



Livingstone Shire Council is committed to diverting waste from our Landfill and encouraging behaviour change with the reuse and recycling of materials by residents in our community.

Our vision is to guide the Shire in the continual improvement of its waste management practices through innovation, education, and to promote avoiding, reducing, reusing, and recycling of waste before disposing of it.

100% Recyclable vs 100% Recycled

The words '**Recyclable**' and '**Recycled**' are all over packaging these days! It's important that we understand what we are purchasing and how our personal sustainability efforts make an impact.

Recyclable means a product that can be recycled rather than buried in the Landfill. These products only benefit the environment when people recycle them, otherwise they end up in the Landfill like everything else and their usefulness is waste. Almost anything can be '**recyclable**' but it still provides a problem of what to do with the recycled material.

Products that state they are **Recycled** means that they are made from or includes previously recycled material. By purchasing these products we offset the increased cost of recovery. '**Recycled**' products guarantee the market, encourages investment, creation of jobs and makes us part of the solution rather than part of the problem.

If you reduce the number of new plastics you purchase and recycle these instead, the more we get to a place where products continue to be used and reused rather than disposed.

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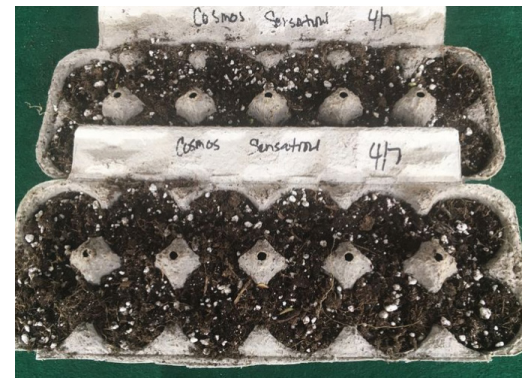
Make a Pledge

Make a small new 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 below, or you can research to find a pledge that suits you.

- I pledge to start a small compost system in my garden; or
- I will not purchase fruit and vegetable items that are wrapped in plastic; or
- I will not put soft plastic bags in my kerbside recycling bin, instead I will take them to a RedCycle bin.

Local Businesses Making a Difference

Some of our local coffee shops have started to give their trusty milk cartons one more job before they retire. These cartons are being used to carry take away coffee cups giving them a life extension. Another idea to reuse these cartons is to chop them in half and use them as seed planting boxes. Another idea for your seed planting is cardboard egg cartons; they act like peat pots and can be cut apart and planted in the ground and will eventually decompose.



Previous editions of our Clean and Green Waste eNewsletter can be read on Council's website here <https://www.livingstone.qld.gov.au/downloads/download/149/waste-and-recycling-newsletter>

AVOID THE TOSS TAP THE APP!

ANNUAL WASTE VOUCHERS WILL BE PROVIDED ELECTRONICALLY TO ALL RATEPAYERS THROUGH THE LSC WASTE WISE APP STARTING

1 SEPTEMBER 2022

DOWNLOAD THE APP NOW AND GO IN THE DRAW TO WIN 1 OF 5 WASTE COMPOST BINS!



FOR MORE INFORMATION:
WWW.LIVINGSTONE.QLD.GOV.AU/WASTE



HAVE QUESTIONS? WE THOUGHT YOU MIGHT!

Why is Council changing from paper vouchers to eVouchers?
eVouchers work the same as paper vouchers. The new ten (10) eVouchers will offer you a convenient and improved customer experience.

How do I get my eVoucher?
Visit the APP Store on your mobile device, download the Livingstone Waste Wise App, navigate to the Voucher icon and follow the instructions. *If you are a Landlord, please pass on the eVouchers to your tenants. This will assist them to keep your property clean and tidy.*

Can multiple property owners use the same eVouchers on their device?
All property owners can download the eVouchers onto their individual devices, however, each eVoucher can only be used once.

What if I own multiple properties?
You can download ten (10) eVouchers for each property that you own.

What if I don't have a smart device to download the App?
You can print from Council's website or visit one of our Customer Support sites and we can help.

Great Keppel Island Compost Program

Council's Natural Resource Management team have delivered a composting project on Great Keppel Island involving the supply of Subpod units to businesses and residents.

This activity is part of the Great Keppel Island Decarbonisation project which aims to improve the sustainability and resilience on Great Keppel Island and reduce the island's carbon footprint. The project has been funded by the Department of Environment and Science and administered by the Local Government Association of Queensland under the Great Barrier Reef Islands Decarbonisation program.

Subpod Units are in-ground vermicomposting units which can process approximately 30L of food organic waste a week. There will be a total of 22 Subpods on Great Keppel Island once all are set-up servicing ten homes and five businesses on GKI; this system will have the capacity to save 32,760L of organic waste.

For one of the businesses on the island, a sub-pod has been set-up for each day of the week to avoid overloading the system. Visitors to the island can also use these Subpods as it is a publicly accessible area and instructions for use are also on the inside of the units. The island's residents and businesses will have access to a rich compost once the Subpods are full.



Plastic Free CQ - Have you heard?

Plastic Free CQ members have eliminated over 300,000 of single-use plastic from waste and litter streams by swapping out a single-use plastic item or eliminating the item. If they can't eliminate an item due to need they are seeking alternatives that are Australian Certified compostable products.

300,000 of single-use plastic out of our waste and litter streams is a win for the community and environment as a whole. Members are also driving a reusable cup culture which saves small businesses money on stock and waste. Small business is only as strong as their immediate community, support small business by engaging in a swap-and-go system such as Green Caffein, dine in or take your reusable, on your daily coffee run/s.

'It's just one cup', said 1 billion people. They add up. Waste is the issue, less waste is the answer, reusables are the answer, and our community is the solution.

If you think your local café would like to work towards less waste, tell them about us today. It is easy and free to join, just head to www.plasticfreecq.org/join Be part of the solution to waste - less is the answer!



Livingstone Waste Wise App

Check out Council's new Waste Wise App.

CHECK YOUR BIN COLLECTION DAY

A-Z LIST OF DISPOSAL OPTIONS

DISPOSAL SITES

LOTS OF OTHER HANDY HINTS



WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RECYCLED & RECYCLABLE?



RECYCLED

A product that already includes content from previously used material. In other words, recycled content means that the new product you're using – let's say, a paper cup – was made at least in part from content that has been recycled.



RECYCLABLE

A product labeled as recyclable can go into the recycling bin, versus the land-fill. Basically, these products have the potential to be re-processed into something new, once collected and sorted at a material recycling facility (MRF).

 SUSTANA FIBER

WTF... It's not what you think - Waste The Facts!

New research conducted by ALDI Australia shows a reduction in plastic waste is top of mind for shoppers, with 73% of Australians agree that supermarkets should work with their suppliers to reduce the packaging on products. This enthusiasm for greater recycling action extends into their own homes as well, with 64% saying it is important that packaging left over from a grocery shop can be recycled.

A great news item is Cleanaway will partner with Urban Utilities and turn food waste, fat, oil and grease waste and turn it into renewable energy at Luggage Point, read more about this project here <https://www.awa.asn.au/resources/latest-news/utility-transforms-food-waste-to-power-in-circular-economy-initiative>.

Buy it back!

Choose products and packaging that are made using recycled materials to ensure your old packaging gets a new life!



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