



Waste Authority

**CONFIRMED MINUTES
OF THE WASTE AUTHORITY
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Held on Monday 15 March 2010
DEC Offices 2pm-3.45pm**

Meeting No. 02/2010

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms Jan Grimoldby	Chair
Mayor Troy Pickard	Chair, MWAC
Ms Rebecca Brown	WALGA, Manager Waste & Recycling
Mr Adam Johnson	EMRC
Mr John Davis	DEC

ATTENDEES

Ms Cecilia Jordan	WALGA Project Coordinator
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APOLOGIES

Nil

The Chair declared the meeting open at 2.00pm and welcomed members and staff to the meeting.

2. Announcements by the Chair

The Chair acknowledged the commitment of members to work together to develop an effective and efficient HHW Program.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

The unconfirmed minutes of the previous meeting were Moved by Mayor Pickard and adopted without change.

4. Report on Actions from Previous Meeting

Verbal reports were provided by those members responsible for each of the minuted actions from the previous meeting. Action items were discussed throughout the meeting and the Action Table updated as below.

ACTION TABLE

The Committee resolved:

Action 1: DEC to follow up with direct contact to those non-metropolitan areas written to following the previous meeting, seeking a response as to how a non-metropolitan HHW program might function and be managed, including infrastructure considerations.

Action 2: WALGA will continue to prepare a draft scope and contract outline for the next phase of the HHW Program by July 2010.

Action 3: DEC will continue to investigate alternative disposal options utilized in the other States and the cost of input similar systems in WA.

Action 4: Temporary Collection Days (TCDs) to be addressed in overall scheme. (Remove from Action Table).

Action 5: WALGA to investigate HHW promotions cost sharing arrangements between the Authority and Regional Councils, concentrating on mailbox drops and local newspapers.

Action 6: The Chair to arrange a meeting between herself, Cr Pickard and the Minister for Water to present to the Minister on the impacts of HHW on water/catchment management. WALGA to provide supporting data on the impacts of HHW in catchments (including leachate from landfills).

Action 7: DEC to contact the Master Painters Association regarding its proposed paint recycling program.

Action 8: WALGA and the Chair to apply a direct approach to major paint manufacturers, paint retailers, battery companies and others seeking sponsorship for 2010-2011.

Action 9: WALGA to prepare a revised minimum three (3) year budget for the HHW Program for the next meeting.

Action 10: WALGA to investigate whether metal recyclers will accept decanted water-based paint tins that contain some residue, and the practicalities of decanting paint at TCDs.

Action 11: WALGA to investigate and make recommendations regarding branding the HHW Program (investigation to focus on existing interstate examples).

Action 12: The Chair to approach the Western Metropolitan Regional Council to discuss a permanent HHW facility in the region.

Action 13: WALGA to continue discussion with the City of Canning regarding the disposal of its existing collected HHW materials, and upgrading its HHW facility, including its use by residents of surrounding local government areas.

Action 14: WALGA to approach ToxFree on its capacity to undertake multiple collections on TCDs.

5. Outcomes of Meeting with Tox Free

Mayor Pickard reported on a meeting held with service provider ToxFree. At this meeting an agreement was reached on a discounted rate for certain high volume HHW materials.

The reasons why certain material costs were higher at TCD compared to permanent facilities were discussed. WALGA to investigate the metal recyclers willingness to accept water based paint cans with some residue.

Holding TCD's on the same day at various locations throughout the metropolitan area was discussed. WALGA will investigate this option.

The long term future of the Program was discussed, it was agreed that it would be advantageous to have a series of strategically located permanent collection sites across the Metropolitan area. This would allow the aggregation of collected materials to achieve savings in disposal costs through increased volumes.

6. HHW Program Year 2, Third Quarter Update

The report was previously circulated by WALGA, for information only.

7. Non-Metropolitan Infrastructure Update.

DEC advised that the Shire of Toodyay has indicated it will be building a HHW facility in the current financial year. The Shire of Northam had also indicated an interest. DEC had recommended to the two local governments that they liaise on the matter. DEC further advised that the Wagin Regional Group was currently undertaking a collection under a separate funding allocation. It was agreed that it was appropriate for HHW infrastructure to be funded through any future Regional Funding Program or Strategic Waste Incentive Scheme allocations.

The Chair advised that the City of Albany wanted to be part of the Program. WALGA undertook to include non-metropolitan collections in the 3 year budget development.

8. Discussion

8.1 HHW Program 2010 -2011

WALGA presented a draft budget for 2010-2011, this budget was developed following the discussions at the previous HHW Working Group meeting. Mayor Pickard provided an overview of an alternative approach based on a combination of promoting permanent facilities and holding temporary collection days. The aim would be access to a HHW disposal option (within 10 km) throughout the metropolitan area.

A 2 tiered approach for TCD's was suggested:

Tier 1: 4 fully funded TCD's to ensure access to HHW disposal for residents not located near permanent facilities.

Tier 2: 6 co-funded TCD's, for those Regional Councils which had the capacity to contribute.

Although increasing the funding available for promotion was recognised as important, a co-funding arrangement was recommended.

8.2 General Discussion

The costs of holding Temporary Collection Days were discussed. One option for cost reduction was decanting of water and solvent based paint at the TCD (possibly by Local Government staff). Following discussion it was agreed that utilising a professional service effectively addressed the requirements of logistics, OH&S, community safety and environmental protection and that although there were periods of down-time there was a need to maintain consistency in delivery across the Program.

Members discussed a need for the provision of more permanent facilities in the Metropolitan Area. Given that there was limited budget allocation for facilities in 2010-2011, these matters will be followed up by the Chair and WALGA respectively.

9. Close

The meeting closed at 3.45pm.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the household Hazardous Waste committee will be held at 3.00pm on Thursday 15 April 2010 at the Western Australian Local Government Association, Local Government House, 15 Altona Street, West Perth.

APPROVED / APPROVED WITH AMENDMENT

Jan Grimoldby, Acting Chair
WASTE AUTHORITY HHW COMMITTEE

18 March 2010