

# FACT SHEET

## Waste management in the Cradle Coast



Do you know what waste management services are operating in our region?

It's the kind of thing that most people don't think about... and it's a sign of good waste management operations if it's not obvious.

Usually people only wonder about what happens to our waste if there is a problem – you'd certainly notice if rubbish was piling up on the street because it wasn't being collected or if more tip sites were needed because there were no recycling services, causing these materials to take up valuable space in landfills.

Planning, managing and maintaining waste management services and facilities is an important job; and it's also a big job involving many people, across many places and relying on specialist equipment.

This fact sheet, and the others in the Rethink Waste series, has been created to provide you with the big picture of waste management in the Cradle Coast region. It shows how our contributions to rates and the gate fees we pay at waste and recycling centres help us all to benefit from good waste management services.

### **Who's involved in waste management in the Cradle Coast?**

We all play a part in ensuring that our homes, workplaces, schools and public places are free from waste and are healthy environments for current and future generations.

Across the Cradle Coast there are many people employed in the delivery and maintenance of waste management services from garbage truck operators and environmental officers, to engineers and sorters on the recycling lines.

Seven Councils in the region participate in the Cradle Coast Waste Management Group: Burnie City, Central Coast, Circular Head, Devonport City, Kentish, Latrobe and Waratah-Wynyard. This group works together to deliver efficiencies in waste management and waste education. A good example is the regional kerbside recycling contract.

### **What waste management services exist where?**

There are 3 landfills and 12 transfer stations in the region that dispose of approximately 91,000 tonnes of waste per year. Transfer stations exist in Burnie, Castra, Preston, South Riana, Ulverstone, White Hills, Spreyton, Sheffield, Wilmot, Port Sorell, Wynyard and Waratah.

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A materials recovery facility for recycling is located in Spreyton. Recycling from across the Cradle Coast is transported to this facility for sorting and dispatch on to processing plants interstate and overseas. You can learn more about waste transfer stations and the materials recovery facility from other fact sheets in this Rethink Waste series.

### **What's involved in waste management in the Cradle Coast?**

There's more involved than first meets the eye! Each of these components relies on the others to ensure that quality waste management services are delivered in the Cradle Coast region:

<b>What's involved?</b>	<b>What does this include?</b>	<b>Who's involved?</b>
Bin provision and maintenance	Purchase, storage, and delivery of bins to households and workplaces; installation and maintenance of public-place bins and industrial bins	Your Local Council, Bin manufacturers
Waste and recycling education	Information, education and signage on recycling and waste management to improve resource recovery and reduce costs and problems with waste management once it enters the system	Your Local Council, The Regional Waste Management Group
Bin collection and transport	Garbage and recycling collection staff; trucks; equipment; fuel; and maintenance	Your Local Council, Veolia Environmental Services, Toxfree, Kelly's Waste Management
Waste transfer station and landfill management	Environmental protection; soil, air and water quality testing; infrastructure maintenance (gates, tracks, buildings, fences); landfill rehabilitation; landfill creation; and administration, health & safety and financial management	Your Local Council, Dulverton Waste Management
Materials recovery facility and recycling management	Staff and equipment to sort recyclables; storage of recyclables; administration, health & safety and financial management	Your Local Council, Veolia
Treatment of recyclables	Packing of recyclables; transport of recyclables to processors; and administration, health & safety and financial management	Veolia, Transport companies, Australian and international processors

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