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THE WASTE MINIMISATION AND RECYCLING INTEREST GROUP

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WMRIG hazwaste seminar held at Vissershok.



Over 25 interested industry members met at Vissershok Waste Management Facility (VWMF) for an update on how to take the 'hazard out of hazardous waste'. After WMRIG deputy chairperson Alison Davison's introductions, presenters shared their expertise. Patricia Schroeder of Reclite enlightened participants on the recovery, processing and recycling of fluorescent bulbs and related items such as electronic waste and solar panels. Stephen Morkel explained the CCT's approach to the responsible management of hazardous waste, including

recycling and disposal. Riaan Burger of Chiron Chemistry shared insights on compliance requirements for transport and disposal of hazardous waste. Maree Cockcroft (VWMF) outlined laboratory procedures in classifying and testing incoming waste at the facility. To round off, Wiehan Visser led a site visit to see construction on the latest VWMF landfill cell.

For presentations, scroll down to Event Presentations at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/ycct8z6e>

ORASA gets off the ground. The Organic Recycling Association of South Africa was launched recently, with WMRIG committee member Melanie Ludwig as first chairperson. ORASA's mission is to grow the organics recycling industry, support members and promote the recycling of all organics through different mechanisms for the benefit of the environment and the communities in which members work. The focus is on enterprise development, job creation, environmental protection and sustainability. Visit

<https://orasa.org.za/>



GreenCape Waste MIR 2017/18.



GreenCape, the sector development agency for the Western Cape green economy, will release its 2017/18 Waste Economy Market Intelligence Report in early May. This report provides insights and opportunities for investors/businesses active or interested in providing alternative waste treatment solutions in the Western Cape. Key opportunities highlighted include: Organics, E-waste, Plastic, and Builders' Rubble. For updates on the launch, register with GreenCape by clicking [here](#). Last year's report is at

<https://tinyurl.com/ya9r6er6>

Drought pushes PET bottle excess to Gauteng for recycling. Due to the drought in the Cape, demand for plastic bottles is at an all-time high, putting local recycling capacity at maximum production and unable to process the influx. To prevent additional bottles going to landfill, 15 tonnes (half a million baled bottles) are being transported to the Extrupet facility in Gauteng for processing there. Main partners for the project: Oasis Water (footing the transport bill), Extrupet, and PETCO. Seen here is the truck, partially loaded with bales of PET bottles destined for Gauteng, with staff from the partnering companies, and local and provincial government representatives.



Historical Review of Waste Management and Recycling. In the October edition of the international 'Resources' magazine, leading SA researchers Linda Godfrey and Susanne Oelofse published a review of the progress of the SA industry over the last 30 years. They see four main phases including: Age of Landfilling, Emergence of Recycling, Flood of Regulation, and Drive for EPR. The next stage: The Future is a Circular Economy. They envisage that moving to higher diversion from landfill will require greater investment by private sector and government. Download (11pg PDF) from: <http://www.mdpi.com/2079-9276/6/4/57>



Municipal Waste Minimisation Guidelines. For those who missed it when it came out in 2015, the provincial waste management staff produced a comprehensive set of guidelines on waste minimisation for municipalities, which is also very useful for industry and the general public. Download the big document (13Mb) here: <https://tinyurl.com/ya6xtzlf>

WMRIG Christmas & Farewell Lunch in Gugs. A fond farewell lunch was held for Tom McLaughlin, former packaging manager, Good Business Journey specialist at Woolworths and WMRIG committee member. Tom has retired and will live with his family in the UK. His contribution to sustainability in business and SA's recycling industry was immense. We will miss his wisdom and guidance.



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