

# Young Professionals Group

## Victorian Branch of Waste Management Association of Australia (WMAA)

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## Waste Management Association of Australia (WMAA):

- is recognised as Australia's leading Association for waste management professionals.
- represents people from many disciplines, including physical & social sciences, engineering, law, government, management, OH&S, as well as people on the ground implementing recycling & waste management systems.
- operates in every State, with over 1000 members.
- through it's Members, WMAA is be a key agent for change as waste managers position themselves to meet new demands in a global market requiring both economically & environmentally sustainable solutions.

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## Working Groups - WMAA (Vic):

- Compost Victoria
- Landfill Victoria
- Hazardous Waste
- Construction / Demolition
- Clinical Waste
- Waste Educators & Student Activity
- Local Government Group
- Young Professionals Group

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## Key Objective of Young Professionals Group:

- To provide a forum for professional development and networking opportunities for young professionals working or studying in the waste management field in Victoria.

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## Possible members of Young Professionals Group:

- Environmental consultants;
- Waste management industry – transporters, treaters, resource recovery facilities and landfills;
- Manufacturers and other waste generators;
- State government;
- Local government;
- Regional waste management groups;
- Waste educators;
- Lawyers / solicitors;
- University students studying related courses.

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## Possible activities:

- Site visits of a range of waste management facilities (eg. landfills, recycling facilities etc);
- Technical presentations on a range of waste management issues by guest speakers;
- Presentations on a range of professional development issues by guest speakers (eg. project management, review of available post-graduate study options);

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## Possible activities (continued):

- Mentoring schemes;
- Schemes to assist young professionals in publishing papers in journals and presenting papers at conferences;
- Social events; and
- Forming 'sister' type relationships to exchange information and experiences with equivalent groups interstate and internationally.

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## Events – Details:

### Frequency of events:

- Every two months?

### Cost / event:

- WMAA Members: \$11.00/head/event
- Non-members: \$16.50/head/event

### WMAA Membership:

- Young professionals actively involved in the group will be encouraged to become members of WMAA.

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## Young Professionals Committee:

- Help set direction of the group;
- Organise events;
- Ideally made up of one representative from each sub-group (ie. consultants, waste management industry, State government, local government etc);
- Please let me know if you're interested in assisting on the Committee.

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## Where to from here?

- Committee to meet within the next month to review survey results, decide direction for group and set dates for future events.
- Committee will then advise Young Professionals Group of survey results and details of next event.

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Any questions?

Any suggestions?

Many thanks to tonight's sponsors:

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