



Waste Authority

MEDIA STATEMENT

Waste & Recycle Workshop in Kalgoorlie

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Kalgoorlie and surrounding residents are encouraged to take part in a local workshop about the future management of waste and the environment in their region.

The workshop, to be held on **Friday November 20, from 10.30am until 1.30pm**, will be run by the Waste Authority at the **Kalgoorlie Boulder Lotteries House, corner Wilson and McDonald Streets, in Kalgoorlie**. Local people are urged to drop in, ask questions and offer their feedback to Deputy Waste Authority Chair Jan Grimoldby.

“There are emerging issues relating to waste management in the Goldfields Region which will impact upon local people and businesses,” Ms Grimoldby said.

“Local people and recycling organizations in this region are already doing a great job in sorting, reprocessing and disposal of waste, whilst the population has increased, the community is doing a good job in reducing the amount of waste sent to landfill.

“However as our population grows and our standard of living increases, we will need to work even harder at being careful with the resources we consume. This is particularly relevant to larger regional centres such as Kalgoorlie where we will need to focus on continued development of resource recovery infrastructure and technologies.”

Ms Grimoldby said regional councils and other local government organizations will be involved in developing and implementing Strategic Waste Management Plans that include measures to increase resource recovery.

“Resource recovery is already being achieved by many in the community through recycling items such as old batteries, mattresses and computers.”

The Draft Waste Strategy provides a forward looking approach for coordinating the efforts of state and local government, the waste industry and other involved groups in delivering wise management of waste across the state. Local people are urged to provide feedback on the strategy and attend their local workshop. **Details about the workshops and other consultation activities are available on the website www.yoursaywastewa.com.au or you can email HaveYourSay@yoursaywastewa.com.au by December 10, 2009.**

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