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Rural & Regional
Waste Management Conference

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Wednesday 3 June 2015

8.15 – 9.00	Registration & Coffee	12.45 – 1.00	Parents from Lutheran Primary School – <i>Living Sustainability at Lutheran Primary School</i>
9.00 – 9.15	Welcome	1.00 – 1.45	Lunch & Trade Stands
9.15 – 10.00	Mike Ritchie, MRA Consulting	1.45 – 2.15	Anne Prince, Waste Aid – <i>Waste Aid Program</i>
10.00 – 10.30	Danyelle Carter, NSW Environment Protection Authority – <i>Supporting Regional and Rural Councils Consolidate and Improve Landfills</i>	2.15 – 2.45	Jeanie McKillop, North East Waste – <i>Community Recycling Centres – the experience of North East Waste</i>
10.30 – 11.00	Trade Stand Panel	2.45 – 3.15	Sarah Crossie, NSW Environment Protection Authority – <i>Product Stewardship update, thoughts and learnings</i>
11.00 – 11.30	Morning Tea & Trade Stands	3.15 – 3.45	Jason Richards, Bower Group – <i>Bower Recycling Café & Reuse Centre</i>
11.30 – 12.00	Emma Graham, Lake Macquarie City Council – <i>5 Questions to ask before setting up a RID Squad</i>	3.45	Lucky door prize drawn, Wrap & Close
12.00 – 12.30	Bill Dibley, Mission Australia – <i>Diverting mattresses from landfill</i>		
12.30 – 12.45	Alice Kent & Kylie Crouch, Wagga Wagga City Council – <i>Waste Awareness in Wagga Wagga</i>		

Speakers and Topics

MIKE RITCHIE

MRA Consulting

Waste Trends and Regionalisation

Australia generates 48 MT/year of waste (latest National Waste Data Report 2014). In the period 1997-2012 our population rose by 22% but waste generation increased by 145%. There are more of us and we generate more waste per person, each year.

On the positive side, recycling is growing at a faster rate and since 2005 we have actually seen (for the first time) a decline in tonnages of waste sent to landfill (in the most progressive States). We now recycle approximately 52% of all the waste we generate and landfill the rest.

The consolidation of regional landfills via conversion into transfer stations can realise significant cost savings and environmental benefit. Consolidation of these landfill assets is an easy win in terms of cost reduction and environmental improvement.

DANYELLE CARTER

NSW Environment Protection Authority

Supporting Regional and Rural Councils Consolidate and Improve Landfills

The \$7 million Landfill Consolidation and Environmental Improvements grants are part of the NSW Government five year \$465.7 million *Waste Less, Recycle More* initiative to support local communities reduce waste and increase recycling. The program is being delivered through a partnership between the EPA and the Environmental Trust. The presentation will provide an overview of the landfill management challenges facing regional and rural councils in NSW and showcase some of the successful projects.

EMMA GRAHAM

Lake Macquarie City Council

5 Questions to ask before setting up a RID Squad

Setting up a RID Squad is no small venture but the results can exceed both Council and the community's expectations. This presentation will explore the questions that Councils should ask when considering participation in a RID Squad, beyond the basics of "what surveillance gear do we get" and "will we wear camouflage"?

BILL DIBLEY

Mission Australia

Diverting mattresses from landfill

Developed in response to a shortage of entry level positions for people with barriers to employment, Softlanding is a \$3.6million mattress recycling business located in NSW. The business' primary purpose is to create a positive social impact

via generating employment opportunities for those excluded from the open labour market. To date over 200 staff have been employed within Softlanding.

Softlanding has attracted strong support and engagement with commercial retailers and manufacturers which are looking to Mission Australia to lead a national solution to mattresses being diverted from landfill.

ALICE KENT AND KYLIE CROUCH

Wagga Wagga City Council

Waste Awareness in Wagga Wagga

Wagga Wagga City Council will provide an overview of some of the big projects conducted over 2014/15 including the Householders' Asbestos Disposal Scheme and the 'Hey Tosser!' litter education program.

PARENTS FROM

Lutheran Primary School, Wagga Wagga

Living Sustainably at Lutheran Primary School

Environmental sustainability is a theme that is embraced at Lutheran Primary School. Many projects and initiatives have been established to encourage students' understanding, interest and curiosity about the environment around them and the important role they play in not only enhancing the school environment, but also that of the broader community in which they live.

Parents will present on the various projects undertaken within the school including their water bottle greenhouse, composting and worm farming program and on the success of their Sustainable Living Festival.

ANNE PRINCE

Waste Aid

Waste Aid Program

Waste Aid, is a registered charity, established in 2014 that aims to improve public health, environmental and social outcomes in disadvantaged and remote communities through positive waste management solutions. The NSW EPA has engaged Waste Aid to develop the first ever state strategy for managing waste in Aboriginal communities. They are seeking to consult with councils, contractors and communities and are piloting a new sustainable waste management model in Bourke and Enngonia communities.

JEANIE MCKILLOP

North East Waste

Community Recycling Centres – the experience of North East Waste

NE Waste secured funding for 5 CRCs in the first round of *Waste Less Recycle More* and 3 CRCs in Round 2. This presentation highlights some of the challenges and opportunities the project has delivered from an operational and administrative perspective. It will focus on how those embarking on a CRC project can avoid or overcome some of these challenges and deliver positive outcomes.

SARAH CROSSIE

NSW Environment Protection Authority

Product Stewardship update, thoughts and learnings

Product stewardship presents a significant opportunity for producers and manufacturers to take responsibility for their end-of-life products to ensure they are managed in a safe and sustainable

manner. With the commencement of the Product Stewardship Act 2011 there is now a legislative framework to shape voluntary, co-regulatory and mandatory product stewardship schemes across Australia. Recently there has been significant movement in this space with the review of the television and computers' scheme, the commencement of a voluntary scheme for end-of-life tyres and progression on new schemes for paint and batteries.

The presentation will provide an update on where these schemes are up to and delve into the challenges faced by stakeholders, particularly local government in engaging with and shaping these schemes and their on-the-ground implications.

In addition to this work at the national level, the NSW Government also recently announced that it would implement a state-wide container deposit scheme. The Government has committed to a commencement of the Scheme by 1 July 2017 with broad consultation on its design to take place in 2016.

JASON RICHARDS

The Bower Reuse and Repair Service

The Bower – Repair and Referral Services

The presentation will cover all aspects of The Bower Reuse and Repair Centre's services. This will include the education workshops, collection and re-homing service, repair and manufacturing services, Repair Café and the Centre's relationship with the participating councils and various community groups.



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