



Introduction

The role of the Northern Tasmanian Waste Management Group (NTWMG) is to provide advice, funding and education on better managing waste and recycling within northern Tasmanian communities, businesses and local governments. The NTWMG is able to provide these services through a \$5/tonne levy on waste disposed to landfill from northern Tasmania.

The NTWMG formed in 2007 and its members include seven councils from northern Tasmania: Break O'Day, Dorset, George Town, Launceston, Meander Valley, Northern Midlands and West Tamar.

Recent News:

Group Governance

NTWMG steering committee recently endorsed the groups Terms of Reference document which provides guidance on the roles and responsibilities of members and outlines the decision making process.

Polystyrene Trial

A 12 month trial of polystyrene recycling has concluded with the group agreeing to continue this as an ongoing project for the region.

There are polystyrene collection points at each member council's major transfer station. The polystyrene is transported to the City of Launceston where it is processed through the polystyrene recycling machine achieving a 90:1 ratio size reduction e.g. 90 cubic metres of polystyrene is converted to 1 cubic metre.

Results from the trial included 319 cubic metres of polystyrene diverted from landfill which saved \$8,216 from landfill operating costs. Once extruded 1.75 tonnes of polystyrene has been recovered which is worth \$300/t wholesale a value of \$520

Regional Presentation

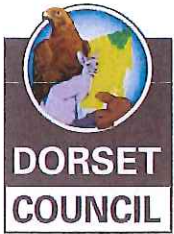
The NTWMG recently held a regional waste presentation at the country club Tasmania which was attended by 41 people including local government representatives & members of council.

Guest speakers included Martin Gill (chair of the NTWMG steering committee), Shane Eberhardt (chair NTWMG technical committee), Michael Attard (Strategic Coordinator - NTWMG) & Isobel Axiö (Environmental manager - Justwaste consulting)

Communications Strategy 2017-2022

NTWMG now have a state-wide communications strategy, signing of the strategy will take place later in June between Northern Tasmanian Waste Management Group, Cradle Coast Authority & Waste Strategy South

The Strategy has already seen significant achievements such as 3 new TV advertisements and a Facebook page



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Paint Recycling

The new agreement with Cleanaway now sees paint recycled at every major transfer station across the region via the paint back scheme. The scheme is funded by \$15c per litre levy placed on tins of paint to deal with the product at the end of its life.

E-Waste

NTWMG has secured a partnership with Techcollect a national stewardship for Ewaste collection and processing. Each member council now has an e-waste collection service. Over 95% of Ewaste materials such as glass, copper, plastic and precious metals can be recovered and reused.



Tyre Recycling

Tyre recycling Tas now has all relevant approvals to build a tyre recycling plant on Calvary Road Mowbray. The 3 million dollar project has co funding from state and federal governments and is expected to begin construction by the end of the year.



Waste NoT awards 2018

The annual waste NoT awards is coming up; the awards are open to schools, individuals and organisations who have improved their waste management practices in the 2017/2018 financial year.



From recycling to re-invention, upcycling, and education initiatives, the Waste Not Awards recognise and reward these efforts

Applications are open from July 2 until 5pm 10th August 2018. To View the application form and guidelines go to www.rethinkwaste.com.au



2018/2019 Grants

The NTWMG steering and Technical committee have reviewed grant funding guidelines in preparation for the 18/19 funding round which commences in late August. Application guidelines and application form will be added to the rethink website in the coming months

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