



## 2017 Matt Nind Charity Golf Day – Winners - Kartaway



*l-r Steve Georgievski, Mark Whelan, Richard Burnell, Mick Burnell*

***Congratulations to our winners Kartway for taking out the Wastech Trophy with a score of 57. Team Caddie/Wastech were second on 57.5 whilst in 3<sup>rd</sup> was Team Bucher. Longest Drive went to Glenn McBean (Haulaway) while closest the pins were Spiro Ahimatos (Team Caddie) and Chris Daley (Veolia).***

***Thanks to all our players for their support of the Sacred Heart Mission and to our sponsors, Wastech, Veolia and Viva Energy for the prizes.***

### **VWMA Executive Meeting**

The VWMA Executive met this week and discussed a number of issues including the EPA’s stockpiling guidelines for combustible materials. It was agreed that members would be asked for feedback on the implementation of the guidelines and what, if any were the impacts on their business.

This follows the EPA presentation recently at the VTA on the guidelines. The EPA briefing has raised what status the guidelines might be

accorded in any site audit. This appears to be quite a complex issue which the EPA is still considering. They have indicated a willingness to meet with individual companies on the issue.

The Executive is keen to ensure that the industry can play a key role in determining the future of the regulation of stockpiles including subjecting any illegal stockpiles to the same regime.

Please contact the office if you need further information.

The Executive also approved two new members, Cemac Technologies and the Detail Group and welcomed back Suez who have re-joined the VWMA. The Executive thanks Cemac, the Detail Group and Suez for their membership.

The Executive also finalised their views for the upcoming National Waste and Recycling Industries Council (NWRIC) meeting which is convening in Melbourne this week. The VWMA is an affiliate member along with other State based associations and which bring a diverse industry voice to the meetings.

NWRIC was formed as a forum for companies with a national (more than 3 States) to work with Governments and try and get a consistent approach to waste and recycling, including the collection and spending of landfill levies.

Interstate waste transport, illegal activities that dampen industry investment, landfill levies generally and driving investment through Government purchasing policies and the recent PFOS (firefighting foams) issue are national issues the Council will be discussing.

A full report on the meeting will be circulated to members

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### **E-Waste Strategy**

The Victorian Government has announced they are seeking Community views on the proposed approach to managing the E-waste ban.

They have recently released a package of regulatory and non-regulatory measures. There are several documents and you have several months to read them (25<sup>th</sup> January 2018) before you provide comments. They can be found here <https://engage.vic.gov.au/waste/e-waste>

The VWMA will coordinate comments and put in a consolidated response also if members wish to provide feedback.

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### **Inquiry into the waste & recycling industry in Australia**

Seems like everyone wants a slice of the industry with a Federal Senate Committee also holding an inquiry into the industry. Comments due in a little over a week 20<sup>th</sup> October.

Their view as to whether the industry is operating effectively will no doubt be coloured by the types of submissions they receive so it is important that industry provides some feedback.



The inquiry is far ranging and includes whether people think landfills are managed correctly and if landfill levies are doing their job.

The VWMA is drafting a response and will circulate to members shortly. Key principles are that increased regulation and market distortion through blunt instruments will not make the industry any more successful and that the Federal Government should not try and oversee the industry through yet more intervention.

## **EVENTS**

### **Breakfast at RACV Club**

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Guest Speaker, the EPA Chief Scientist

Dr Andrea Hinwood

### **Xmas Lunch Friday 1 December**

Special Guest Speaker

Shane Jacobson

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