



## WCRA NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2021



### WCRA in summary, 2020/2021 year

On 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 WCRA had 209 Members (currently 215) and 8 Sponsors (details listed below). The Members of the WCRA Executive volunteered an estimated 200 hours in supporting the Association. Throughout 2020/2021 WCRA spent in excess of 350 hours working with Governments in NSW and the ACT in meetings and preparing submissions. WCRA has also conducted 21 training sessions with 248 attendees. [Click here](#) to view the Annual Report .

### WCRA Annual Dinner, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Join us at The William Inglis Hotel, Warwick Farm for our very popular Annual Dinner. Pre-dinner drinks are from 7pm, followed by dinner from 7.30pm. Entertainment by live DJ and we will also be presenting the WCRA Industry Awards for 2021. The President's Award sponsored by Gallagher and the WHS Award sponsored by TWUSUPER. For all enquiries or bookings, please send an e mail to [memberservices@wcra.com.au](mailto:memberservices@wcra.com.au)

### NSW Resource Recovery Issues

On 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 the EPA announced that it intends to revoke both the Batch Process and Continuous Process Recovered Fines (skip bin fines) Orders and Exemptions. If this order and exemption is revoked, it will no longer be lawful to apply recovered fines to land. On 29<sup>th</sup> October, WCRA (in conjunction with WMRR) made a detailed 420-page submission to EPA, arguing that this proposed revocation will significantly reduce recycling of mixed C&D waste, increase landfilling, economically impact the industry and jobs and increase the costs for the building and construction industry.

In the EPA v Grafil case, on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021, the Land & Environment Court declined to follow the EPA's zero tolerance approach to asbestos and preferred a more practical solution. The Court found in the circumstances of this case, the mere presence of asbestos contamination in the material, in the absence of any other factor, did not result in environmental harm. [Click here to view the full circular.](#)

The EPA (also on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021) announced an independent review of the resource recovery framework by Dr Cathy Wilkinson.

The EPA has committed to providing us with an update on these matters at the Waste Advisory Group Meeting to be held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

In the interim, if you have any concerns, please send an e mail to [tony@wcra.com.au](mailto:tony@wcra.com.au)

### Chain of Responsibility Training, Tool Box Talks & the NHVR

WCRA has been successful in applying to the NHVR for chain of responsibility training and on-site toolbox talks. These sessions will be delivered in 2022. For further details, please send an e mail to [projects@wcra.com.au](mailto:projects@wcra.com.au)

### Upcoming Events

ICAM Training	10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
Annual Dinner	17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
WCRA Golf Day	4 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
ICAM Training	10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
Intro to Waste Training	22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2022



### The Sponsors of WCRA in 2021/2022



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