEON

North East WRRG stakeholders attended a luncheon on Monday 10 December to celebrate waste and resource recovery achievements for 2018 and to learn about initiatives that will be delivered in 2019.

In addition to all North East Local Government and Alpine Resort representatives attending, the Board welcomed Emma Knights, North East Regional Manager, EPA and Nick Nagle, Executive Officer of the Goulburn Valley WRRG to the luncheon.

While making the most of the opportunity to network, attendees also gained an insight on the development of the Wangaratta composting facility and key recommendations for improving the recovery of aggregate, masonry, soils and timber at waste facilities across the region.



Alan Clark, Director of Infrastructure Services at Wangaratta City Council provided an overview of the development of the Wangaratta composting facility. The facility is licenced to process 5,200 tonnes of organics annually with the potential to expand in the future.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Message from the Chair:

It is my unfortunate duty to advise you that yesterday Ms Cydoni Edwards tendered her resignation to the Board effective from Friday 11 January 2019.

Whilst Cydoni has only been with us for a year she has been an outstanding and valued leader for the organization and resolved a number of challenging matters. She joined the organization as the recycling crisis commenced and provided direct support to many stakeholders, as well as ensuring the issues of the North East were well represented in statewide negotiations.

She has continued her work by setting a suite of new and updated policies in place, ably assisted by Mrs Kathy Dodgshun, as well as appointing new accountants and other governance matters to ensure the Board meets its comprehensive state reporting obligations. She has also advanced our resourcing challenges with DELWP and the Ministers Office.

She has always sought to conduct herself with compassion and practical action and for that I am personally grateful. The Board wishes her well for her coming endeavours and trust she will keep in touch.

We are currently working through establishing interim arrangements and a recruiting strategy and will keep you informed as this work progresses.

The North East WRRG Board wishes all of its stakeholders a very happy and safe festive season and looks forward to continuing work with all in 2019.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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