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SOUTHERN FLEURIEU AND KANGAROO ISLAND COMMUNITIES WORKING TO WASTE LESS

The communities and Councils of the southern Fleurieu and the Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority (FRWA) have worked diligently over the last 12 months to reduce the amount of waste generated across the region.

Through best practice services FRWA achieved a 66% diversion of waste away from landfill which follows the trend started in previous years, and is a 3% increase to the previous financial year.

The annual statistics collated by FRWA, which provides kerbside bin collection and operates the three Waste and Recycling Depots on the mainland and the Kangaroo Island Resource Recovery Centre (KIRRC), showed a slight downward trend in total waste in Alexandrina Council, City of Victor Harbor and District Council Yankalilla and only a slight increase for Kangaroo Island Council.

Over the last 12 months FRWA delivered approximately 1.7 million kerbside bin pickups across all four Councils in the southern Fleurieu region, collecting-:

- 12,058t of general waste which is disposed of in landfill;
- 4,528t of greenwaste which is mulched;
- 4,658t of comingled dry recyclables which is recycled.

56.9% of all waste generated in the southern Fleurieu was managed through FRWA's Waste and Recycling Depots, which achieved a diversion rate of 82.8% of waste from landfill and into various recycling streams with -:

- 3,900t of greenwaste processed into mulch,
- 8,900t of rock and inert construction waste processed into road base,
- 1,100t of scrap metal diverted to recyclers,
- 2,018 mattresses (37% increase to 2016/17) stripped with metal springs recovered for recycling,
- 35,000 litres of waste oil (28% increase to 2016/17) collected and diverted to recyclers,
- 616kg of light globes (70% increase to 2016/17),
- 15t batteries (88% increase to 2016/17), and
- 11t of DrumMuster containers diverted to recyclers.

"The disposal of solid waste general waste from residents and businesses has traditionally involved disposal to landfill. There has, at least until recent times, been a mentality that as waste was taken from our doorsteps and disposed of at landfills, hidden away from community lines of sight; it did not really affect us. That option is now recognised as being dated, unsustainable and, in SA, expensive because of the landfill levy that our communities bear for each tonne of waste disposed to landfill." wrote Michael Kelledy, Chairperson, FRWA in the 2018 Annual Report.

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Education and promotional programs within the community remains a high priority for FRWA with community education being based around:

- Waste avoidance and reduction - with community group and school education sessions delivered to 1546 people; promotion of waste less events attended by over 236 people and composting workshops attended by over 600 people;
- Reduction of food organics and greenwaste in general waste -with a current Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) campaign launch in November 2018;
- Recycle right and recycle more - with residential bin tagging events held in Alexandrina Council and City of Victor Harbor in 2018, and planned for District Council of Yankalilla in 2019;
- Hazardous waste management - with a range of hazardous waste materials which should not be disposed of in the kerbside bin such as light globes/tubes, batteries, printer cartridges, X-rays, mobile phones and waste oil accepted at the Waste and Recycling Depots and KIRRC.

FRWA's staff is committed to working with the communities of the southern Fleurieu to achieve even better results in the reduction of total waste and diversion waste generated, into environmentally sustainable and cost effective waste streams in the coming years.

The FRWA Board acknowledges the support of and efforts our local communities make to recycle more and assist us in achieving these results.

For further information or to book an education session, please contact FRWA E: admin@frwa.com.au or T: 8555-7405 or check the FRWA website www.frwa.com.au.

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