

Waste and Resource Recovery Plan Adopted

At last week's Council Meeting a Waste and Resource Recovery Plan for South Gippsland was adopted. The Plan follows on from the previous Waste Management Strategy 2016 – 2021 and outlines the provision of waste services in South Gippsland from 2024 – 2034.

Importantly, the Plan incorporates the Victorian Government's policy reforms around waste and recycling, including the compulsory introduction of new standardised service provision including a weekly food and organics collection service (FOGO) and a fortnightly recycling collection.

Other initiatives outlined in the Plan include regular auditing of kerbside bins to guide behaviour change programs, a review of the waste disposal concessions for community groups and a plan for the closure of the Koonwarra Landfill when it reaches capacity. The Plan also recognises the growing community demand for more sustainable waste practices.

The Waste and Resource Recovery Plan was released for community feedback over a four-week period in June and attracted 27 responses.

Quote attributable to Kerryn Ells, CEO South Gippsland Shire Council

“Council was pleased to adopt the new Waste and Resource Recovery Plan which provides a road map for the delivery of kerbside collection services and resource management over the coming years. It also incorporates significant changes, driven by Victorian Government policy reforms, and presents a sustainable approach to waste management.”

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