

NE WASTE ANNUAL REPORT
..... 2019/20



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FOREWORD

This report outlines the activities and outcomes of North East Waste (NE Waste) for the 2019-20 financial year. We are a group of seven Councils working towards regional solutions to effective waste management. Our member Councils are Ballina, Byron, Clarence Valley, Kyogle, Lismore, Richmond Valley and Tweed.

This year we delivered a suite of projects involving and engaging the community, schools, businesses and government. Our core projects focus on education, food waste reduction, business waste reduction and engagement, problem wastes, Community Recycling Centres, litter, asbestos disposal and illegal dumping. Other priorities included training, research, regional collaboration and fostering relationships with State Government and the broader waste community.

In developing and funding our programs and advising Councils on the changing waste regulatory landscape we have worked closely with the NSW EPA. The Waste Less Recycle More (WLRM) initiative has funded many of our projects and has allowed for program expansion and the provision of additional infrastructure to our Councils.

NE Waste's vision, **to achieve more sustainable waste management and better resource recovery through a proactive and collaborative approach with our member Councils and community**, is achieved because of our unique position and approach. Unlike other regional waste groups, our member Councils match our EPA operational funding, enabling a much more intensive engagement in the region. Our high level of success in securing additional grant funding also supports this vision. Our project co-ordinators and officers are long term, dedicated professionals whose knowledge and passion to improve resource recovery outcomes is well respected across the State, with our programs often duplicated by other Councils in both the metropolitan and regional areas.

2019- 20 has been a challenging year for many, including the waste sector. I have been proud of the efforts of our team in continuing to support our Councils and assist the community to reduce their waste footprint.

Jeanie McKillop, *NE Waste Coordinator*



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REGIONAL PROJECTS AND ENGAGEMENT

In 2020-21 NE Waste coordinated 14 projects and successfully secured 3 new grants. The following section outlines the key features, and highlights outcomes of each project.



NE WASTE COMMUNICATION AND PARTNERSHIPS

OVERVIEW

Each year NE Waste increases its communication collateral and expands the mechanisms and distribution of our key messages. We have aimed to build a diverse yet consistent brand that focuses on engaging and raising the awareness of our community around waste and resource recovery.

Media campaigns remain a core component of many of our projects. Print, radio, television and electronic media are well utilised to maximise our reach, and our social media presence continues to expand through Facebook and Instagram, with our Councils closely linked to our programs, utilising the resources we provide for them.



Through the long term delivery of our projects NE Waste has formed many partnerships across the region and State. In addition to long term relationships held with LGNSW, the NSW EPA and DPIE, this year partners included:

- Southern Cross University
- Northern Rivers Food
- Business NSW
- Mullum Cares
- Positive Change for Marine Life
- Circular Economy Innovation Network
- Northern Rivers Joint Organisation of Councils
- NSW Roads & Maritime Services
- Northern Rivers Area Health Service
- North Coast TAFE



“ Increase the awareness of waste reduction activities across the region and engage the community. ”



MAIN ENGAGEMENT CAMPAIGNS

SECOND HAND SATURDAY

3,000+

wheelie bins of pre-loved items saved from landfill

CIRCULATE NORTHERN RIVERS PROJECT

100 Businesses to divert **726**

Tonnes/year of food waste from landfill

ILLEGAL DUMPING

30+ infringement notices issued

116% increase in online reporting

#RecycleRight

Adopted by over

30

Councils in 3 States

LFHW FOOD SMART PROGRAM

600+

program sign-ups

17+

partnerships

DON'T BE A TOSSER

LITTER PREVENTION PROJECT

58%

average reduction in targeted litter volume

COMMUNITY RECYCLING CENTRES

181,000 Kg

of household problems waste collected

HOUSEHOLD ASBESTOS TESTING PROGRAM

182 TESTS

69.2% POSITIVE RESULTS

ALL MEDIA

WEBSITES
32,000+
VIEWS



PRINT ADS
86



EDITORIALS
32



860
RADIO ADS



REGIONAL COORDINATION AND STRATEGY



OVERVIEW

NE Waste develops and delivers multiple projects, seeks funding and engages contractors to fulfill the objectives of our Regional Waste Strategy (17-21). This year we have had to swiftly adapt projects in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, as it impacted our ability to work in the public sphere.

In addition to the operational and financial administration of projects and contractors a primary function of the NE Waste Coordinator is to represent regional Councils in government and industry forums. We act as a conduit between the State Government and Councils and are regularly involved in consultations with government departments, sit on steering committees and contribute to working groups.



“To support regional initiatives, guide strategic direction, and administer North East Waste in its liaison with State Government and industry.”

KEY OUTCOMES

- Delivered 14 major projects, acquitted 5 grants and successfully secured 3 new grants.
- Facilitated 4 NE Waste meetings, and held multiple Council, team and online meetings due to Covid-19.
- Hosted other regional and metro waste groups, LGNSW and the NSW EPA and DPIE at RENEW NSW in Byron Bay.
- Continued to sit on the steering committee and work with the Councils of Midwaste and the DPIE on the North Coast Waste Investment Study.
- Formally supported the NR Joint Organisation of Councils in its work with the UNSW Smart Centre on micro industry development around plastics, SCU Sustainable communities and waste hub project, Mullum Cares Reverse Garage project, the Asbestosis & Mesothelioma Ass of Aust. Education program, Northern Rivers Food applications for funding, and Positive Change for Marine Lifes marine debris project.
- Consulted with the State Government and provided submissions to the NSW EPA Plastics Plan and the 20-year Waste Strategy, the Draft Asbestos Strategy and the removal of the waste levy on bonded asbestos, The Draft Circular Economy Policy and Discussion Paper “Too Good to Waste”.
- Consulted with LGNSW on the National Waste Policy, the proposed Waste Export Bans and the Product Stewardship amendments.
- Met with several industry representatives to investigate circular economy initiatives that could provide regional waste solutions.
- Attended the AWARE Waste expo and sat on the Program Development Committee for Waste 2020 at Coffs Harbour, reviewing 60 abstracts.
- Fulfilled all reporting requirements to the NSW EPA.
- Supported an intern from Southern Cross University through the completion of her Environmental science degree.
- Reviewed Tweeds Zero Waste Policy.

EDUCATION AND BEHAVIOUR CHANGE: SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

OVERVIEW

NE Waste's Education and Community Engagement Program drives behaviour change initiatives to achieve the region's waste diversion and recycling targets. The program is delivered through a combination of community research/surveys; face to face engagement at events, schools, preschools partnerships with other organisations; workshops and schools; social media marketing and broader communication approaches. The programs are researched and designed in conjunction with the regional waste educators group to optimise collaboration and ownership of the programs by our member Councils, ensuring they are useful and appropriate to each LGA. During the latter half of 19-20, there were impacts to the delivery of our face to face programs – particularly the Wipe out Waste schools and community events program, as well as our community workshops. Many of these have been adapted or are being adapted for on-line content. The range of programs highlighted here includes:

Wipe out Waste Education – our marquee and team of experts provide a range of school and community activities from recycle relays, drama based education, beeswax wrap making and audits.

#RecycleRight – community and schools education on our #RecycleRight and Lift the Lid Campaign

Early Childhood Program – includes staff training, parent and child education sessions as well as access to the Get Grubby Program with Dirtgirl

Regional Waste Educators – driving force of collaboration and innovative best practice education program in our region. Programs like the FOGO and Recycle Right media campaigns have come from this group, and their support in promoting our programs is hugely valued. Training opportunities and experiential learning opportunities also stem from this group (eg tour of Subpod).



“On behalf of our school I would like to express our deepest appreciation for having the opportunity to experience the Wipe Out Waste incursion with your team yesterday. It ticked all the boxes and more. The talk with admin staff and cleaners was also invaluable. They all got something out of it and it is so important to have a conversation and network with experts that are out there educating the community and providing us with the most updated information. So, we all got something out of it!”

Sathya Sai College

KEY OUTCOMES

- Community education yearly reach was in excess of 20,000 householders who have directly participated in NE Waste education programs and 65,000 reached via social media and general media outlets.
- 60 school and community event days/workshops held.
- Worked with/within 17 schools and Early Childhood Services.
- Conducted 3 x Lift the Lid Recycling Audits with approx. 1,000 households (Lismore, Richmond, Ballina).
- Recycle Right @ Home - 4 x video clips created and bin labels developed.
- Online video content for DIY Beeswax wrap, DIY Citrus cleaner (with Midwaste) and Composting@Home
- Online content developed for workshops.
- 3 x RENEW meetings, 4 x NE Waste meetings (+3 online), 3 x face to face and 4 x online regional waste education meetings coordinated and attended. These meetings have allowed for collaboration, resource-sharing opportunities, problem solving, networking and experiential learning.
- Partnerships include: Northern Rivers Area Health Service, Northern Rivers Food, Richmond Tweed Community Libraries, Sustain Food Network, North Coast TAFE, Dorrroughby EE Centre.



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Improvements to existing programs and new campaigns have been fostered through collaboration and partnerships. This in turn leads to further community reach and engagement, which has been crucial to ongoing community engagement at the time of COVID-19.

Direct engagement is fundamental to change community behaviours, inform of changes to systems, and represent Council interests. The multifaceted NE Waste education team have been hugely successful in doing this via a variety of education activities, resources and tools for many years, but have also had to adapt in the face of COVID-19 restrictions. The team have embraced development of on-line content, events and workshops, working closely with partners and Councils to maximise reach and promotional opportunities.



SECOND HAND SATURDAY PROGRAM



OVERVIEW

Second Hand Saturday, the biggest day of garage sales on the North Coast, has been coordinated by NE Waste 12 times in the past 14 years. Since the first event was held in 2005, it has increased in popularity attracting a wider audience to participate in the day. The objectives of the program are to:

- Increase understanding, skill and practices in reuse and repair of households goods;
- Increase diversion of household goods and materials from landfill;
- Increase community access to a sustainability activity project which promotes social, environmental and economic outcomes.

Second Hand Saturday provides access to free advertising both online and print, attracting those who otherwise may not participate in a reuse activity. The lead-up to the event provides ample opportunity to promote messages around reuse, repair, correct disposal/donation, and waste avoidance. Second Hand Saturday is a hugely popular program with the regional community and NE Waste member Councils.



We asked participants what the best thing was about Second Hand Saturday and they said:

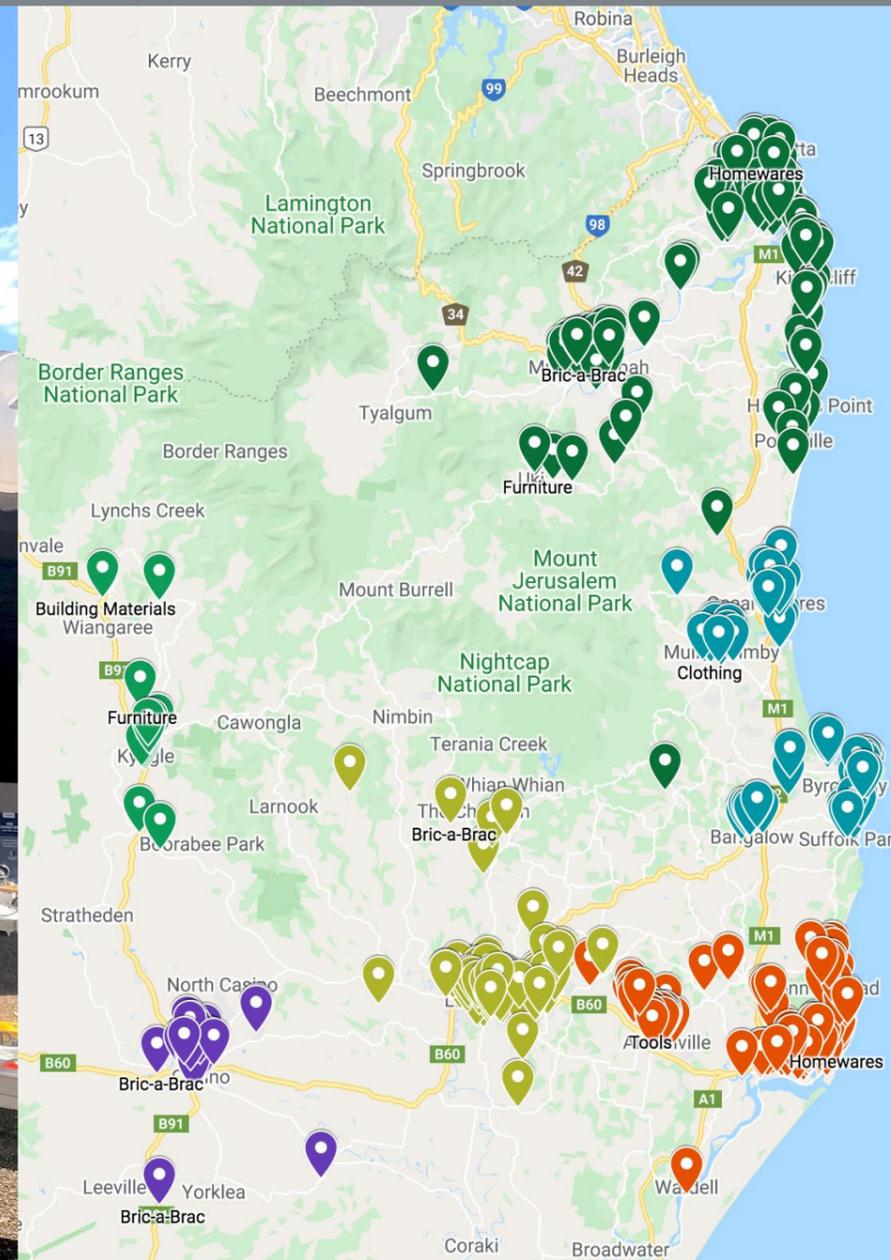
- “It helped me get rid of unwanted items without disposing of them at the tip”
- “Meeting some of our new neighbors and talking with other people in our neighborhood/community, and seeing them purchase things they really want and will use to be sure!”
- “The ability to participate in an organised event that was well advertised and have potential buyers come to me rather than needing to pack up and transport all my stuff somewhere else to sell it.”
- “Because of the nature of each council’s involvement, more people were made aware of the event.”

KEY OUTCOMES

- Since 2016: Approx 6092 x 240L wheelie bins worth of pre-loved items exchanged; approx. 3,000 x 240L wheelie bins worth of items saved from landfill.
- 740 garage sales over 2 weekends. 96 joint garage sales (100% increase from previous year).
- Over 20,000 people visited garage sales across the region over the 2 weekends.
- 20% of participants who responded to the evaluation survey had NEVER held a garage sale before; 47% hardly ever held a garage sale
- 52% of respondents sold more than 30 items
- More than 50% of respondents made more than \$150 from their sale.
- Reach of over 150,000 via NE Waste and Council social media.
- 12 editorial articles and 30 ads appeared in print media, 4 radio interviews conducted, 7 Council newsletter articles.
- 6,800 unique website users.
- 4000+ downloads of the App.



From cars, tinnies and trailers to furniture, clothes and grandma's sparkling jewels the annual Second Hand Saturday garage sales are a shoppers delight.



CIRCULATE NORTHERN RIVERS PROJECT



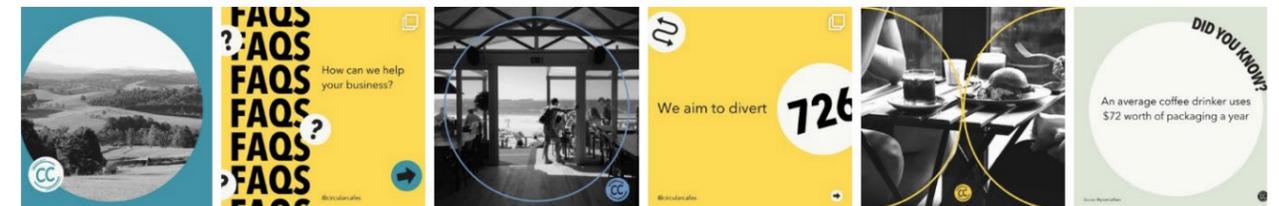
OVERVIEW

NE Waste has been working with Northern Rivers business for over fifteen years and has seen the need for a different approach to dealing with end of pipe resource management. This combined with export waste bans, diminishing solutions for recyclable resources and growing consumer awareness, provides an opportunity to take a more strategic approach, based less on waste management and more on avoidance, innovation and connecting business with resources, knowledge and know how.

The collaboration between North East Waste Member Councils, the activities of the business program, and business and industry network connections throughout the region means NE Waste is ideally positioned to facilitate, develop and support Circular Economy activities across the Northern Rivers.

Taking this collaborative, connected approach will ensure that the Northern Rivers moves forward faster with Covid-19 recovery, and future growth opportunities that are in line with a regenerative economic approach to growth in the Northern Rivers bio-region.

Circular Economy initiatives will not only meet the strategic objective of the NE Waste business program to divert waste from landfill, they will also support member Councils to transition towards a zero waste and lower carbon future for the Northern Rivers.



“Circulate Northern Rivers aims to inspire encourage and assist local businesses to participate in the Circular Economy. Fostering local connections and solutions, supporting the Northern Rivers shift to a prosperous, sustainable and healthy local economy.”

KEY OUTCOMES

Circulate Northern Rivers Report

- The Circulate report identified opportunities to kick start circular resource activities, and drive a significant reduction in the amount of commercial and industrial waste going to landfill utilising a Circular framework. This includes identifying projects suitable for future funding streams.

Successful funding application-Circular Cafes (Under the Bin Trim funding)

- Total Project Value \$157, 549
- Engagement: 100 Businesses to divert 726 Tpa of food waste from landfill.

Circular Cafes Brand, Website, Communications, Team, Socials

- Delivery of an engaging brand to appeal to an innovative industry sector.
- Development of project mechanisms, including people and processes, to enable smooth facilitation of business engaging with, and progressing through the project.

Presentation at Tweed Sustainable Business Panel

- Panel discussion on sustainable business hosted by Tweed Economic Development to 30 businesses.

Business Support

- 10 businesses through assessments, action plans, support.
- Successful funding application and support for Revolve Your World (\$50,000).
- Regular, quality, educational electronic communications to business database (700 contacts)

Bin Trim Data Reports

- Complete regional Bin Trim data analysed and segmented for each NE Waste member Council.



FACILITATING CONNECTIONS

Mavis's Kitchen & Cabins is a relaxed country-style restaurant, a rich organic kitchen garden, eco-friendly B&B cabin accommodation and a highly sought-after weddings and events venue.

The owners and management team including Chef Clive, were keen to see how they could better manage the waste being generated by their business. Food waste was an issue, as there was no FOGO service available due to the remoteness of the business location.

Circulate Northern Rivers worked with the team at Mavis's to do an assessment of the

situation and come up with potential solutions.

Enter Fly to Feed, a new start up working with biological technology to manage food waste. Fly to Feed had approached NE Waste to see how they could be of support to the project and develop business showcases to promote their own business.

Circulate Northern Rivers facilitated contact and connection between the businesses with a system currently being installed. It's early days, but the system has been installed and everyone is delighted by the progress so far!

LOVE FOOD HATE WASTE PROGRAM



OVERVIEW

NE Waste has successfully received funding for the delivery of the NSW EPA's Love Food Hate Waste Program through Waste Less Recycle More grants for the past 4 years, and other grants prior to 2016. Each grant has allowed the further expansion and reach of the program and delivery of refined food waste avoidance messages to target audiences. This year, NE Waste successfully received funding to become 1 of 4 Love Food Communities in NSW, providing \$250,000 of funding over 18 months. Partnerships with NSW Health, Sustain Food Network, Northern Rivers Food, Woolworths, Metchash IGA, NSW Chambers of Commerce and the Consortium of Neighbourhood Centres along with our member Councils are providing a collaborative approach to tackling food waste in the region. The sectors that are currently being targeted include householders (via Food Smart program), food manufacturers, food retailers and hospitality businesses (via Your Business is Food Program).



“Increase awareness about food waste avoidance issues, and increase skills and adoption of food waste avoidance behaviours in households and business communities.”

ENGAGING OUR COMMUNITY (PRE AND POST COVID ADAPTATIONS)

Working closely with school, preschools, canteens and their parent communities and volunteers is a strategy NE Waste has adopted for many years. Workshops and pop up stalls at these venues, Council breakfast and lunch workshops, retail outlets and events are also community engagement strategies that have worked in promoting food waste avoidance practices. Unfortunately, due to COVID, these strategies have been placed on hold and have been replaced with online content, online workshops and a targeted media and social media campaign. The business community strategies were also been placed on hold, but despite this there is evidence for a strong uptake in the latter half of 2020/2021. During COVID, the disruptions to the local food supply chain due to hospitality closures and residential demand became evident. NE Waste worked with NR Food members to research the adaptations that were required by local food businesses to survive.



KEY OUTCOMES

- 600+ sign-ups to Food Smart Program
- 17+ partnerships/collaborations progressing
- 200 participants at 9 community workshops
- 2 x online workshops with 20 participants
- 800 interactions at 7 pop up events
- 50,000+ reached via TVC airing
- 50,000 reach via social media channels
- 72 shares of social media snippets from partners
- 5 x radio interviews held
- 4 x Food Business Case Studies in development as part of Fight Food Waste Covid Project (Your Business is Food)
- Online video library developed: 15 x videos developed; 1 x TVC (adapted from Netwaste Love Food Hate Waste TVC); comms materials, upload of Food Smart and Your Business is Food Programs to NE Waste web
- New resources including LFHW marquee wall, pull up displays, postcards and signage.
- *250 Food Smart kits distributed (the distribution of these has been halted due to COVID-19 restrictions)



Beeswax Food Wraps



Getting Creative With Leftovers :: Croutons



Getting Creative With Leftovers :: Lettuce Stir-fry



Getting Creative With Leftovers :: Cauliflower and...



Freezer Hacks :: Keeping Food Fresher for Longer



Composting @ Home



Getting Creative With Leftovers :: Fried Rice



Getting Creative With Leftovers :: Crumbed Chicken

ILLEGAL DUMPING PROJECT



OVERVIEW

The regional illegal dumping program continues to provide education and communication resources and coordinates networking and training opportunities to support member council's own ID prevention activities. In 19-20 Clean up and Prevention (Rd 6) funding secured the Northern Rivers ID Hotspot Intervention Project (phase 2), which targeted dumping at 4 Tweed Shire hotspots and delivered a region wide community awareness and education campaign.

The onset of COVID-19 had a significant impact on both the implementation and outcomes of the ID program, which was adapted to deal with the new challenges (particularly the increase in home clean outs and some temporary closures of waste facilities) including a change in ID prevention messaging, new resources and more online delivery.



ESD Training Illegal Dumping



“To reduce illegal dumping across the North East Waste region and improve our member Council's capacity to respond to illegal dumping.”

Going forward ~ the Regional Illegal Dumping program will continue to support council's own ID prevention initiatives. NE Waste has also submitted (Sept 20) a regional application for Rd 7 CUP funding) to continue a regional education and communication campaign targeting: household waste dumping on kerbsides, asbestos dumping on public land and commercial waste dumping into public bins.



KEY OUTCOMES

- Successful in obtaining \$75,000 Clean up and Prevention grant funding.
- 56% average reduction in reported incidents at Tweed hotspots. The aim was 50% reduction.
- 132 RID online reports submitted by the public – 116% increase on previous year.
- 13 council officers from 5 member councils successfully completed Electronic Surveillance Device training. Covert cameras in active use at 4 councils in 19-20.
- Created a comprehensive suite of ID communication resources including: 1 TV ad, 3 videos, new Illegal dumping website, 2 radio ads, road and vehicle signage, stickers and drink coasters.
- 58% increase in dumping incidents in April 20 (early COVID lockdown) compared to April 19 but a rapid and effective response by councils and NE Waste prevented further escalation and resulted in an annual increase of only 6.9% or 107 incidents compared to previous year.
- New regional resources developed in response to household clean ups and increased dumping during COVID lockdown and adopted by other RWGs and NSW councils.
- 514 community feedback reports were collected. There was a 60% recall of the Illegal Dumping communication campaign, 74% (11% increase) aware that kerbside dumping is illegal and 78% (5% increase) of how to dispose of household problem waste.



KEY PREVENTION AND COMMUNICATION OUTPUTS

- 10 hotspot road signs & 1 barrier installed
- 17 covert cameras & 3 ESD support kits for staff
- 33 Asbestos Hazibags supplied & new clean up process adopted
- 28 RID signs displayed on council vehicles
- 33+ ID infringement notices issued
- 1,018+ paid TV ads
- 275+ radio ads, CSA & 2 interviews on 5 radio channels
- 30 print ads & 9 published media stories
- 10,000 RID drink coasters distributed to 12 Tweed pubs & clubs
- www.illegaldumping.com.au – 1,334 views
- Social Media – FB 93.1k reach / 82.4k engagements

FOOD DONATION PROJECT



OVERVIEW

In 2018-19 North East Waste undertook a study to assess the feasibility of a regional food hub and identify the needs, opportunities and barriers to successful collaboration amongst donors and food donation agencies. The project was completed in October 2019 and recommended:

- Building capacity in agencies for ongoing funding and support of existing work;
- Improving access to foods on a regular basis, particularly fresh and frozen produce;
- Promoting food donation, networking and collaboration amongst agencies and donors to maximise efficiencies and share resources.

A Stage 2 funding application to implement these recommendations was successful in early 2020. As Covid-19 impacted on agencies additional funding was provided by the EPA to assist agencies in feeding those in need by contributing to operational costs such as fuel and packaging. This contribution was most gratefully received.

“To implement the findings of the 2019 Feasibility Study, and promote the donating of food and networking between agencies in the region, with the intent to reduce food waste to landfill..”

KEY OUTCOMES

- \$47,000 grant secured for Phase 2 of the project in April 2020.
- \$12,000 provided by the NSW EPA to assist agencies during Covid-19. This additional funding acted as a great catalyst to launching the new project.
- 33 food donation agencies received assistance and support through the provision of fuel cards for staff/volunteers and packaging to allow them to safely adapt from soup kitchen serving to takeaway food.
- A new project coordinator, Karen Rudkin, was appointed to the position and contacted agencies to further develop the project plan.
- The first Food Donation Newsletter ‘Food for Thought’ was produced and distributed www.newaste.org.au/fooddonation
- Planning has started for the Food Donation media campaign and toolkit.

LITTER PREVENTION PROJECT



OVERVIEW

The Litter – Regional Implementation Plan (L-RIP Stage 4) involved completion of the ‘Pacific Highway Rest Area Improvement Project’. It was part of a statewide approach to reducing roadside littering on the Pacific Highway and key arterial road, through the installation of consistent infrastructure and the display of consistent anti-litter messaging on the Pacific Highway and at rest areas extending from the Sydney region through to the far north coast. NE Waste partnered with NSW Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) to identify suitable rest areas, infrastructure and engagement options to align with RMS current and future highway upgrade plans.

- 585+ ads & announcements on 5 regional radio stations
- ‘Don’t be a Tosser’ ad & story in Pacific Hwy Supplement – 42k distributed
- ‘Report a Tosser’ signs displayed on contractor & RMS vehicles
- Social Media campaign – 15K reach

“ To support member Councils in delivering litter prevention initiatives that best address their local needs, while contributing to achieving Regional and State Government goals in long term litter reduction. ”

KEY OUTCOMES

- Improved infrastructure including 15 bins, 10 bin enclosures and 21 signs at 7 Pacific Highway rest areas from Tweed Shire to Clarence Valley.
- 58% average reduction in targeted litter volume (drink containers & takeaway food packaging). The aim was 40% reduction.
- Service contractors reported less littering and improved bin usage.
- Daily litter checks by contractors indicated 10% less time picking up litter
- Surveys completed by rest area users indicated a 25% increase in approval ratings on litter prevention.
- 63 public reports of littering from vehicles made during the media campaign (Nov/ Dec 19) - 24% increase on Nov/Dec 18.
- Regionally 1,270 residents have registered to report littering from vehicles, with 655 PINs issued over 5 years.
- NE Waste has continued to support Byron Shire’s Butt Free (Phase 2) program.

COMMUNITY RECYCLING CENTRES PROJECT



OVERVIEW

North East Waste has been implementing a Regional CRC Education and Communication Plan for 6 years, and has achieved significant progress in awareness and participation in the correct disposal of household problem wastes via our local network of 8 Community Recycling Centres.

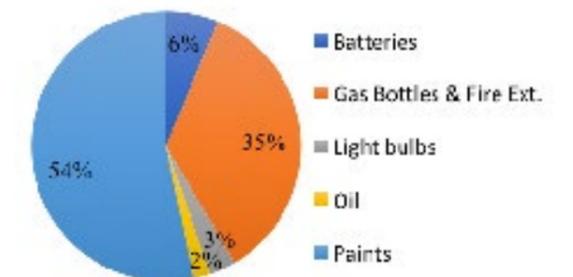
The ongoing funding of this project has allowed NE Waste to continue to identify where further improvements can be made to divert problem wastes from kerbside bins and to respond to community feedback to make it more convenient, particularly for the disposal of small items including household batteries, smoke detectors and light bulbs.

- 1 TV ad & 7 videos produced
- 1,500+ paid TV ads aired
- Social Media – FB 165k engagements / YouTube 189k impressions
- 26 newspaper ads & 19 editorials
- 2,000+ battery boxes distributed

“ To deliver a communication and education program to maximise community participation in the correct use of the regions network of free and easily accessible Community Recycling Centres, for the disposal of household problem waste items. ”

KEY OUTCOMES

- 181,000 Kg of household problems collected at an estimated savings to councils of \$379,000.
- 11 Community Recycling Station cabinets installed across 4 councils, increasing community access for the drop off of small items.
- 24 percent increase in the collection of household batteries from the previous year, and significant increases in the collection of oils, smoke detectors and gas bottles.
- Implementation of an integrated media campaign, which reached estimated 139,000 residents and included a rapid response to COVID-19 to prevent unnecessary visits to CRCs and encouraged temporary safe storage at home.
- 16% (4 tonnes) reduction in by-catch.
- Secure X-ray collection and recycling service established at 7 CRCs at no cost to councils.
- 3 councils registered with Paintback scheme.



RENEW



OVERVIEW

NE Waste is one of eight Voluntary Regional Waste Groups (VRWGs), which operate in rural and regional areas of NSW. All VRWGs are members of RENEW NSW, which encompass over 95 regional Councils. We work together to improve resource recovery and waste management in regional NSW and meet four times a year.

RENEW provides an excellent platform to share ideas, resources and experience between the groups. Together we have built campaigns that provide a uniform message that extends beyond NE Wastes boundaries, saving duplication and harnessing a wide creative talent pool. Our meetings in regional NSW and the Sydney EPA offices enable groups to examine other facilities, share project ideas and resolve common issues with the State and at home.

This year RENEW welcomed a new Chair, Wes Knight from Tweed Shire Council. North East Waste thanks Tweed Shire for making Wes available to take on this important role.

Meetings in 19-20 were held in Merimbula and Sydney, before NE Wasted hosted the forum in Byron in February 2020. It was a very successful meeting and day two showcased the businesses our programs have worked with in Byron Shire. The Beach Hotel, Habitat, Sub-pod and the Farm all gave of their time and premises to inform and entertain our visitors. Since February RENEW has been held online, due to Covid -19.

As a group, RENEW provided comment on the NSW EPA Plastics Plan and the 20-year Waste Strategy, the proposed Waste Export Bans, Draft Circular Economy Policy and Discussion Paper "Too Good to Waste" and the National Waste Policy. This involvement allows for regional perspectives to be heard and considered in the regulatory and planning process.



“Providing training, professional development and networking opportunities for regional waste groups and personnel”



FOOD ORGANICS AND GARDEN ORGANICS (FOGO) IN MULTI UNIT DWELLINGS (MUDS)

OVERVIEW

This project focused on 5 properties (73 Multi Unit Dwellings) in Lismore, Byron Bay and Tweed Heads. The project plan was to establish a baseline of the organics in red and green bins and then trial different education engagement techniques and 'interventions' to determine their impact through monitoring and auditing. The 3 interventions used were 1) Using bin tags for residual and FOGO bins, 2) Installing large permanent and eye-catching metal signs in bin bays advising correct use of bins or stickers on top of bins where bays weren't available 3) Delivering a post card under the MUD door or in the post box if the door was inaccessible.

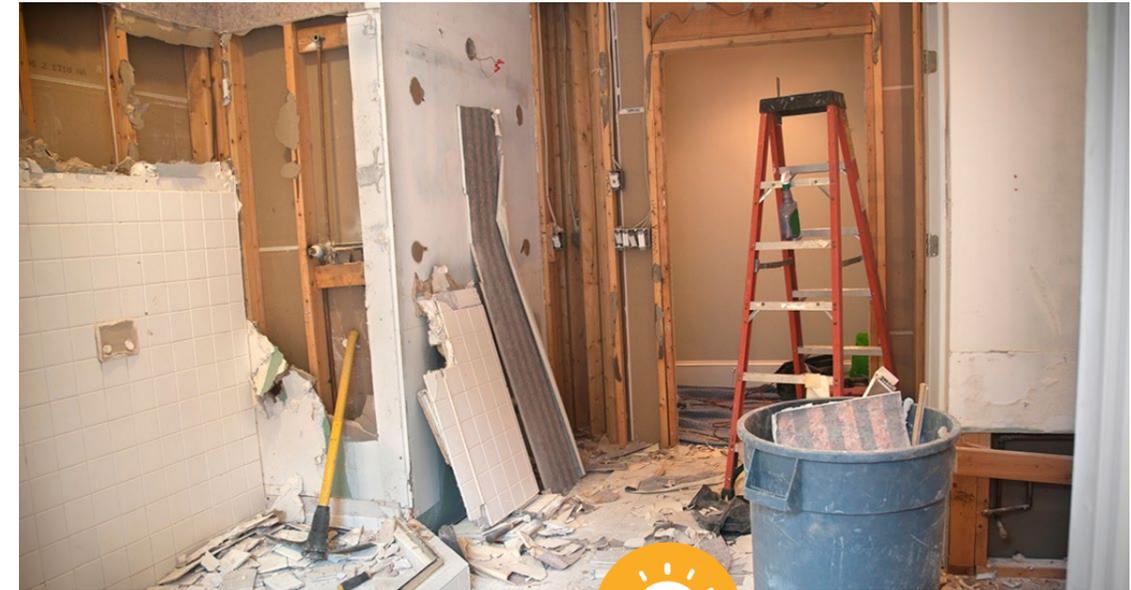
KEY OUTCOMES

- In total 20 compositional waste audits were conducted over 16 months of the organics and residual waste bins (218 bins).
- Rolling out the 3 interventions, auditing post intervention and monitoring bins in the intervention period for use and contamination. These audits/inspections provided data on participation, composition, and contamination.
- Educational resources such as tags, postcards and bin signage were developed.
- 42% of households responded to the final survey. By far the most remembered intervention across the 5 properties was the large signage and stickers on or near the bins with 43.3% of respondents recalling the intervention and only 6.7 % of respondents recalling the bin tags and 6.7 % recalling postcards. The remaining 43% did not recall the interventions and some of this would be a result of the turnover of residents in some properties.
- 67% of those surveyed said that the interventions had changed their behavior in a positive way, with 33% saying it had not. Some of the residents who claimed it had not changed their behavior felt they already had good practices or were home composting and had continued to do so throughout the trial. Of those who had changed their behavior, the vast majority felt most influenced by the signage, with only a small number attributing change to post cards and bin tags.



“ To increase the use of organics collection in MUDS and reduce contamination”

HOUSEHOLD ASBESTOS TESTING PROGRAM



OVERVIEW

The Home Asbestos Testing Kit program has now been operational for five years. The program allows homeowners two free of charge tests to identify asbestos in their homes before undertaking renovations. Instructions and PPE are provided to the householders with a satchel to deliver the sample to the laboratory. Post a positive result the coordinator forwards advice from Safe Work and provides information about professional asbestos removal in the region to encourage residents to do the right thing.

In 2019-20 the program delivered 308 kits to seven Northern Rivers Councils. The results for testing were 148 samples tested positive result for asbestos, and 160 negative readings. Positive readings are followed up by the project co-ordinator to provide additional information.

KEY OUTCOMES

- Due to fires in December and the Covid-19 outbreak there were limited masks available to purchase and this has had a significant impact on the program, as NE Waste orders and assembles the testing kits and provides them to Councils where residents can collect them.
- New media releases were made available for individual councils to use in the promotion of the program via social media and print media.



“To increase public awareness about the disposal of asbestos and improve their ability to deal with asbestos disposal safely ”

Test results by Council:

- Ballina: 70 tests 46 positive results
- Byron: 27 tests 15 positive results
- Clarence 15 tests 8 positive results
- Kyogle: 15 tests 15 positive results
- Lismore: 19 tests 14 positive results
- Richmond: 17 tests 14 positive results
- Tweed: 19 tests 14 positive results

TRAINING



“ Provide training, professional development and networking opportunities for landfill and education staff in the region. ”

Training and professional development is an important part of making NE Waste a cohesive and collaborative entity. It enables contractors and Councils to build skills that contribute to an enhanced performance in their roles.

In August 2019-20 a Behavioural Insight Training day was held in Ballina for NE Waste and Council Staff, supported by the NSW EPA. 23 people attended and were engaged in a day that focused on waste specific project design. Key learnings were:

- Why we need behavioural change, with a background on research in this area;
- How to better target our projects;
- How to design better interventions.

THE BETTER WASTE RECYCLING FUND



“ To support voluntary waste groups with regional coordination and infrastructure planning ”

In 2019-20 the Better Waste Recycling Fund supported the delivery of 3 existing programs – the Business Program, the Household Asbestos Testing Program and the #Recycleright campaign (now adopted by over 30 Councils across NSW, QLD and the ACT). The Fund also allowed us to secure an educational meeting space in Ballina that now houses all of NorthEastWastes collateral and provides a venue for education and training workshops and collaborative networking. After a promising start face to face events were stopped in February 2020 but resumed with restricted numbers in June 2020. NE Waste Contractors continued to use the workspace on a rotation basis through the intervening months, with social distancing and a Covid-19 workspace plan.

BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL



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MANAGER RESOURCE RECOVERY
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INNOVATIONS AND *ACHIEVEMENTS*

- Council delivered a focused education program applying educational stickers to all recycling, organics and waste bins throughout the Shire. This was followed by a comprehensive “lift the lid” contamination assessment program to provide direct feedback to residents regarding recycling behavior and performance in the home. The results were really satisfying, with low levels of contamination in both the recycling and organics stream.
- Implementation of a revised Resource Recovery team structure with the commencement of a new Manager Resource Recovery and Team Leader Waste.
- A new fleet of five collection vehicles were procured and mobilised. They include a bespoke waste management in vehicle data management system which has resulted in significant improvements to operational efficiencies, service delivery, safety and customer service. They will also be used in the development of a contamination program utilising the vehicle’s side and in-hopper cameras coupled with an exception reporting process.
- The public place bin network was upgraded throughout the Ballina CBD and Lake Ainsworth precincts, including the expansion of public place recycling network.
- A new contract for Council’s kerbside FOGO collection and processing was awarded.
- A new contract for the transport and disposal of waste and transport of recyclable material was awarded.
- Council negotiated with the NSW EPA to segregate its waste management center into two separate environmental protection licenses (resource recovery and landfill) to reflect current operations at the facility. This has resulted in significant administrative efficiencies and enabled potential to further expand and develop resource recovery operations at the site.
- Council installed 4 mobile CRC cabinets at various council facilities/building throughout the shire.



3 bin sticker roll out Samala and Jeremy



New waste truck fleet

KEY CHALLENGES

The COVID-19 Pandemic created numerous challenges for keeping staff and customers safe whilst continuing to deliver an essential service. Lockdown household clean-outs resulted in a significant increase in customers and waste volumes at the waste management center.

A fire and subsequent closure of Lismore’s Waste Facility resulted in the Ballina waste management facility being utilised by a significant proportion of Lismore’s customer base during the closure. The team pulled together and implemented creative solutions to manage the significant increase in customers and volumes of material managed at the site.

BYRON SHIRE COUNCIL



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INNOVATIONS AND *ACHIEVEMENTS*

Towards Zero – Byron Shire’s Integrated Waste Management and Resource Recovery Strategy was formally adopted by Council in May 2020 – paving the direction for waste management for the next 10 years with the ambitious target of achieving zero waste to landfill. The Strategy is underpinned by the waste hierarchy and circular economy frameworks, and its actions sit within four major objectives, these being to;

- Empower the community to increase avoidance, reuse and recycling activities
- Maintain and enhance solutions to recover/treat/ and dispose of residual waste
- Work with the business and tourism sector to reduce waste to landfill
- Lobby all tiers of government for policy reform

Council’s Butt Free Byron Shire program won the 2019 NSW Local Government Award for Environmental Excellence and is being used by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) as a model for litter reduction campaigns. Since 2017, Council’s litter reduction initiatives have resulted in a 78% reduction in cigarette butt litter on our beaches and a 31% reduction in the overall volume of litter across the Shire, and we are on track to achieve a 40% reduction in litter by the end of 2020. The Butt Free Byron Shire campaign was a team effort led by Council and involving Positive Change for Marine Life, Byron Bay life guards, the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, the NSW Department of Primary Industries, North East Waste and Reflections Holiday Parks, with \$100,000 in funding support from the NSW Environment Protection Authority Litter Prevention Grant under their Waste Less, Recycle More program.

In addition to the Butt Free Byron Shire initiative, in November 2019 we launched Take 3 for the Sea Byron, a litter reduction campaign aimed at reducing plastic pollution with an emphasis on social media engagement with visitors to the region.

A kerbside bin composition audit conducted by consultancy EC Sustainable in March 2020 revealed that 71% of waste was diverted from landfill – up from 51% in the previous 2016 audit. The audit also revealed that contamination rates in both the organics and comingled recycling had decreased, with recycling 5% points lower, and the organics 17% points lower than the 2016 audit. Whilst there is still work to be done, this is a great improvement.



Butt Free Byron Shire program won the 2019 NSW Local Government Award for Environmental Excellence



Positive Change for Marine Life

KEY CHALLENGES

19/20 has seen a number of challenges on the waste sector in our region – with drought, fire, flood and finally the Covid-19 pandemic. All of these issues has had an effect on the way in which we manage waste both at the kerbside and at our transfer station. Covid 19 saw an increased pressure on the Byron Resource Recovery Centre – with March and April 2020 volumes well in excess of the previous year despite people being told to stay home unless essential. With many taking the opportunity to have household clean ups this put extra pressures on staff, with a number of additional protocols to follow and implement to make the site Covid Safe. The backwards focus on takeaway and single use items has seen a lot of added pressure on the public place bin system, as well as out dog poo bag dispensers, adding extra servicing requirements and cost to Council to be able to keep up with the change in the ways people are congregating due to restrictions on venue numbers and a shift in focus to takeaway.

CLARENCE VALLEY COUNCIL



KEN WILSON

**WASTE AND SUSTAINABILITY
CO-ORDINATOR @ CLARENCE VALLEY COUNCIL**

INNOVATIONS AND *ACHIEVEMENTS*

In 2019-20 the team at CVC worked to improve waste management opportunities for aboriginal communities in their region. With funding support from the EPA the Baryugil Waste Transfer Station was upgrade with new fencing, new signage and additional and improved recycling facilities. The previously unsupervised site is now supervised during open hours. As a result access and safety at the site has improved, resource recovery has increased and the quantity of commercial and illegal waste disposal has been minimised.

In the same year:

- The 2020-27 Solid Waste Management Strategy was finalised and adopted by Council.
- Landfill Cell 4, stage 2 was completed and became operation in October 2019.
- Planning for Landfill Cell 4, stage 3 has commenced with construction planed for 2021/22.
- A new transfer station at Minnie Water was approved and construction commenced.
- Council adopted a gas filled balloon policy – banning the sale, distribution and release of helium filled balloons on Council controlled lands.



Bushfire and flood disaster waste



Baryugil Waste Transfer Station upgrade

KEY CHALLENGES

In addition to the challenges imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, CVC waste services were under increased pressure when an additional 21,000 tonnes of bushfire and flood disaster waste from the north coast region required a disposal solution at the Grafton Regional Landfill. The 12,500 tonnes of bushfire waste included over 2,700 tonnes of asbestos contaminated material.

KYOGLE COUNCIL



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INNOVATIONS AND *ACHIEVEMENTS*

In 2019-20 Kyogle Council focused on initiatives to increase recycling within the community and reduce the amount of waste going to landfill. Council's Tip Shop reopened to the public in December. Council sought expressions of interest from local community groups to operate the Tip Shop with income generated from the sale of items to be used to support community initiatives. The Tip Shop is operated by the Kyogle Resource Innovation Collective, a group of volunteers passionate about reducing environmental impacts, demonstrating how waste can be reused and upcycled and educating the community on sustainable living. The Tip Shop has been well supported by the community and on the back of this success, Council has plans to expand the space in 2020/21.

Council also rolled out two new Community Recycling Stations to make it more convenient for people to recycle common problem household wastes such as batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, printer cartridges, mobile phones and glasses. Kyogle's Community Recycling Centre (CRC) was also expanded to provide more space for recycling of problem wastes such as car batteries, paint and oils. Council's CRC also became a collection point for Paintback and X-ray recycling.

Also in 2019/20:

- Council extended its domestic waste collection contract with Solo Waste for a further three years.
- Planning commenced for construction of stage two of the landfill cell at the Kyogle Landfill Facility.
- Council entered an agreement with TOMRA Cleanaway to install a Reverse Vending Machine for the Return and Earn Scheme at the Kyogle Landfill Facility.



The Tip Shop



Community Recycling Stations

KEY CHALLENGES

In 2019/20 remaining capacity in the current cell at the Kyogle Landfill Facility came under pressure as a result of increased volumes of waste generated from the 2019/20 bushfires, household clean outs during the CO-VID 19 pandemic and disposal of waste diverted from the Lismore local government area during construction of their new cell. Construction of the stage two cell in 2020/21 will be critical to ensuring Council has capacity to landfill waste generated within the Kyogle local government area in future.

LISMORE CITY COUNCIL



KEVIN TRUSTUM
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INNOVATIONS AND *ACHIEVEMENTS*

2019/20 was a year of adversity and rebuilding for the Lismore City Council waste operations. A devastating fire caused significant damage to the regional composting facility and Materials Recovery Facility in August 2019, with prevailing drought and wind conditions igniting a blaze in the centre's large composting piles. Half of the Materials Recovery Facility and the compost processing facility was destroyed.

The repairs to the Materials Recovery Facility and the composting facility have been completed.

In the same year:

Council opened the new landfill cell 2B after some delay and has resulted in waste being landfilled in Lismore again as opposed to send it to Queensland.

Two expression of interests have been released to the market to firstly seek feedback on processing options for a large stockpile of contaminated compost and secondly to seek feedback on options to better manage the composting facility, materials recovery facility and waste sorting plant, including looking at alternatives or opportunities.

A new waste strategy is being developed and will be based on extensive community consultation.

Council ran a 6 month trial using posi shell as a daily cover on the landfill and based on the positive results, EPA have approved it for regular use, this will save thousands of tonnes of soil going to landfill to be used for cover material annually.



New landfill cell 2B



The repairs to the Materials Recovery Facility completed

KEY CHALLENGES

The key challenged this year has been dealing with the waste fire and bringing the facility back to normal operations while dealing with the challenged imposed by COVID-19.

RICHMOND VALLEY COUNCIL



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INNOVATIONS AND *ACHIEVEMENTS*

In 2019-20 RVC implemented improvements to Evans Head Waste Transfer Station starting with 'bedding in' the new weighbridge then installing a new gatehouse, a weighbridge roof and more CCTV.

The Bora Ridge Landfill was capped ready for surrender of the environmental licence and a security fencing improvement program was completed at the Evans Head Transfer Station and at the Nammoona Waste Facility, both funded primarily from Environmental Trust funding.

Another Environmental Trust grant of \$250,000 was approved for developing an organics composting facility in Casino.

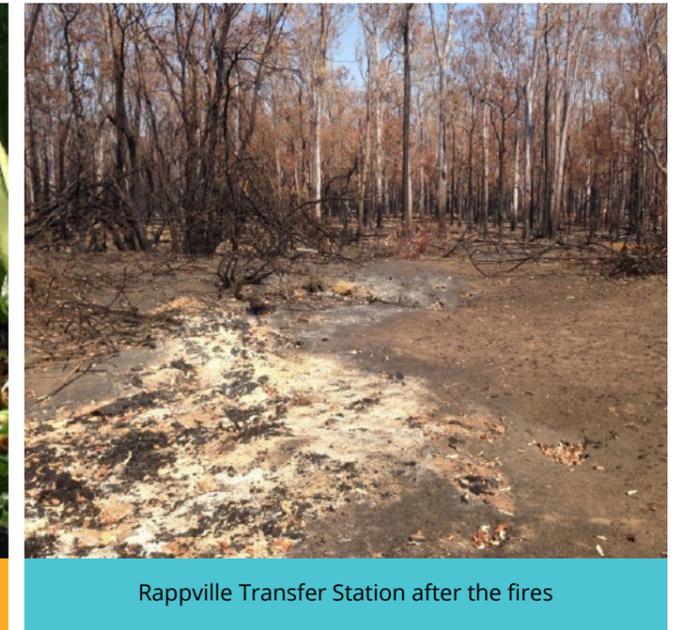
With the community education program RVC was acknowledged by the Australian Association of Environmental Educators for the innovative garden created to assist with education on food and garden organics (FOGO). RVC also purchased portable drinking water stations to be used at community events to promote reduced consumption of single use plastics.

A massive effort was made to assist bushfire affected communities with fire-related wastes. This included establishing temporary transfer stations to facilitate efficient waste disposal. Council also purchased an asbestos gun which was put to use at these temporary transfer stations.

Meanwhile RVC's Resource Recovery & Waste Strategy was adopted by Council.



FOGO Garden



Rappville Transfer Station after the fires

KEY CHALLENGES

RVC's operations and improvement projects were significantly impacted by the devastating bushfires. This was followed by Covid-19 which required RVC to continue to deliver waste and resource recovery services during a major working-from-home period, with waste education transitioning into a fully on-line program.

Finding a facility able to accept FOGO collections was a challenge but eventually resolved during the year.

Progress was made on the design of the new Cell 6 at the Nammoona facility after negotiations with EPA resulted in a decision to install a piggy back liner as an interface with the existing landfill cells.

TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL



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INNOVATIONS AND *ACHIEVEMENTS*

The 2019/2020 financial year has been both exciting and challenging as Council moved forward with the Towards Zero Waste Policy and the commencement of delivery on the capital works Master Plan.

To reflect the changing nature of waste management, a change of names was timely for the Waste Unit, Stotts Creek Resource Recovery Centre (SCRRC) and the Tip Shop - now the Resource Recovery Unit, Tweed Recycling and Landfill Centre (TRL) and Tweed Junktion – Tip Shop treasures.

The Towards Zero Waste Policy was developed, highlighting the circular economy and the avoidance of waste first. The draft policy was completed and placed on exhibition with 90% of residents supporting the policy as advertised, or with minor changes to the policy.

The Master Plan moved into a planning and delivery stage with exciting commencement of construction on the organics processing facility. In the design stage, the final landfill cell at Tweed Recycling and Landfill Centre, as well as the front of house works including road upgrades, a new weighbridge and site office and car park for the Tweed Junktion – tip shop. We look forward to the transformation of the site for its users.

We have also continued to rehabilitate the closed landfill sections using the plants that have been propagated on site in the hydroponic system using our own staff and resources. The fill and compost is all produced using materials brought into the site, a good outcome for all.



Tweed Shire Council celebrating Soilco's contract to build our community's Organics Facility. Wheelie the Wheelie Bin and his fruit and vege friends with the (from left) Director Sustainable Communities and Environment Tracey Stinson, Soilco General Manager Charlie Emery, Cr Katie Milne, Mayor of Tweed Cr Chris Cherry, Cr Ron Cooper and Cr Pryce Allsop.

KEY CHALLENGES

This year has also proved to be extremely demanding with floods, fires and the still present COVID-19 pandemic.

The demands of increased waste and the management of waste through the varied crisis's, each with different needs and requirements.

It has been difficult managing operational site staff and the public's safety with COVID safe measures put in place including closure of the non-essential components of our operations for a period of time during the early stages of the pandemic.

The loss of contact and the need to establish working from home for staff that didn't need to be in an office also presented challenges.

The team has proven to be resilient and flexible through these challenges and I am fortunate to have such a skilled and flexible team.

WASTE DISPOSAL AND RESOURCE RECOVERY

Reporting From
July 1st 2019 To 30th June 2020

2019-20 has been a challenging year for NE Waste Councils. Effective resource recovery in our region has been impacted by the proposed waste export bans, Covid-19 restrictions, bushfires and the destruction of our regional MRF and composting facility at Lismore. Despite these challenges most Councils have been able to maintain a reasonable recycling rate for comingled materials and FOGO. However, one Councils struggled to find a processing facility for their FOGO stream and this did impact on our overall rate, reducing it to 42%. This situation has since been rectified and now all Councils with a service have secured a home for the material.



RESIDUAL WASTE DROPPED OFF
23,007
TONNES



RECYCLING DROPPED OFF
5,141
TONNES



GARDEN ORGANICS DROPPED OFF
14,231
TONNES



E-waste
298
TONNES



Batteries
148
TONNES



Metal
6,007
TONNES



Community Recycling Centres
181
TONNES



NE WASTE GOVERNANCE & FINANCE

GOVERNANCE OF THE *GROUP*

NE Waste is governed under a Memorandum of Understanding between the 7 member Councils, that outlines the role and obligations of Councils and the Coordinator. A host Council administers our financial obligations and ensures our operations under their own policies and procedures. For the past four years Clarence Valley Council has hosted NE Waste. Member Councils meet in person at least four times per year. Each Council is entitled to a single vote, with decisions carried by majority vote.

Regional Waste Groups meet with the NSW EPA quarterly in Sydney and regional areas under the banner of RENEW NSW. These meetings include an update of each Group's projects and achievements, as well as encouraging discussion of issues that challenge the regional areas. These meetings have been held on a virtual platform during the Covid-19 pandemic. In addition, a meeting of NE Waste contractors is held on alternative quarters to allow updates to the Coordinator, resource sharing and support across projects. Under the Waste Less Recycle More Initiative reporting to the EPA by the Waste Group is annual. Once reporting is complete, funding is allocated for projects and administration.



THE NORTH EAST WASTE TEAM

FINANCES AND PROCUREMENT

The NSW EPA provides funding to develop and implement our projects and NE Waste reports on our outcomes, achievements and resource recovery on an annual basis. In addition, each member Council contributes between \$0.80 to \$1.00 per head of population towards operations, project development and implementation. This is capped at maximum of 50,000 residents. This means each Council shares in decision-making and contributes a proportionate share of running costs and project expenses.

Not all waste groups are fortunate enough to operate under this model and NE Waste appreciates that this combined expenditure allows us to develop and deliver high quality programs. Additional funding is sought from grant programs such as the Environment Trust and the Waste Less Recycle More initiative for specific projects. In 2019-20 NE Waste was again very successful in securing additional funds from the EPA and Environment Trust, increasing our budget from \$440,000 to \$1,049,000.

NE Waste can authorise expenditure for works or services by resolution at a meeting of the Working Group. Unless otherwise directed by the Working Group, procurement is undertaken in accordance with the procedures of the Host Council. The Host Council is responsible for the calling of and awarding tenders. The coordinator and group assist the Host Council by preparing any technical specifications and tender documents, assessing tenders, and making a recommendation to the Host Council regarding the preferred tenderer.

NE Waste delivers its projects through the engagement of contractors and consultants. This engagement is made under the procurement policies of the Host Council. In addition to the primary project coordinators a number of long term and experienced casual staff support NE Wastes education program. These contractors are vital to the ongoing delivery of projects and some have been fulfilling this role for more than 10 years. In 2019-20 they included:

Peter Notley, Danielle Davidson, Sally Prescott, Joanne Hoy, Flavio Stankievich and Nichole Walker.

In our operational and procurement decisions NE Waste strives to minimise our footprint by choosing to:

- Offset air travel
- Carpool when possible
- Purchase local or Australian made products
- Adopt, reuse and repair where possible
- Minimise waste, compost and recycle
- Use energy and water efficiently
- Make socially and environmentally ethical choices when operating for NE Waste

PROJECT EXPENDITURE AND BUDGET 2019-20

PROJECT	BUDGET ALLOCATED	EXPENDITURE	CARRY FORWARD OR RETURN TO RESERVE
CO-ORD AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT	\$98,000.00	\$97,220.84	\$779.16
COMMUNICATION	\$35,000.00	\$28,997.41	\$6,002.59
BUSINESS WASTE REDUCTION PROJECT	\$60,000.00	\$60,982.19	-\$982.19
YOUR BUSINESS IS FOOD	\$6,568.52	\$7,818.28	-\$1,249.76
CDS/STRATEGY	\$12,714.14	\$6,558.49	\$0.00
WASTE EDUCATION	\$100,000.00	\$95,115.32	\$4,884.68
RENEW	\$8,000.00	\$6,874.99	\$1,125.01
ILLEGAL DUMPING PROJECT	\$86,804.58	\$97,249.44	-\$10,444.86
COMMUNITY RECYCLING CENTRES (CRC)	\$102,888.09	\$77,342.95	\$25,545.14
LOVE FOOD HATE WASTE (LFHW)	\$19,791.51	\$20,900.41	-\$1,108.90
BETTER WASTE RECYCLING FUND (BWRP)	\$74,703.67	\$58,531.66	\$16,172.01
ASBESTOS HOUSEHOLD	\$15,000.00	\$15,503.35	-\$503.35
FOOD DONATION	\$34,576.44	\$26,460.94	\$8,115.50
CLEAN UP COUNTRY PROJECT (CUC)	\$54,008.11	\$26,560.10	\$27,448.01
LOVE FOOD COMMUNITIES	\$161,958.87	\$65,333.01	\$96,625.86
FOGO IN MUDS TRIAL	\$25,000.72	\$23,180.32	\$1,820.40
TRAINING	\$10,000.00	\$1,755.84	\$8,244.16
EDUCATION CO-ORD & MANAGEMENT	\$70,000.00	\$63,022.92	\$6,977.08
HOST COUNCIL CONTRIBUTION	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00
LITTER	\$66,924.51	\$44,612.92	\$22,311.59
TOTALS	\$1,048,939.16	\$831,021.38	\$211,762.13



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