



VWMA Annual Seminar Tuesday 20th June Report

A great range of speakers provided a diverse and interesting day last week at the RACV Club Healesville. Thanks goes to our sponsors, TWUSUPER, Viva Australia and Wastech (afternoon) for ensuring a very successful day.

During the morning session, presentations were heard from Government agencies including Sustainability Victoria, (updating the 30 year Statewide plan and improving the process for determining future landfill needs), the Environment Department (DELWP) on the latest on the implementation of the E-waste ban with legislation being drafted and an analysis of the impacts of the ban currently underway..



Two presentations on sustainability highlighted the diversity of the industry: Circular Food (Steve Morriss) explained how food waste from the markets is being turned through vermiculture into soil and plant food, while WBCM Environmental led into lunch with a mouth watering presentation showing a closed loop system of growing trout by filtering the water through garden beds that produced seasonal vegetables.

During the afternoon, four members, (Tox Free, Eastern Liquid, Waste 2 Water, and Global Resource Recovery) presented on some of the many treatments of liquid waste in Victoria demonstrating the critical role the sector plays in dealing with those wastes. They were followed by one of our Local Government members, the City of Monash highlighting the importance of their Resource Recovery Transfer station in dealing with their wastes by recovering resources and diverting waste from landfill.

Worksafe, Vicroads and the EPA gave presentations on Workplace stress, heavy vehicle inspection outcomes and the Review of the Industrial Waste Resource



Regulations respectively. These and all other presentations will be posted on the website shortly

The day concluded with an insightful talk from VWMA member Russell Kennedy on the legal impact of some EPA decisions on the waste industry.

Thanks to all our speakers, our sponsors and particularly to all our members and guests who supported the event many staying on for the evening, catching up over dinner and a few drinks.

Waste Management Award, 2017-18 Pay Rates released.

Following the Fair Work Commission's annual minimum rate increase of 3.3%, the Fair Work Ombudsman's has now confirmed pay scales for individual awards. The VWMA pay rate scale which includes hourly rates for permanents and casuals across all scales is now therefore final and has been placed on the website.

Any member wishing for a copy can either download the Pay Rates (effective from tomorrow – 1 July) or contact the office and it can be emailed to you.

Australian Waste and Recycling Expo



Don't forget to register for AWRE which will be held in Melbourne 23-24 August 2017.

The VWMA welcoming the

Waste Contractors Association of NSW who are bringing approximately 10 members to Melbourne to attend the seminar. On the afternoon of the 24th of August both associations will be presenting on current developments in the waste and resource recovery their states.

Any member who would like to join us for a meal following the Expo at a venue nearby to the Exhibition Centre is very welcome. This is a good chance to meet socially with WCRA members. Please email the office on andrew@vta.com.au

The Expo offer a wide range of products and latest equipment, while a program of industry presentations will highlight key issues. <http://www.awre.com.au/>

The VWMA has moved

As of this week the VWMA and the VTA are now fully operation in the new premises down in the heart of Webb Dock. Of course the view of the Roll on Roll off car carriers doesn't detract from business but, it is spectacular and members are welcome to drop in for a coffee and a view of either the ships, the Westgate Bridge or the City.

The new address is 46 Kooringa Way (actually in Tiger Drive) Webb Dock. The office phone number stays the same, 9646 8590 but the fax has gone the way of the dinosaur.



Heavy Rigid and Correct Weight

An issue has been brought to our attention which seems to highlight an anomaly in registering heavy vehicles in Victoria. Vicroads permits an 8x4 heavy rigid to be registered in Victoria at 28 tonne GVM but the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator does not permit a vehicle to operate at more than 27.5 tonne. We believe this is due to the fact that there was no exemption granted prior to NHVR taking over responsibility for heavy vehicles.

This issue we believe needs addressing as there is a potential economic impact for members. If your company is affected, please get in touch with the office, so that we can approach the authorities to investigate (and hopefully rectify) the issue.