

Media Release



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Waste Authority takes meeting to the regions

The Waste Authority is hitting the road, taking its monthly meeting to Albany—a major regional centre that is achieving the State’s Waste Strategy regional target.

Waste Authority Chairman Marcus Geisler said Albany was a frontrunner when it came to waste reduction and recycling—exceeding the State Waste Strategy municipal solid waste target for major regional centres of 30 per cent diversion from landfill before the target date of 2015.

While in town, the Waste Authority members will be touring local waste infrastructure and meeting with Albany councillors and staff to discuss the challenges being faced in the region—before turning their attention to the range of issues on their agenda.

Mr Geisler said members aimed to hold at least one Waste Authority meeting outside the Perth metropolitan region every year.

“Travelling to regional Western Australia allows us to see first-hand the issues non-metropolitan locations face in improving waste performance,” he said.

“The City of Albany is a good example of how to reduce, reuse and recycle—being one of the first local governments to introduce three kerbside bins back in 2004.”

Mr Geisler said investment in the three bin system had paid huge dividends, with the region successfully diverting waste from landfill for the past 12 years.

Albany’s five transfer stations all offer recycling facilities. Salvageable items are resold at Fossicker’s Tip Shop at the Hanrahan Road Waste Management Facility.

In a bid to further improve recycling rates, the City of Albany recently developed a web-based application to give residents information about waste collection services—including what can and can’t be recycled through kerbside collections.

Mr Geisler said the app was an exciting innovation which reminded residents about their bin day, and where to find the nearest tip site—and to check what materials are recyclable.

“The app is helping improve the sustainability of the community through better waste management and recycling practices and allows the City of Albany to easily communicate waste and recycling messages to the community,” he said.

The Waste Authority will be in town on Thursday 8 December—touring the Hanrahan Road facility at 2pm. (Media contact: 0437 228 870)