

waste

OUR GOAL: As a whole community, currently we are diverting 59.15% from landfill. Council's target for this year is 63%*

THIS IS FROM OUR KERBSIDE COLLECTION. COUNCIL'S TARGET FOR THIS YEAR IS 63%.

This is a very similar result to last year however due to the dry weather City to Soil collections were down by 245T; but an increase in the amount we are recycling across the community (up by 138T) helped pull our diversion rate back up. Interestingly waste (red lid bin) was only up 28T.

Council's waste collection services include domestic and commercial waste collection, mobile units for recycling at public events, and collection points around the CBD for fluorescent lighting and sharps collection. We have one of the highest waste diversion rates in NSW.

COUNCIL REDUCING ITS OWN WASTE

Last year Council expanded its recycling bins from the Civic Administration Building (CAB) into the Library. With the recycling bins we're able to collect and recycle food and paper towels for composting, and paper and containers for recycling. This initiative has saved us \$7,000 in staff time, bin liners by eliminating the need for a skip bin collection.

We think staff in the CAB and library have matched the community's recycling achievement of diverting close to 60% of materials from landfill.

Prevention of illegal dumping at charitable recyclers: \$20,000.

This was a 10 week pilot program to reduce illegal dumping at charitable recyclers. This was funded by the NSW EPAs Waste Less Recycle More Initiative and the project was developed and managed by council. The charities that participated were the St Vincent de Paul Society, Lifeline NorthWest and the Salvation Army. In this program we educated the public through different media on what they can and cannot donate. We also provided the charities with surveillance cameras to deter dumping of unusable items. The video developed in the pilot is now being used by the EPA to roll out state wide.

[▶ watch the video](#)

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