

### Wednesday 13 June 2012

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8.30 – 9.00	Registration & Coffee
SESSION ONE	
9.00 – 9.15	Welcome
9.15 – 10.00	Steve Beaman, NSW Env <mark>ironment</mark> Protection Authority
10.00 – 10.30	Matthew Dudley, Albury City Council
10.30 – 11.00	Trade Stands Panel
11.00 – 11.30	Morning Tea & Trade Stands
SESSION TWO	
11.30 – 12.00	Department of Cl <mark>imate Change</mark> and Energy Efficie <mark>ncy</mark>
12.00 – 12.30	Chris Jeffreys, Packaging Stewardship Forum
12.30 – 1.00	Daniela Santucci, Bankstown City Council
1.00 – 1.45	Lunch & Trade Stands
SESSION THREE	
1.45 – 2.00	Geoff Pryor, South East Resource Recovery Group
2.00 – 2.30	Greg Ewings, Cootamundra Shire Council
2.30 – 3.00	Julian Thompson, NSW Environment Protection Authority
3.00 – 3.15	Afternoon Tea
3.15 – 3.45	Amy Lovesey, Local Government & Shires Association

E-waste Panel Discussion

Wrap & Close

3.45 - 4.15

4.15

# **Speakers and Topics:**

#### Steve Beaman, NSW Environment Protection Authority

Steve Beaman is the Director Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy at the NSW Environment Protection Authority. Steve's role is to co-ordinate and drive the delivery of NSW waste policy and programs, including the development of a new energy from waste policy. Steve has extensive experience in policy development and the implementation of innovative regulatory and reform programs. Steve has worked at the Department since 1995 in a number of key roles including Director Executive Services, Manager Waste Operations and Manager Forestry.

#### Matthew Dudley, Albury City Council

Sustainability in Local Government

Matthew recently joined Albury City and leads the Sustainability and Environment team that is tasked with developing policies and measures with regard to environmental, climate change, carbon, energy and sustainability matters. Prior to this Matthew worked at the secretariat to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Bonn, Germany, for 6 years where he coordinated process under the Kyoto Protocol including providing expert advice on matters concerning emissions and carbon accounting, emissions trading, and in negotiations on a framework to replace the Kyoto Protocol.

Matthew has a Bachelor of Engineering in Environmental Engineering (Hons) and majored in industrial air pollution control.

#### Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency

Carbon Pricing

Carbon tax, carbon liability, carbon farming, carbon initiatives, carbon offsets, carbon pricing ... From July 1 Australia will embrace a Clean Energy Future, and the implications for local government – particularly those that own and operate a landfill – could be significant.

The Federal Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency will address conference delegates on the Clean Energy Future legislation and its structure. Details of the carbon pricing mechanism and its package will be discussed, along with each of the elements of the carbon pricing mechanism required to determine a carbon price liability and how to discharge this obligation.

# Chris Jeffreys, Program Manager Glass Recovery & Recycling, Packaging Stewardship Forum

Chris Jeffreys is the Program Manager for Glass Recovery and Recycling for the Packaging Stewardship Forum, she is also NSW Branch President of the WMAA as well as a WMAA Board Member.

Chris has been specialising in glass recycling and reprocessing projects for the Packaging Stewardship Forum for the past four years dedicating her work towards establishing glass recycling solutions and acceptance for the use of crushed glass product into civil construction applications across Australia. She has more than 12 years experience in the waste and environmental industry. Chris will be talking about some of the many waste projects she has been involved with through her work with the Packaging Stewardship Forum.

### Daniela Santucci, Coordinator Resource Recovery, Bankstown City Council

Recycle Right! Contamination Reduction Campaign

Contamination in domestic recycling collections is a problem for many councils and recyclers.

Bankstown Council's Recycle Right! Project tackled this problem with great success. Daniela will talk about the Recycle Right! Contamination Reduction Campaign. The Council tested nine different strategies to understand what really motivated their residents to recycle right. A film has also been made that demonstrates Bankstown's unique approach to reducing contamination in household recycling bins.

### Geoffrey Pryor, Coordinator, South East Resource Recovery Group

Mobile MRF

The tyranny of distance is one of the defining factors for waste management and resource recovery in regional and rural areas.

In response to these challenges the South East Resource Recovery Network has been trialling the use of a mobile Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) to determine whether it is feasible to turn common thinking on its head and take the facility to the feedstock. The trial which was undertaken will provide valuable information to councils about a new way of looking at the mechanics and economics of recycling. Geoff will be talking about how the project was initiated, its progress to date and the outcomes achieved.

### Greg Ewings, Manager Facilities & Services, Cootamundra Shire Council

Kerbside organics collection in small communities

Four councils in the eastern Riverina are working together to introduce kerbside organics' collections and organics' processing. Coolamon, Cootamundra, Junee and Gundagai have formed a cluster to trial the introduction of the kerbside collection they also worked collaboratively to establish a regional organics processing facility in Cootamundra. The trial has been running for 6 months. Greg Ewings has been managing the establishment and operations of the regional organics' processing facility and Michael Reynolds, the projects' economic analyst will talk about the roll out of the project and its outcomes.

# Julian Thompson, Acting Manager – South East Region, NSW Environment Protection Authority

Managing bio-solids

The use of biosolids in rural and regional NSW is rising. Councils are now being faced more regularly with issues arising from the spreading of biosolids on agricultural land. Julian will be presenting on the use of biosolids in NSW and will address a number of issues including: classification framework for biosolids in NSW, application of biosolids' products to land, regulatory requirements in NSW under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* and the Environmental Guidelines for the use of the product.

Julian will also talk about the environmental/site constraints, the best management practices, recordkeeping and public notifications and discuss the roles of local government and the EPA in the management of biosolids' use.

# Amy Lovesey, Project Manager, Local Government Association of NSW and Shires Association of NSW

Model Asbestos Policy for NSW Councils

Amy Lovesey is a senior policy officer at the Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW where her previous projects have assisted NSW councils in addressing climate change. Amy's current role is to support councils to develop policies on managing asbestos. Amy has an honours degree in Environmental Science and has worked for Local and Federal Government.

The Local Government and Shires Associations have been working with the NSW Government to support councils in their role in minimising asbestos risks. This presentation will outline resources available to councils for managing asbestos, in particular, a model policy prepared for NSW councils.

#### **E-Waste Panel Discussion**

The way in which regional rural councils can deal with e-waste under the new Product Stewardship legislation remains unclear. Councils are playing a waiting game as they try to determine how and when e-waste collections will occur in their regions.

Under the new legislation industry is required to undertake an annual collection within 150kms of communities with a population of 4,000 or more, and an annual collection within 100kms of communities with a population in excess of 10,000. Communities with a population of less than 4,000 will be required to have a collection within 200 kms at least once every 2 years

This panel discussion will address the issues of e-waste in rural and regional areas and explore possible solutions to the problem.