



INFORMATION BULLETIN

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RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITY UPDATE REPORT	
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This report presents a summary of activities that have taken place in the reporting period covering 24 January 2017 to 22 March 2017.

ONGOING MATTERS

In February 2017, Perth experienced unseasonably high rainfall with the second wettest February month since records began. This unexpected rainfall encouraged residents to dispose of additional garden organics and resulted in more moisture in the incoming stream, aiding this month's waste diversion outcome.

OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

Waste Delivery

Waste Delivery Summary for Reporting Period

MONTH	SCHEDULED TONNES	DELIVERED TONNES	DIFFERENCE TONNES
January 2017	8,800	8,980	180
February 2017	8,000	8,305	305

For the 8th Contract Year, for the period to 28 February 2017, the RRF was 4,958 tonnes ahead of schedule as a result of additional throughput at the plant.

The RRF is operating as anticipated in the Resource Recovery Facility Agreement (RRFA), with average availability of 105% over the past 12 months.

On a monthly basis, Additional Tonnes (those tonnes greater than the monthly scheduled tonnes) only incur the Variable Operating Cost charge, but not the Capital Cost or Fixed Operating Cost charges.

Unavailable Tonnes (those tonnes less than the monthly scheduled tonnes) are not paid for unless:

- Within the Contract Year there is a positive balance of Additional Tonnes, these Additional Tonnes can be off-set against the Unavailable Tonnes. In this case, the off-set Additional Tonnes incur the full gate fee cost less the Variable Operating Cost (which has already been paid on the Additional Tonnes); or
- If the RRF Availability for a month is less than 92% of the monthly Scheduled Tonnes and there are no accumulated Additional Tonnes remaining to be off-set, then the MRC is required to pay the Capital Cost on all Unavailable Tonnes up to 92% of the monthly Scheduled Tonnes.

At the end of the Contract Year, if 100,000 tonnes of waste have been delivered to the RRF then the above "overs and unders" system should balance out.

The exception to the above is the tonnes not processed during the composter replacement.

The MRC entered into a standstill deed with BioVision which deals with the operations of the plant during this period. The tonnes scheduled for processing but not processed during the shutdown have been recorded as Accrued Tonnes. The MRC has already paid the capital cost component of the RRF Gate Fee in relation to these tonnes and so the Accrued Tonnes will be processed for the MRC at the end of the RRFA contract with the MRC only have to pay the fixed and variable components of the RRF Gate Fee.

Waste Diversion

Waste Diversion for the past six months (September 2016 to February 2017) has stabilised at 51.8% with a Waste Diversion Target of 51.3%.

Community Complaints

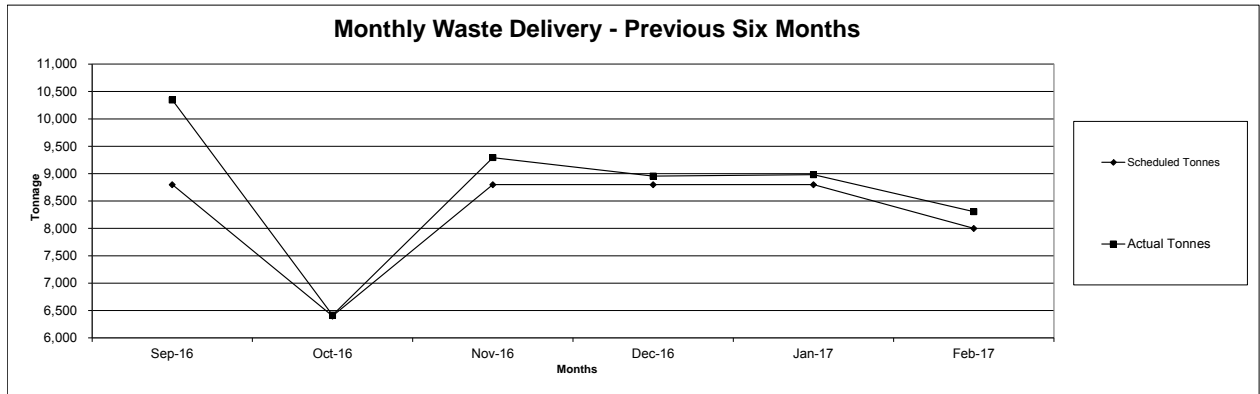
BioVision last met with its community stakeholder group on 30 November 2015 and no serious issues were raised. BioVision is continuing engagement with the selected key stakeholders, in particular the Banksia Grove development and the Wanneroo Golf Course.

COMMUNITY COMPLAINTS SUMMARY FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD

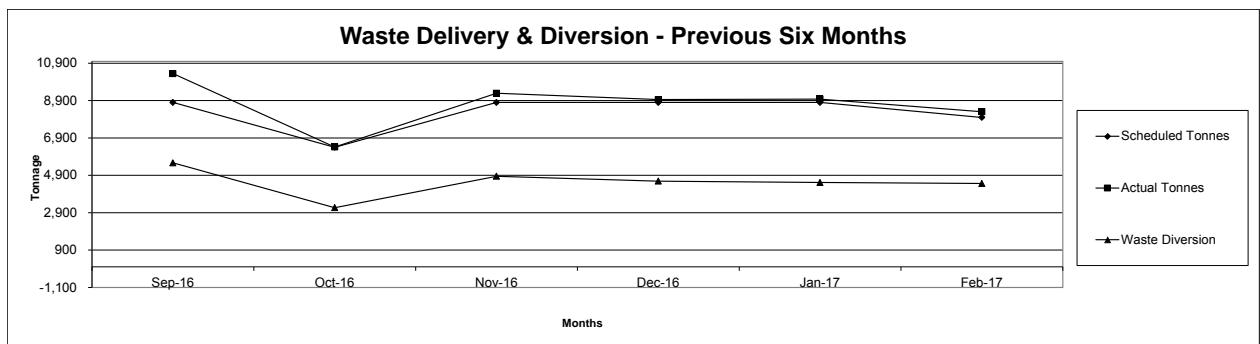
Date	Complaint	From	Outcome
Nil	No complaints have been received	Nil	Nil

The graphs below provide data up to **28 February 2017**.

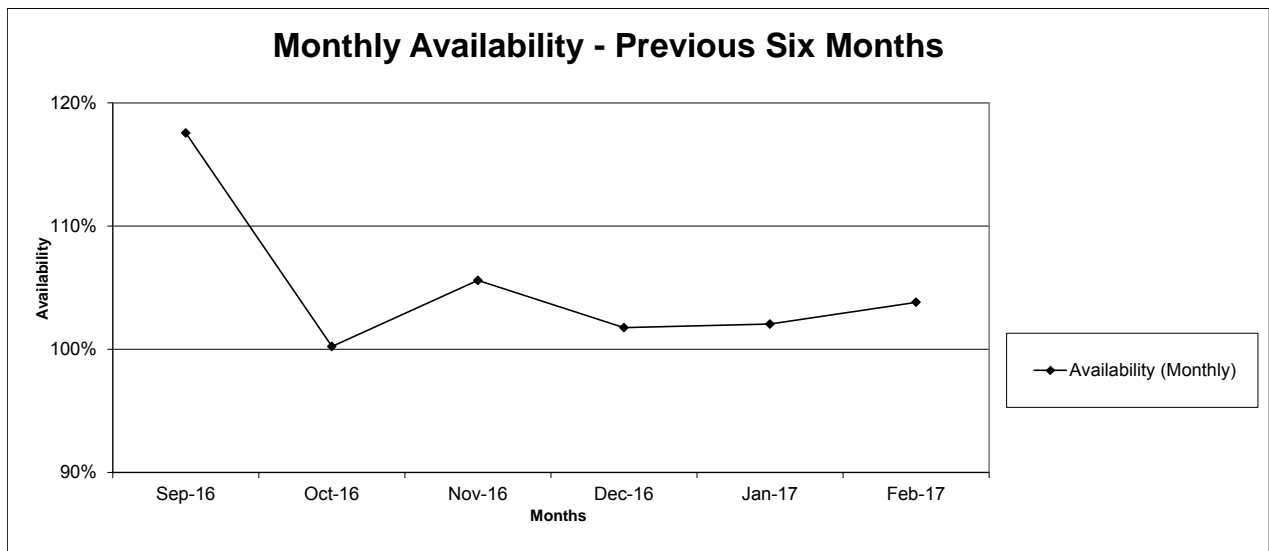
Graph No. 1 – Monthly Waste Delivery – Previous Six Months

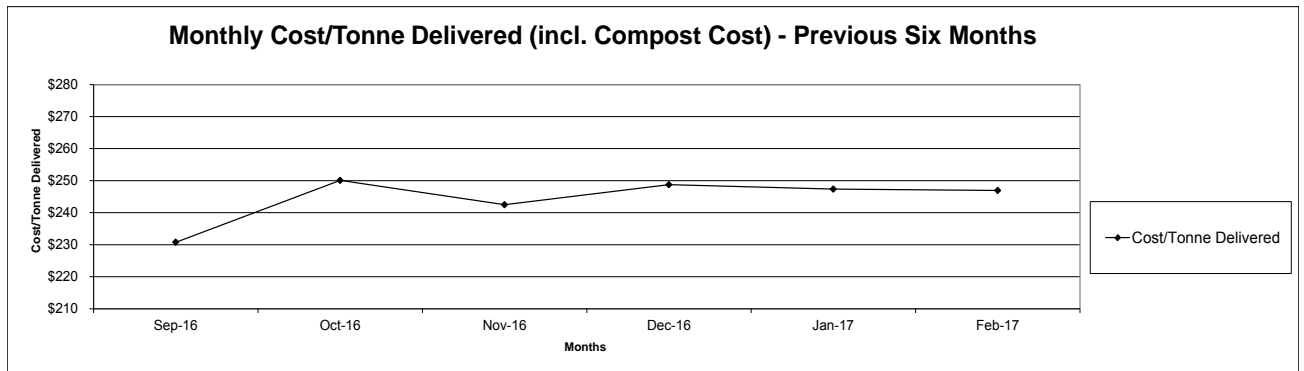
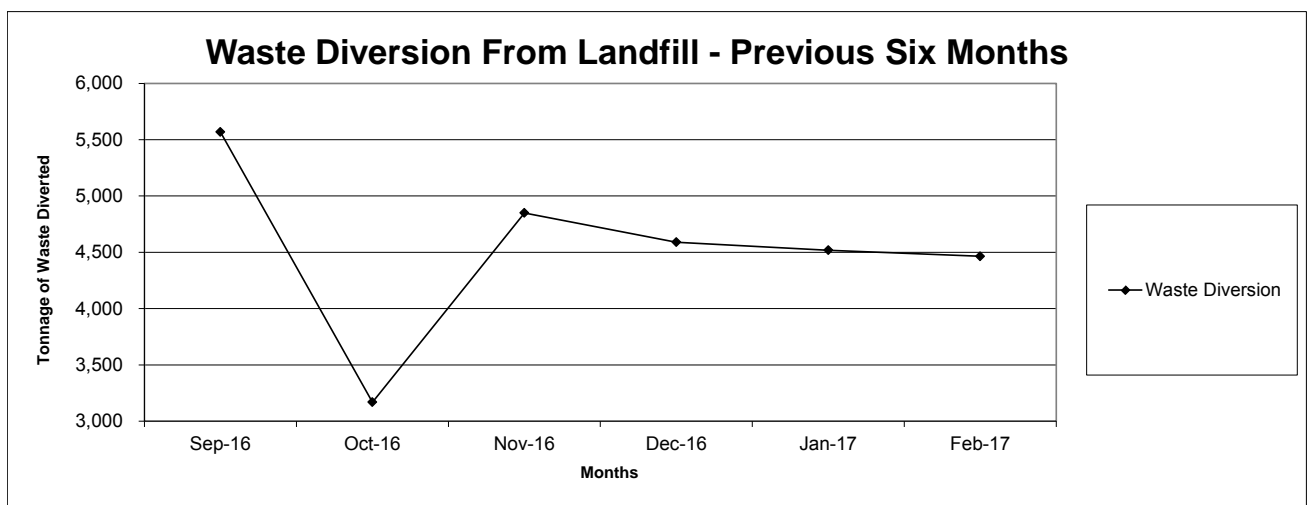


Graph No. 2 – Waste Delivery & Diversion – Previous Six Months



Graph No. 3 – Monthly Availability – Previous Six Months



Graph No. 4 – Monthly Cost/tonne Delivered (incl. Compost Cost) – Previous Six Months**Graph No. 5 – Waste Diversion from Landfill – Previous Six Months**

Performance Indicators

KPI's as per the RRFA are as follows:

Table No. 1 – KPI Summary (to 28 February 2017)

KPI	Target	Previous 6 Months		Jan	Feb
Availability*	95%	105%		102%	104%
Environmental Standard - Number of Breaches	0	0		0	0
Waste Diversion	51.3%	51.8%		50.3%	53.8%
Quality of Compost - Number of Breaches**	0	0		0	0
Quantity of Recyclable Packaging ***	0.80%	n/a		1.0%	1.4%
Health and Safety - Number of LTI's	0	0		0	0
Community Acceptance - Number of Complaints ****	0	0		0	0
Project Culture - PAG Chairperson Score	100	100		100	100

* The Target Availability during the Initial Operating Period is to achieve an Availability of greater than 95% over a six-month period.

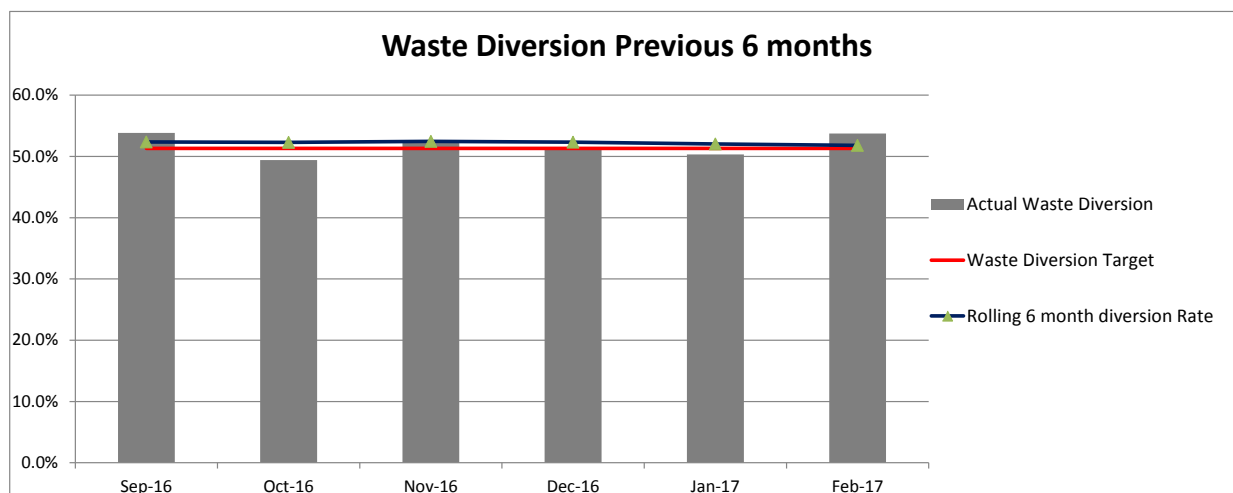
** The compost standard within the RRFA was amended by the revisions to the RRFA approved by Council at its meeting of 6 December 2012 and signed under common seal in May 2013.

*** Financial impacts of the KPI were removed by the revisions to the RRFA approved by Council at its meeting of 6 December 2012 and signed under common seal in May 2013. Ferrous diversion has recommenced.

**** Numerous complaints relating to a single event are treated as a single complaint. Biofilter odour is not registered as a complaint as this is seen as a normal operating odour condition.

Waste Diversion

The average waste diversion for the past six months (September 2016 to February 2017) has been 51.8%.



Project Advisory Group (PAG) as at 22 March 2017

MRC Representatives:

Cr Dot Newton JP
 Brian Callander (CEO)
 Gunther Hoppe
 Cr Samantha Jenkinson (Deputy)

BioVision Representatives:

Craig Barker
 Emmanuel Vivant
 Nial Stock
 Alan Turner (Alternate)

Chairperson:

Ian Watkins

The PAG last met on 8 February 2017.

Items dealt with by the group included:

- Contract Variations (including the maintenance cost discussions)
- Composter Structural Issues
- BioVision Monthly Report/Update
- Compost Marketing and Compost Quality
- Residue management
- Insurance

Copies of the meeting minutes are distributed to the Strategic Working Group members and all MRC Councillors following the meetings.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Operational Expenditure

The Project Operational Summary below sets out the 2016/17 facility operating budget against which operational costs are tracked throughout the year. The variance over budget is as a result of the additional tonnes put through the facility during the year.

Project Operational Costs Summary for 2016/17 Financial Year – for the period ended 28 February 2017

Mindarie Regional Council
OPERATING STATEMENT
For the month ended 28 February 2017

Description	Adopted Budget	Revised Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	\$ Variance	% Variance
Resource Recovery Facility						
Operating Expenditure						
Employee Costs						
Salaries	-	-	-	-	-	
Allowances	-	-	-	-	-	
Workers Compensation Premium	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
Consultants and Contract Labour						
Consultancy	15,000	15,000	4,800	4,757	(43)	(0.90%)
Contract Labour External	-	-	-	-	-	
	15,000	15,000	4,800	4,757	(43)	(0.90%)
Office Expenses						
Cleaning of Buildings						
General cleaning	9,000	7,706	4,706	1,854	(2,852)	(60.61%)
Window cleaning	2,000	3,294	2,627	4,071	1,444	54.96%
	11,000	11,000	7,333	5,925	(1,408)	(19.20%)
Information System Expenses						
Computer System Maintenance						
ICT contractors costs	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,995	(5)	(0.25%)
Newcastle Weighing Services-Gen Maintenance	12,000	12,000	8,000	6,950	(1,050)	(13.13%)
Vertical Telecom P/L-Maint of Microwave Ant	6,000	6,000	4,000	3,383	(617)	(15.43%)
	20,000	20,000	14,000	12,328	(1,672)	(11.94%)
Building Maintenance						
Building Maintenance	12,500	12,500	2,000	1,068	(932)	(46.61%)
Building Security						
Security - Monitoring	2,000	2,000	1,333	-	(1,333)	(100.00%)
Security - Alarm maintenance	2,000	2,000	800	924	124	15.49%
Security - call out	1,000	1,000	200	210	10	4.97%
	17,500	17,500	4,333	2,202	(2,132)	(49.19%)
RRF Operation Expenses						
Fencing and Gate Maintenance						
Fencing and Gate Maintenance	7,500	7,500	3,600	3,600	-	0.00%
Repair of Boom Gate	2,500	2,500	-	-	-	
Road Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	
Bores and Pipework						
Bore maint/calibration/electronics	5,000	5,000	-	-	-	
Groundwater sampling	2,500	2,500	1,000	1,050	50	5.00%
Bacteria sampling	1,000	1,000	-	-	-	
Vermin control	1,000	1,000	-	-	-	
Spills/leaks/incident management	500	500	-	-	-	
Vehicle Wash Facility Operations						
Landscaping and Gardens	12,000	12,000	2,380	3,309	929	39.04%
Compost Disposal	408,300	501,349	197,900	280,680	82,780	41.83%
Contractor's Fees	25,521,000	25,521,000	17,048,028	17,314,653	266,625	1.56%
RRF Maintenance Funding	250,000	250,000	-	-	-	
	26,211,300	26,304,349	17,252,908	17,603,293	350,385	2.03%
Utilities						
Electricity	10,000	10,000	6,667	-	(6,667)	(100.00%)
Rates	25,829	107,164	71,443	71,443	0	0.00%
	35,829	117,164	78,109	71,443	(6,666)	(8.53%)
Insurance						
Municipal Property Insurance	3,000	3,000	2,000	2,865	865	43.23%
Public Liability Insurance	5,600	5,600	3,733	3,450	(284)	(7.59%)
	8,600	8,600	5,733	6,314	581	10.14%
Cost of Borrowings						
Interest on Loans						
Loan 10A	69,779	69,779	46,519	45,525	(995)	(2.14%)
Loan 10B	-	644	644	644	0	0.04%
Loan 10C	-	2,795	2,795	2,795	(0)	(0.00%)
Loan 11	12,693	12,693	8,462	11,485	3,023	35.72%
Loan Expenses	-	1,065	1,065	1,065	(0)	(0.02%)
	82,472	86,976	59,485	61,513	2,028	3.41%
Amortisations						
Amortisation Pre-operating Costs	104,700	104,700	69,800	69,800	-	0.00%
Amortisation Costs	386,648	386,648	257,765	257,765	-	0.00%
	491,348	491,348	327,565	327,565	-	0.00%
Depreciation						
Depreciation on Building	23,600	23,600	15,733	15,735	2	0.01%
Depreciation on Infrastructure	26,700	26,700	17,800	17,798	(2)	(0.01%)
	50,300	50,300	33,533	33,533	(1)	(0.00%)
Total Operating Expenditure	26,943,349	27,122,237	17,787,802	18,128,873	341,074	1.92%
Net Total	(26,943,349)	(27,122,237)	(17,787,802)	(18,128,873)	(341,074)	1.92%

COMMUNICATIONS AND EDUCATION REPORT	
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Responsible Officer:	Education Manager

Communication and Education Report – January/February 2017

The Mindarie Regional Council's (MRC) Education Team's main focus is on Winning Back Waste through community engagement within the region. The main objectives are to:

- act as an advocate for change at all levels,
- improve community awareness and understanding of waste issues,
- encourage a reduce, reuse, recycle and dispose wisely ethos and behaviours associated with this,
- encourage engagement on many levels to have waste dealt with as high on the waste hierarchy as is practicable,
- promote infrastructure solutions as integral to the aim of diverting waste from landfill.

This is largely done through the provision of:

- the Earth Carer community outreach program ,
- facility tours,
- visits to schools and community groups to deliver workshops and talks,
- displays within the community (including shopping centres, libraries, fairs and events),
- messaging through a broad range of communications and advertising channels, and
- special projects/programs to facilitate greater community participation in recycling and waste disposal initiatives.

The Team works closely with:

- the Member Councils through the region's Waste Education Strategic Steering Group (WESSG) to support the councils by assisting them in delivering their waste messages and in providing programs to enable improved recycling and waste disposal outcomes to the community, and,
- the State and National Waste Educator Groups (WMAA-WA WEWG / WENG and NWED) which include representatives from the other Regional Councils, Local Governments, WALGA, Waste Wise Schools, KABWA, Waste Authority and a variety of other members (government/community/business) interested in waste issues.



The MRC recognises that waste has a value as a resource and is committed to managing waste in line with the waste hierarchy and diverting waste from landfill.

This report will look to summarise the education activity for the months of January and February 2017.

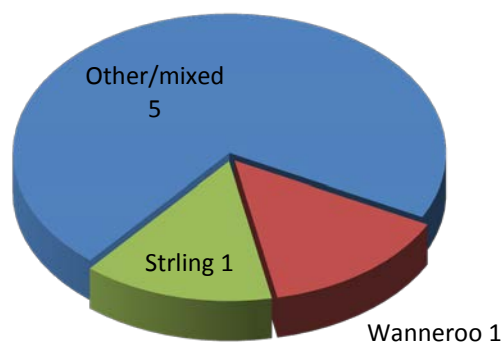
Community Engagement

Tours

The tours of the MRC facilities (Tamala Park and Resource Recovery Facility) are run on request Monday to Saturday and are popular with people of all age groups and from all walks of life. The duration of each tour ranges from one to three hours depending on the requirement of the group attending.

During the January/February period **7 tours** took place with **103 people**.

Tours by Council January - February 2017



TOURS BY GROUP	
	Number
Business	2
Community	3
Schools	2
Out of School	0
Tertiary	0
TOTAL	7

All of the tours in this reporting period took in Tamala Park with three of them also visiting the RRF.

Schools that visited the facilities during this period included: Christchurch Grammar School

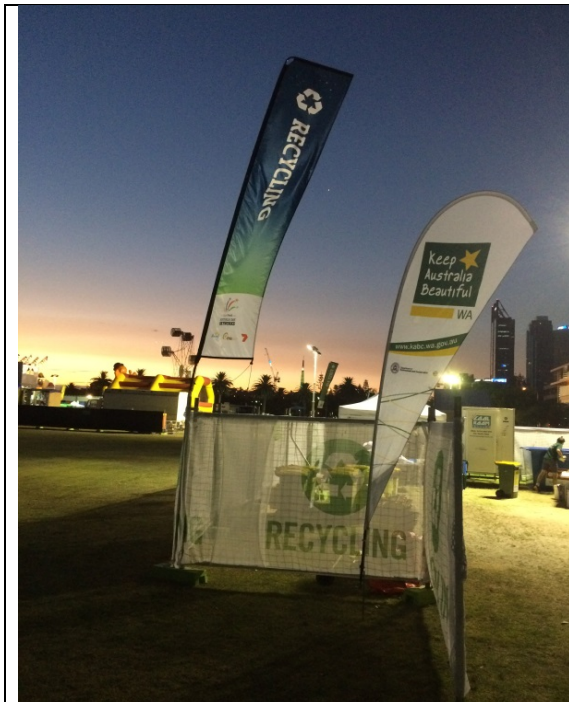
The feedback given about these tours continues to report a high level of participant satisfaction with them being described as very informative. The tours don't just point out operational aspects of the sites but discuss the 'story of waste', engaging people in how the Waste Hierarchy works and discuss behaviours that create the best outcomes. People are continually amazed at how a 'trip to the tip' can be such an eye opener and be very enjoyable.

Roaming Recycler Waste Education Display

Four events took place in the Region which the Education Team attended, these were: Penistone concert (CoJ), Australia Day Skyworks (CoP), Hyde Park concert (CoV) and City Beach Festival (ToC).

The Australia Day Skyworks saw MRC join with the City of Perth to promote good waste habits to visitors coming to the foreshore. This included recycling stations, where waste was sorted, bin monitors helping people place waste in the right bins and also handing out waste and recycling bags.

Although the event was cancelled in tragic circumstances, the hot day still saw large quantities of waste produced, particularly recyclable plastic drink bottles and aluminium cans.



Visits, Talks and Workshops

Talks and visits to schools and community groups remains a focus of the MRC education team. The topics of these talks and visits vary according to the group but the sessions mainly focus on three main areas:

- Organics – composting and worm farming
- The bin system – what goes in what bin
- Waste Hierarchy – reduce, reuse, recycle and dispose wisely.

The duration of the sessions range from an hour through to a full day and, in the case of schools, may be for single classes or for the whole school.

VISITS/TALKS	
	Number
Cambridge	1
Joondalup	
Perth	
Stirling	1
Victoria Park	1
Vincent	
Wanneroo	2
Other	1
TOTAL	6

Two of these talks were conducted to groups of teachers. One being a Waste Wise Schools teacher in-service (33 participants) and the other being at a KABC Clean Schools workshop (20 participants).

TYPES OF TALKS	
	Number
Waste & recycling	3
Composting, worms & gardens	3
Nude Your Food	
Battery assembly	
Other	
TOTAL	6

Schools

The MRC provides a number of services to enhance a school's curriculum, these include: tours talks, workshops and activities can be tailored to meet the individual requirements of the school.

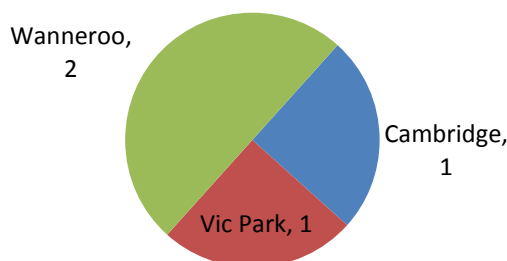
The MRC Education Team have continued to developing a closer working relationship with Waste Wise Schools with the purpose of delivering a broader and more consistent waste education program into schools throughout the region.

In 2017 the MRC will deliver the Waste Wise Schools program into MRC schools and advise how schools can become waste wise schools and access funds to assist with development of waste related projects.

Visits to Child Care centres have increased in the last year with the Centres looking to enhance the environmental and sustainability education programs they do with the children.

These visits aim to not only foster an interest in waste for the youngsters but also to connect with educators and to a different parent group.

Visits To Schools and Day Care Centres by Council (January - February 2017)



Schools visited included: Alkimos PS (CoW), Cuddles Childcare (ToVP) and Floreat Childcare (ToC).

Earth Carers

MRC Earth Carers continue to meet and engage with the community. A number of Earth Carers link in with Community Garden groups, Transition Towns and other groups of like minded people. These provide very fertile grounds for information exchange and promoting waste wise messages.

The Earth Carers are seen as long term valued people interested in waste and spreading a 'Waste Less' message. Since 2008 over 400 people have completed the MRC Earth Carer training courses and of them 345 are still active, a good retention rate.

Earth Carer training courses are held every 6 months with the next course starting in March 2017. The 5 session, 3 week course that includes tours of the landfill and composting facility, visits to City Farm, a community garden and REmida reuse centre. Attendees see how their waste is dealt with by the council services and then how they could reduce their own quantities by processing more at home and correct disposal of tricky materials. A big part of the course is how we communicate the message to others, and how we can reduce our waste production initially. We maintain contact after the course, with Earth Carers assisting at events on an MRC stall, in schools, and through on going workshops we offer. Earth Carers are very important ambassadors for a responsible waste message as they have credibility with friends and neighbours we could not hope to maintain.



FREE TRAINING COURSE

ON PRACTICAL WAYS TO REDUCE
WASTE AND SPREAD THE MESSAGE

**Next course starts
Tuesday 7th March**



*For information contact:
Peg Davies 0422 941 492 or
Mindarie Regional Council
9306 6348*

Or go to www.mrc.wa.gov.au

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Dispose Wisely

There are many items that the MRC and the Member Councils no longer want residents to put in any of the verge collection bins (green, yellow or red). A number of programs have been set up in the Region to help dispose of these items effectively.

Tamala Park is now collecting **Polystyrene** and sending it off for recycling. The amount of this product collected at both the Recycling Centre and Transfer Station has exceeded expectations with over 6 tonnes being dropped off (that is a LOT of polystyrene).



Tamala Park and Balcatta have both joined the Paintback program, where both private and commercial customers can dispose of up to 100litres of **paint** at a time. This is a new industry funded initiative with in the past only householders being able to dispose of 20 litres at a time under the Waste Authority funded Household Hazardous Waste program.



E-waste continues to be targeted as a highly recyclable waste stream and one which residents have shown a willingness to dispose of in ways other than in the bin or verge collection if given convenient alternatives.

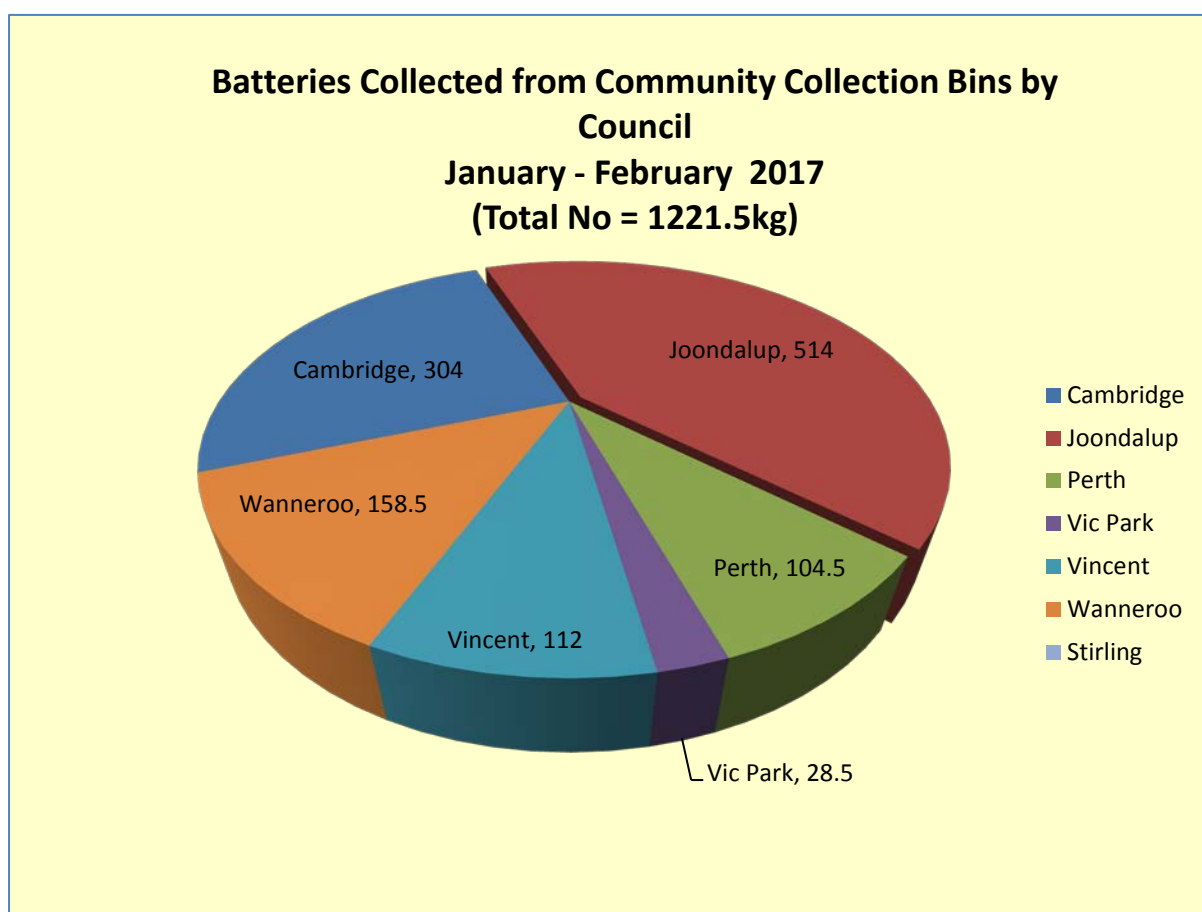
E-waste is collected for free on a permanent basis at the recycling centres of Tamala Park and Balcatta. In this reporting period the City of Wanneroo held a collection day and the City of Joondalup a collection weekend, both successful events. The City of Vincent also collected e-waste separately as part of their hard waste bulk verge collection.



Battery Program

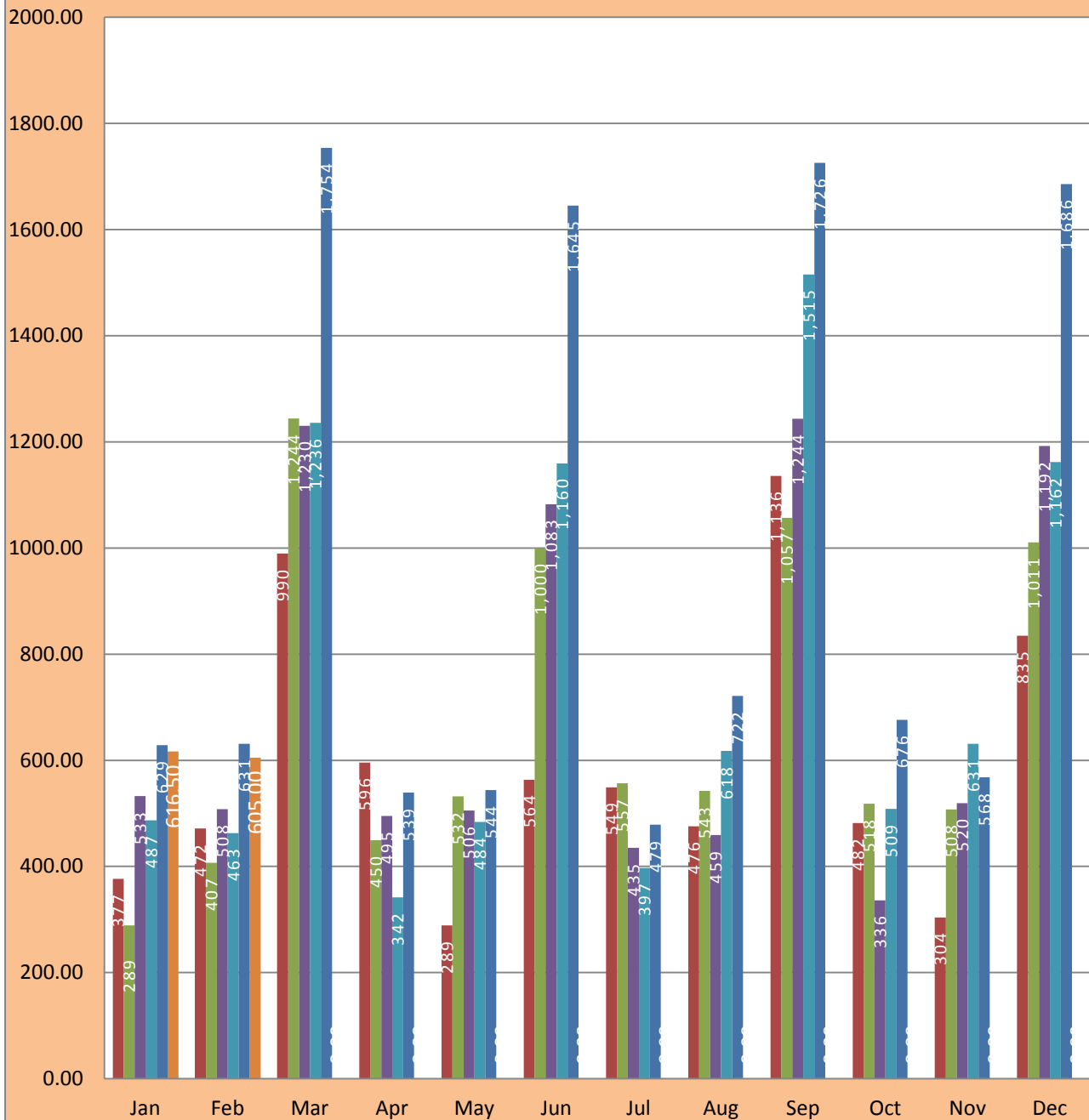
Batteries from school and community bins continued to be collected in large numbers. Importantly most of these batteries previously would have gone into the household green top wheelie-bin then to the RRF and the chemicals contained within ultimately into the compost. However large quantities of batteries are bought and disposed of and although the MRC is collecting and recycling tonnes of batteries it is only the tip of the iceberg.

The following are collection figures for MRC battery collection bins and recycling stations. These figures do not include those of the City of Stirling who operate their own battery collection program.



MRC Community & School Battery Collection by Month 2011 to 2017 (kg)

■ 2012 Com&Sch
 ■ 2013 Com&Sch
 ■ 2014 Com&Sch
 ■ 2015 Com&Sch
 ■ 2016 Com&Sch



The schools battery program continues to grow. The schools find it is a good way to engage students in a meaningful recycling program. From an MRC point of view it offers collection sites throughout the community and unlike the public battery collection bins the school ones are generally free of contamination.

SCHOOLS					
Sum of Batteries	nn Lab				
Row Labels	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Grand Total
2012	622	281.5	602.5	392	1898
2013	652	547.5	572.5	584	2356
2014	638	612	577	689.5	2516.5
2015	587	611	888.5	667.5	2754
2016	924.5	1007	890	919.5	3741
Grand Total	3423.5	3059	3530.5	3252.5	13265.5

The MRC has 83 schools in the program – 66 in the North Area, 17 in the South Area. City of Stirling operate their own schools battery program and their figures are not included here.

In 2016 the top MRC battery collecting schools were:

MRC School Battery Program - League Table						
Total Batteries collected by Schools (kgs), Terms 1 - 4, 2016						
Rank	Place	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Grand Total
1	Sorrento Primary School	79	80	129	78	366
2	Carramar Primary School	40	108	2	213	363
3	Kinross Primary School	10	167	69	51	297
4	Mullaloo Beach Primary School	58	19	54	42	173
5	Greenwood Primary School	27	22	38	23	110
6	Halidon Primary School	21	35	25	20	101
7	Duncraig Primary School	19	34	41	6	100
8	Wanneroo Primary School	34	7	40	7	88
9	Hillarys Primary School	36	19	17	12	84
10	Highgate Primary School	1	29	41	12	83
11	Pearsall Primary School	27	12	15	22	76
12	Lake Joondalup Baptist College	21	12	29	12	74
13	North Wanneroo Primary School	25	16	21	11	73
14	Peter Moyes Anglican Community College	23	8	28	14	73
15	Mercy College	26	34	7	5	72
16	Mount Hawthorn Primary School	5	15	11	29	60
17	Beaumaris Primary School	29	10	7	7	53
18	Al-Hidayah Islamic School	25	10	12	4	51
19	Marmion Primary School	2	3	4	42	51
20	Quinns Baptist College	20	14	6	11	51

The battery program is particularly important to MRC operations in that batteries have shown themselves to be the cause of many of the landfill fires at Tamala Park and they are still a significant problem at the RRF – providing a source of metals contamination.

Glass

The **'No Glass' Campaign**, to create behavioural change by residents to reduce the glass component in the compost, was rolled out into the participating councils, these being Cities of Joondalup, Vincent and Wanneroo and the Town of Victoria Park. These being chosen as they currently deliver the majority of waste received by the RRF.

The project uses a sticker placed on all the green lid bins and a flyer to explain why glass in the green lid bin is an issue. The sticker campaign was supported by advertising in newspapers and online via council websites and social media networks. Removing the glass from the green top bin has many potential benefits.



No Glass displays and banners have been taken to all events held within the participating councils to promote the campaign and engage in discussion with the community. Surveys were also conducted to gauge resident awareness of the campaign and behaviour change as a result. Most of the feedback has been very positive.

The campaign saw an immediate drop in the glass found in the RRF produced compost to well within the Australian Standards in the early part of 2016. However after the initial campaign glass levels began to rise again during the middle of the year. Campaign activity increased later in 2016 with a corresponding drop in glass levels also being observed, indicating the long term nature of behavioural change campaigns and the need for ongoing messaging.

In October ten Transperth buses took to the streets with the No Glass campaign message, this as part of an on-going effort to keep residents engaged with the message. These buses operating out of a variety of depots within the metro area offer broad coverage to the population. These buses will carry this message until early March 2017. In February a cross platform billboard carrying this same message was installed at the Joondalup train station. This billboard will be in place until May 2017.

Advertising carrying the same message has been placed in local Community Newspapers.

Displays promoting the campaign have also been set up at a number of events. The display has been accompanied by a bin character to draw attention to the display and its message.





NO GLASS IN YOUR GREEN TOP BIN

PUT GLASS IN THE YELLOW TOP RECYCLING BIN

The organic waste (kitchen scraps, paper, lawn clippings, leaves, prunings etc.) from your green top bin is used to make compost. It's really important to keep glass out of this bin.

If there's glass in this bin, it can contaminate the compost.

For more information contact Mindarie Regional Council.
Call 9306 6303 or visit our website www.mrc.wa.gov.au



The 'No Glass in the green top bin' is seen as an important campaign to reduce the amount of glass going to the RRF and the compost (organic soil conditioner) produced. This to ensure the product can be beneficially used in a range of application. Currently the product is being used in the verge side rehabilitation of the northern freeway extension, Burns Beach Rd to Hester Ave.



WESSG

The Waste Education Strategic Steering Group (WESSG) meets at the end of each month. These meetings continue to be an important forum for exchanging ideas and keeping everyone updated on happenings associated with waste within the Member Councils. The Group has been invaluable in providing networking opportunity for its participants. People aren't confined to council boundaries so being aware of what is happening elsewhere is important in delivering messages to the community.

The importance of **Regional messaging** remains on the agenda as does the group's role in dealing with regional waste issues. Many events and activities within the Region occur regularly with a Regional calendar being developed to help streamline communications, messaging and coordination between both the MRC and the Member Councils and the Member Councils themselves. This is to share the load and get best value for the Region, including looking at ways to improve waste diversion figures for the Region.

Event planning, Compost in May, Plastic Free July, Garage Sale Trail, e-waste and HHW events, public place recycling initiatives and clothes drop off days have all been discussed at the meetings.

Waste Educators

The MRC education team participates in the State Waste Educators Working Groups (WEWG/WENG) which include representatives from the other Regional Councils, Local Governments, WALGA, Waste Wise Schools, KABWA, Waste Authority and a variety of other members (government/community/business) interested in waste issues.

This group meets monthly to share ideas, programs and resources. It is WMAA-WA's most active working group.

Every year the group has promoted into their communities events like Compost in May, Garage Sale Trail, Plastic Free July and Recycling Week. The group has a site at the Perth Royal Show to promote 'waste less' messages and is involved in projects like e-waste recycling, HHW and battery/fluoro recycling programs.

The group for 2016 looked at developing resources and a campaign to target nappies and their correct disposal, many of which are disposed of incorrectly in the recycling bin. The campaign also focused on reducing the number of disposable nappies which totals millions each year in Australia. The MRC played a significant role in identifying nappies as an issue of concern across the metro area and encouraged all the other regional councils to band together to trial a joint campaign, something which is not done often enough. 2017 the group is looking at 'Illegal Dumping' and 'Food waste'.

DONATIONS – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE/SUPPORT FOR PERIOD JANUARY 2016 TO DECEMBER 2016	
File No:	CMR/1-07
Appendix(s):	Nil
Date:	2017
Responsible Officer:	Chief Executive Officer

Council Policy No. 10 Donations – Financial Assistance/Support provides the opportunity for incorporated community groups and schools to receive a donation of up to \$500 or a discount on MRC goods and services up to a value of \$500 and/or free tipping of up to 5 tonnes of waste in any financial year.

The Policy requires a report to be placed in the MIB annually providing details on the group and type of support provided.

The following table provides details of the organisations that received donations and/or financial assistance/support during the period January 2016 to December 2016:-

Date	School/not-for-profit Community Group	Type of Request	Type of Support
20/01/2016	North Coastal Women's Shed	Request support for recycling and sustainability projects	Purchases at the Recycling Centre up to the value of \$500 Claimed \$140.91 Valid until 30/06/2016
21/01/2016	Hamersley Habitat Community Garden Inc.	Request support for recycled and up cycled materials to create a community garden	Purchases at the Recycling Centre up to the value of \$500 Claimed \$228.63 Valid until 30/06/2016
25/02/2016	St Stephen's School	Request support for recycled and up cycled materials to create a sustainable garden	Purchases at the Recycling Centre up to the value of \$500 Claimed \$0.00 Valid until 30/06/2016
03/03/2016	St James Anglican School	Request support for recycled and up cycled materials for their garden	Purchases at the Recycling Centre up to the value of \$500 Claimed \$0.00 Valid until 30/06/2016

03/03/2016	Yanchep District High School	Request support for recycled and up cycled items to promote innovative thinking and design projects	Purchases at the Recycling Centre up to the value of \$500 Claimed \$198.19 Valid until 30/06/2016
10/03/2016	Alkimos Primary School	Request support for recycled and up cycled materials to create a vegetable garden	Purchases at the Recycling Centre up to the value of \$500 Claimed \$63.64 Valid until 30/06/2016
16/03/2016	Brighton Community Garden Education & Resource Centre Inc	Request support for recycled and up cycled materials for their garden	Purchases at the Recycling Centre up to the value of \$500 Claimed \$360.00 Valid until 30/06/2016
05/04/2016	Whitelion	Request support for recycled and up cycled materials to create a community garden	Purchases at the Recycling Centre up to the value of \$500 Claimed \$113.64 Valid until 31/12/2016
05/04/2016	Quinn's Rock Primary School	Request support in the community garden project called 'The Living Classroom'	Purchases at the Recycling Centre up to the value of \$500 Claimed \$54.55 Valid until 31/12/2016
14/04/2016	Department of Corrective Services	Request support by donating items that can be refurbished for community groups	Purchases at the Recycling Centre up to the value of \$500 Claimed \$114.54 Valid until 31/12/2016
18/04/2016	Safe Places for Children	Request support for recycled and up cycled materials for compost gardens and various furniture projects	Purchases at the Recycling Centre up to the value of \$500 Claimed \$203.65 Or tip waste up to the value of 5 tonnes Claimed 1.04 tonnes Valid until 31/12/2016

30/05/2016	Merriwa Primary School	Request support for a project for Naidoc Week, utilising fabrics and clothing	Purchases at the Recycling Centre up to the value of \$500 Claimed \$13.64 Valid until 31/12/2016
20/06/2016	Ridgewood Men's Shed Inc	Request support for ongoing toy making / refurbishment endeavours	Purchases at the Recycling Centre up to the value of \$500 Claimed \$114.12 Valid until 31/12/2016
07/07/2016	Norwood Neighbourhood Garden	Request support to utilise degassed fridges for garden beds and worm farms	Purchases at the Recycling Centre up to the value of \$500 Claimed \$181.82 Valid until 31/12/2016
12/07/2016	Junkadelic Arts Group	Request support in making percussion instruments and junk sculptures	Purchases at the Recycling Centre up to the value of \$500 Claimed \$342.73 Valid until 31/12/2016
20/07/2016	St James Anglican School	Request support for recycled and up cycled materials for their garden	Purchases at the Recycling Centre up to the value of \$500 Claimed \$27.27 Valid until 30/06/2017
20/07/2016	Patricia Giles Centre	Request support in disposing of unused donations given for the women and children that they support	Tipping of waste up to the value of 5 tonnes Claimed 3.13 tonnes Valid until 30/06/2017
22/07/2016	Brighton Community Garden Education & Resource Centre Inc	Request support for recycled and up cycled materials for their garden	Purchases at the Recycling Centre up to the value of \$500 Claimed \$109.09 Valid until 30/06/2017
22/07/2016	North Coastal Women's Shed	Request support for recycling and sustainability projects	Purchases at the Recycling Centre up to the value of \$500 Claimed \$340.92 Valid until 30/06/2017

22/08/2016	Joondalup Education Support Centre and Primary School	Request support for recycled and up cycled materials to create a vegetable garden	Purchases at the Recycling Centre up to the value of \$500 Claimed \$0.00 Valid until 30/06/2017
22/08/2016	Beaumaris Primary School	Request support in the development of a nature playground	Purchases at the Recycling Centre up to the value of \$500 Claimed \$0.00 Valid until 30/06/2017
26/08/2016	MercyCare	Request support to create a small community Garden	Purchases at the Recycling Centre up to the value of \$500 Claimed \$65.46 Valid until 30/06/2017
30/08/2016	Hamersley Habitat Community Garden Inc	Request support for recycled and up cycled materials to create a community garden	Purchases at the Recycling Centre up to the value of \$500 Claimed \$222.73 or tipping of waste up to the value of 5 tonnes Claimed 0 tonnes Valid until 30/06/2017
02/09/2016	Connolly Primary School	Request support to use recycled and up cycled materials for various projects to help students appreciate the benefits of recycling	Purchases at the Recycling Centre up to the value of \$500 Claimed \$0.00 Valid until 30/06/2017
08/09/2016	Yanchep District High School	Request support for recycled and up cycled items to promote innovative thinking and design projects	Purchases at the Recycling Centre up to the value of \$500 Claimed \$54.55 Valid until 30/06/2017
13/09/2016	Victoria Park Collective	Request support of couches and furniture to create a car free day program with the understanding that the items will be donated back to the shop for re-sale	Purchases at the Recycling Centre up to the value of \$500 Claimed \$109.09 Valid until 30/06/2017

08/11/2016	Alkimos Primary School	Request support for recycled and up cycled materials to create a 'loose parts' hub and vegetable garden	Purchases at the Recycling Centre up to the value of \$500 Claimed \$109.09 Valid until 30/06/2017
23/11/2016	Mullaloo Community Kindergarten	Request support for recycled and upcycled materials to help educate students of the Importance of recycling materials	Purchases at the Recycling Centre up to the value of \$500 Claimed \$0.00 Valid until 30/06/2017

If further information is required please contact the Director Corporate Services, Mr Gunther Hoppe on 9306 6319.
