



## Rubbish Tip Fees Reviewed

From July 1, 2010 the range of fee-free items accepted at the Busselton and Dunsborough Waste Facilities will be increased.

This is great news for domestic customers, who will be able to deposit uncontaminated green waste free of charge. The cost was previously \$4 per trailer load. The fee for a load of mulch, which was previously \$6 per cubic metre, has also been abolished.

All domestic recycling will also be free with the exception of car tyres. Charges have been abolished for fridges, gas bottles and old cars and trucks. Electronic waste (e.g. TVs, computers and electronic goods) is also free, as are glass bottles and jars, cardboard, car batteries, used oil, plastic motor oil drums (up to 20 litres capacity) and hard plastic items such as old 'wheely' bins, garden furniture, drums and plant pots.

All these items can be disposed of at no cost, on the condition that people separate their waste, and deposit it in the right area. "We want to encourage and reward people to do the right thing, which is why many fees have been abolished," said Facilities Coordinator Ron Boucher.

## Shire Sets a Good Example

Recycling has taken off in a big way at the Busselton Shire offices in Southern Drive.

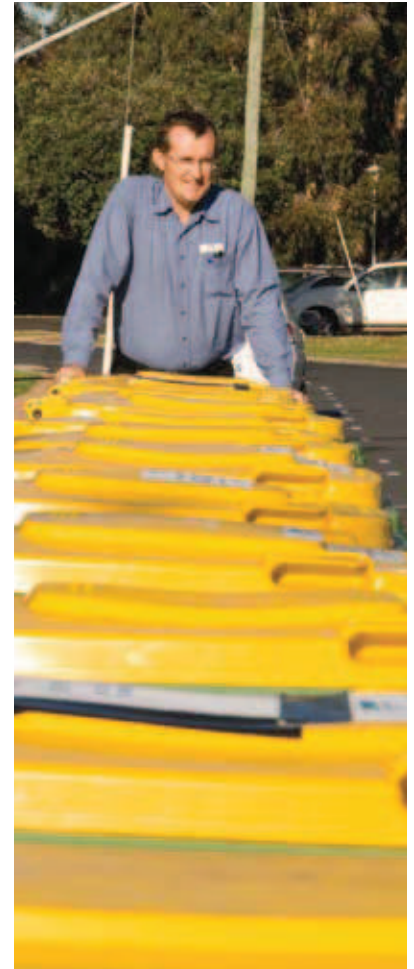
Every fortnight between 15-20 yellow-top recycling bins are lined up on the kerb containing recyclable materials diligently sorted by administration staff.

This is a pretty exciting sight for the Shire's Waste Management Officer, Allan Miller who played an important role in implementing the recycling program.

"It's a big effort to wheel the bins out every fortnight but it's also very satisfying. It's great to see staff taking recycling seriously, it saves the Shire money and it's also good for the environment – as long as people keep filling the bins, I'll keep wheeling them out."

The recycling program, which was initiated three years ago, is simple but effective. "Every officer has a cardboard recycling bin under his or her desk to encourage the mentality of recycling every scrap of paper," said Allan.

At the Busselton and Dunsborough waste facilities the focus is also on recycling as much material as possible. "Enough electronic waste is being dropped off to fill one sea container every 2-3 weeks while large volumes of green waste, cardboard, tyres, car batteries, and aluminium cans are



Waste Management Officer Allan Miller

also being received for recycling," said Allan.

If your school, business or community group would like information on how to recycle more effectively, please call Allan Miller at the Shire on 9781 0359.



Peter Bishop, Nando Guzzomi, Graham Morris, Ron Brabazon, Paul Stone from the Shire's Workshop Depot.

## Workshop Goes Green

The Shire of Busselton successfully achieved Green Stamp accreditation for its automotive workshop depot. Green Stamp is a collaborative environmental initiative of the Motor Trade Association (MTA) of WA and the Department of Environment and Conservation.

"The Green Stamp acknowledges our commitment to minimising environmental impact associated with repairing and servicing vehicles," said Nando Guzzomi, the Shire's Workshop Depot Coordinator. "All the Shire's mechanics were involved in the accreditation process, it was a real team effort".

To gain accreditation, the Shire's automotive workshop had to comply with the necessary legal requirements and employ relevant waste management practices.

