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Strathbogie Shire ranked number two in Victoria for diversion of kerbside waste

A recent report released by Sustainability Victoria has ranked the Strathbogie Shire municipality number two for diversion of kerbside collected waste out of 79 local government areas in Victoria.

The Strathbogie Shire diverted 67 percent of waste into recycling and organics in 2016-17, second in the state to Wodonga, with a diversion rate of 70 percent.

Strathbogie Shire Chief Executive Officer, Mr Steve Crawcour said residents and businesses in the Strathbogie Shire should be commended for their recycling efforts.

“This is a fantastic result for our area, especially when you consider the state-wide average of 46 percent diversion,” Mr Crawcour explained.

“We congratulate our community on their ongoing commitment to the three bin system which we are proud to say is working really effectively.”

Mr Crawcour said the next step for Council is focusing on community education to minimise waste generation and continue to reduce bin contamination levels.

“We are partnering with Mitchell and Murrindindi Councils to develop a Waste Education Strategy for the Southern Goulburn Region,” Mr Crawcour explained.

“Our Waste Education Officer, Grace Davis -Williams, is currently meeting communities across the three shires to find out what people want to know more about when it comes to waste and recycling.”

“With feedback from the survey and recent pop-up events, we will be able to put together an education program tailored to the needs of our communities,” Mr Crawcour said.

With the recycling industry currently facing significant challenges, primarily associated with China’s decision to restrict the import of recyclable materials, Victorian Councils are calling on the State and Federal Government for stronger leadership and increased investment to find longer term measures to ensure the sustainable future of recycling in Australia.

Mr Crawcour said whilst our recycling service is continuing as normal, it is important for residents and businesses to continue to look at ways to generate less waste in the first instance.

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