



## Livingstone Shire is a special place

**We are surrounded by nature, vastly untamed coastline, natural bushland, incredible biodiversity and a thriving community.**

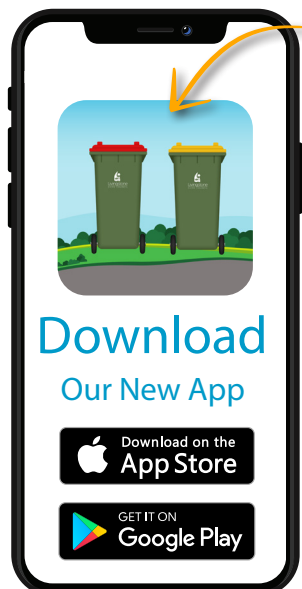
We love where we live and by thinking about the waste you generate, we can help preserve our natural environment for generations to come.

Each of us can change our lifestyle and commit to make one small change each quarter, and when practiced for the entire quarter, this will become a permanent and environmentally conscious lifestyle choice.

## Livingstone Waste Wise App

**Check out Council's new Waste Wise App.**

It has lots of Handy Hints and Information in relation to your kerbside waste service. Go to the App Store/Google Play on your iPhone/Android device and download the App today.



- CHECK YOUR BIN COLLECTION DAY
- A-Z LIST OF DISPOSAL OPTIONS
- DISPOSAL SITES
- LOTS OF OTHER HANDY HINTS



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## Shop Smart

**There are some things money can't buy!**

Use your purchasing power to avoid waste going direct to Landfill. The less waste sent to Landfill reduces the amount of methane and leachate produced from the decomposing waste. We can all make a difference to both our community and environment by using our Consumer Power. Ask questions of your local businesses where you buy your products and ask them if they recycle/reuse the products they sell at the end of the product's current life.

'By changing nothing, nothing changes', from Tony Robbins. This is a great quote, it is so simple and obvious, yet so accurate. We know in our hearts that this is true, yet we spend more time avoiding this than living by it. We must action our way out of problems and change does produce change! We live in a regional area, there are so many options for recycling and reuse of items in metropolitan areas, but due to transportation costs there are very few options in our region. A few of our larger local businesses which are in the metropolitan areas do recycle items such as household batteries, etc. at their metropolitan shop fronts. If we as a community request the change, nicely of course, then the change will eventually happen. No business will know a service is needed in our area if the customers do not ask for it.

Purchase from a local business who encourage container reuse/refill for the products

they sell. In CQ we have hairdressers who encourage you to bring your empty shampoo and conditioner bottles back to refill, plant nurseries who encourage you to refill your plant fertiliser with the range they sell in bulk and a lot of health food stores have bulk refill options as well.

To make changes in our local community we need to have friendly conversations and ask questions of the businesses we support, purchasing power is all about demand creating improvements in the amount of waste that is part of what we purchase. Start to think about the entire product you purchase; a simple example is toilet paper. We all know that we use the paper portion of this product, but we can always put the cardboard roll into our domestic kerbside recycling bin and then dispose of the outer soft plastic wrapper at a RedCycle bin. By doing this we are either using or recycling the entire product and none of it ends up in Landfill! Start to be conscious of every part of what you purchase; another example is don't purchase plastic wrapped fruit and vegetables, buy these products loosely from the Grocer and place them in your own mesh bags. Also investigate where you can take your own BYO container for take away items in your area reducing the amount of single-use plastics ending up in the Landfill from the Trashless Takeaway site [www.trashlesstakeaway.com.au](http://www.trashlesstakeaway.com.au)



# Plastic Isn't Fantastic - Soft Plastic Disposal

For any soft plastics, that cannot be disposed of in your home kerbside recycling yellow lidded bin, consider taking these items to a RedCycle bin.

This is a wonderful program where manufacturers, retailers and consumers share the responsibility in creating a sustainable future for soft plastics to prevent their disposal in Landfill.

These bins are located outside Coles and Woolworths information counters. This is a Melbourne company who have partnered with other Australian companies who convert soft plastic material into products such as indoor and outdoor furniture, bollards and signage.

There is huge range of options you can place in a RedCycle bin such as outer wrappers from biscuits, bread bags, frozen food bags, dry pet food bags, magazine wrappers, clingwrap, etc.



To find the full list of items visit the RedCycle website [www.redcycle.net.au/what-to-redcycle/](http://www.redcycle.net.au/what-to-redcycle/). Remember the more waste we keep from going to Landfill the better is the health of our environment and ourselves and future generations.

## Sustainable Livingstone Expo

**Livingstone Shire Council will hold the second Sustainable Livingstone Expo on Sunday 3 October 2021 from 10:00am to 3:00pm in Beaman Park and The Hub.**


The event will include workshops, interactive displays and stalls. We want to showcase the great work being done across the Livingstone community to improve sustainable practices across all sectors: at home, at work, and in the natural


environment. We want to deliver an engaging, informative, free event to the community that delivers a powerful message and drives behavioural change to protect our environment now and into the future.


# Council Waste Disposal Fee Changes

**Council's waste fees for the 2021/2022 financial year will commence at the Yeppoon Landfill and all Waste Facilities from 2 August 2021.**

There are 3 new charges:

 Each load of domestic greenwaste will attract a fee of \$5.00 or 1 Council domestic waste voucher. This charge will contribute towards the costs of processing the greenwaste which was nearly \$400,000.00 in the 2019/2020 financial year. Processing includes plant and labour for 'pushing' of the stockpiles to ensure efficient use of space, grinding of the greenwaste - once for standard mulch and twice for finer grade mulch - and managing the stock piles so they don't catch on fire. This fee will commence on 1 September 2021.

 It will cost \$10.00 per panel to dispose of Solar Panels as a large amount have been disposed of in the past 2 years due to hailstorms and panels installed since 2008 when the State Government rebate commenced are now coming to the end of their life.

 Good News – self-loaded standard grade mulch will no longer attract a fee. This will help our community to reduce the weeds and keep the moisture in their gardens for longer.



# Make a Pledge Each Quarter

**Make a small pledge each quarter that is easily implemented into your way of life**

A little bit of effort by us all will make huge changes and become part of our lifestyle permanently. Some examples for this quarter are listed to the side, or research to find a pledge that suits you. Please feel free to share your pledge on Council's Facebook page, a photo would be wonderful, as we'd love to see what each of you are doing.

- I pledge to recycle my e-Waste; or
- I refuse to buy plastic wrapped fruit and veges; or
- I'll pack waste-free lunches; or
- I pledge to rinse all containers before recycling.

## Plastic Free CQ - Have You Heard?

**Plastic Free CQ works directly with food businesses in Livingstone and Rockhampton to help them eliminate single-use plastic items, including takeaway containers, coffee cups, lids, cutlery, water bottles and straws.**

We help them remove or replace these items with reusable (preferred) or compostable alternatives.

The program has been running since March 2021, and we currently have 35 members and growing. Our current members have eliminated 22,274 pieces of plastic! The graph below shows what and how many items businesses have eliminated. That's some seriously positive impacts on the waste stream and our Shire in general! You can support our members by choosing to visit them, and either dine-in or use your BYO cup or water bottle. Let them know what a great job they are doing - it really helps to motivate them to know that their customers notice and care that they are making positive changes. Tell your friends and tag them on social media. You can find our members in the member directory on our website at [www.plasticfreecq.org](http://www.plasticfreecq.org).

Did you know there is a single-use plastic ban coming into force on 1 September 2021? Banned items will include plastic straws, cutlery, plates, bowls and expanded (foam) polystyrene. Avoid, reuse or switch now! For more information, contact Jo at [jo@plasticfreecq.org](mailto:jo@plasticfreecq.org). Check out our website at [www.plasticfreecq.org](http://www.plasticfreecq.org), follow our members and support their journey. It's a win-win for our community, environment and future generations. Thank you to the community for supporting our members.

Meet Leanne, Council's Principal Waste Officer. Leanne's role supports Council's direction by being responsible for the coordination of waste activities and administration of waste contracts.

