



NEWSLETTER

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CHAIN OF RESPONSIBILITY TRAINING & TOOLBOX TALKS

WCRA has again received funding from the NVHR to enable us to provide training opportunities in Chain of Responsibility to our Members. We have scheduled half day training sessions on 11th October at Wetherill Park, 16th October in Newcastle & 22nd November in Wollongong. To reserve a place, please contact the WCRA office. Also, if you would like your organisation to be considered for a toolbox talk, please email wcraprojects@wcra.com.au



RECYCLING REPORT PREPARED FOR WCRA

The waste management and resource recovery sector has weathered a significant and unprecedented number of issues and challenges in recent years. These include increased regulation, higher compliance costs, increasing insurance premiums, tightening of end product quality specifications, decreasing end markets, loss of kerbside materials to CDS, decreasing revenues for commodities, a ban on the use of mixed waste organics outputs as soil conditioners and most recently mixed plastics placed on the hazardous material list on the Basel convention. With so many significant issues, WCRA engaged APC to produce a Recycling Report detailing recent waste industry challenges, developments and the impacts on WCRA Members. The report also make's recommendations on the pathway forward. It is WCRA's intentions to use this report in meetings with the Minister for the Environment and other senior NSW Government officials.



30-31 OCTOBER 2019
ICC SYDNEY
DARLING HARBOUR

WCRA is very proud to again be associated with AWRE where we will be leading a session entitled "Future is Recycling" to discuss current issues and concerns including the effectiveness of the waste levy, its workings and recycling in general. For further information please visit www.awre.com.au

WCRA INDUSTRY AWARDS & ANNUAL DINNER FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER

Please don't forget to send through your nominations for the WCRA Industry Awards that will be announced at the WCRA Annual Dinner on Friday 29th November 2019. For bookings and nomination forms, please visit Upcoming Events at www.wcra.com.au or contact WCRA on (02) 9604 7206

WASTE MANAGEMENT INDUSTRY SAFETY SUMMIT

With support from Safe Work NSW and NSW EPA in attendance, WCRA organised and held a Safety Summit for the waste industry in Lidcombe on 8th August 2019. With 87 Attendees, the key messages from the day were:-

- The importance of working together to ensure we don't get complacent about WHS matters;
- Announcements from EPA & SafeWork NSW that they plan to target rogue waste operators;
- Concerns that C&D recycling facility workers are getting too close to heavy machinery;
- Greater efforts are required at the front-end to ensure asbestos doesn't get into the waste stream;
- WCRA to consider the establishment of a WHS Waste Management Industry Group;
- A call for the EPA to reconsider licencing of all general waste transporters; and
- To review & re-issue the then WorkCover NSW 2000 guidelines for the collection, transport & unloading of waste & recyclable materials (WCRA has initiated discussions with SafeWork NSW)



FIRE SAFETY IN WASTE FACILITIES - GUIDELINE

On 21st August 2019, F+R NSW released fire guidelines for waste facilities in NSW. Fire in waste and recycling facilities have in recent times placed a considerable burden on the limited resources available to F+R NSW. These guidelines were developed to provide guidance material to better manage the risks associated with fire safety in waste facilities.

WCRA would like to thank the staff at F+R NSW and NSW EPA for their efforts in developing these guidelines. We strongly encourage all Members to review these guidelines and to implement the required compliance actions. A copy of these guidelines is available from www.wcra.com.au/memberservices

WCRA ILLAWARRA GROUP

On Friday 23rd August 2019, the WCRA Illawarra Waste Management Group met at a meeting hosted by Wollongong City Council. Each attendee spent a few moments detailing the waste management capabilities of their organisation across the Illawarra. Thanks to Cate Woods from the EPA for joining the discussion and reminding all about their regulatory obligations in relation to general waste transport.

The group agreed that there should be a further meeting on 22nd November which will also be hosted by Council. Plans were also discussed for a Chain of Responsibility training session to be conducted at the conclusion of this session.

Would Members like to see a similar group established in the Newcastle/Hunter area? Please email memberservices@wcra.com.au or call WCRA on (02) 9604 7206 with your thoughts.

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