

### Young Professionals (Victoria) – Membership Survey, May 2005

Below is a summary of the results of a survey of young professionals who attended the inaugural event of the Young Professionals Working Group which was held on 25 May 2005:

- Main sub-groups represented : consultants, waste industry (particularly landfill operators) and government;
- Main age group represented : 25-35 year bracket;
- Sorts of events attracting most interest : site visits of a range of waste management facilities, technical presentations and social events;  
General consensus on frequency of events : every 2 months;
- Interest in group : all respondents said that they were interested in being involved in the group;
- Other general comments : good initiative, great idea, well organised, nice introduction, good presentation;
- Suggestions : rotating location for events, network be replicated as an email network for distribution of questions or information to all group members.

The Young Professionals Committee has used the results of this survey as the basis for determining the most common needs and interests of our members and to help us deliver useful and relevant events. The Committee intends to undertake surveys of members each year to ensure that we continue to meet the needs and interests of our members into the future.

#### Details:

Total number of survey respondents:

46

Question	Response:	
	No.	% of total
<b>1. Area of work / study:</b>		
Environmental consultants	10	22%
Landfill operator	7	15%
Resource recovery facility operator	4	9%
Waste treatment	3	7%
Manufacturers and other waste generators	4	9%
State government	6	13%
Local government	3	7%
Regional waste management groups	0	0%
Waste educator	2	4%
Lawyers / solicitors	1	2%
University student	3	7%
Other:		
Environmental scientist	1	2%
Waste transport	1	2%
National Australia Bank	1	2%
<b>2. Age</b>		
<20 years	0	
20-25 years	5	
25-30 years	17	
30-35 years	12	
>35 years	3	

Question	Response:	
	No.	% of total
<b>3. What sort of events would you be interested in?</b>		
Site visits of a range of waste management facilities	27	
Technical presentations on a range of waste management issues	34	
Presentations on a range of professional development issues	20	
Mentoring schemes	20	
Improving skills for presenting and publishing papers in journals / conferences	7	
Social events	25	
Forming 'sister' type relationships to exchange information with equivalent groups interstate and internationally	20	
Other:		
Technical presentations on recycling technologies / opportunities	1	
<b>4. How often do you think events should be run?</b>		
Monthly	7	
Once every two months	14	
Greater than every two months	5	
Every three months	2	
<b>5. Do you think proposed costs for events are reasonable (\$11.00/person/event for WMAA members, \$16.50/person/event for non-members, note that greater charges may apply to site visits to cover costs?)</b>		
Yes	30	91%
No	3	9%
Any comments on costs?	0	
<b>6. Given what you have learnt about the group tonight, please indicate your level of interest in the Young Professionals group?</b>		
Not interested, I do not plan to come along to anymore events		
Mildly interested, I may come along to some events		
Very interested, I intend to come along to most events		
Highly interested, I would like to join the organising Committee		
Any other comments on your level of interest?	0	
<b>7. Do you have any other comments, suggestions or general feedback on tonight's event?</b>		
Good initiative	4	
Well organised	1	
Nice introduction	1	
Good presentation	1	
<b>8. Do you have any other comments, suggestions or general feedback on ideas for the Young Professionals group?</b>		
Email list	1	
Rotating location for events	1	