COUNCIL INTRODUCES NEW FOOD AND GARDEN WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE

At the time of collection the average garbage bin in the Mid-Western Region is only 80% full and of that 60% is organic material.

To make use of this valuable resource and divert waste away from landfill, Council is introducing a Food and Garden Waste Collection service on 1 July.

Standalone residential properties with an existing garbage collection service will receive a new Food and Garden Waste bin throughout May and June as part of the service rollout.

Mayor Des Kennedy said residents will receive an education pack with their new bin explaining how to use the new service.

“Rather than taking up more space in limited landfill reserves, your kitchen scraps and garden waste will now be made into a new resource,” Cr Kennedy said.

“This is a great outcome for ratepayers and the environment,” Cr Kennedy said.

“The new service will divert 3,000 tonnes from landfill each year, extending the life of the current Waste Facility by 10 to 15 years and subsequently saving millions of dollars in replacement landfill space.”

Food and Garden Waste bins will be collected weekly along with General Waste whilst blue and yellow recycling bins will rotate fortnightly. Introduction of the new service will require some changes to waste and recycling collection in Rylstone, Kandos and Gulgong. Details of these changes will be advised in coming months.

Ratepayers with an existing garbage collection will notice an adjustment to their Rates Notice to reflect the additional collection and processing service.

This fee increase will be added to the Domestic Waste Management charge on annual Rates Notices.

For more information visit Council’s website.

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