



An important message from our Mayor

As a community we are moving forward into an exciting new and innovative phase of waste management which will see substantial environmental and economic benefits for our Valley. With your support our goal is to divert more than 60% of our domestic waste from landfill, significantly reducing our carbon footprint, saving landfill space and easing the burden of the State Government's 'Waste to Landfill' levy.

Our biggest innovation will see the recovery and reuse of all food waste with the new green organics bin. New and advanced composting facilities built at the Grafton Regional Landfill site will convert all of our food and garden waste into high quality compost and soil conditioners. We'll also see further investment in a new Recycling centre designed to process all of the Valley's domestic and commercial recyclables. Sorting our waste has never made more sense and with the larger recycling bins we have no excuse not to recycle every piece of paper, every can and every bottle.

The message for us all is very clear - it may be rubbish, but when handled with care, our rubbish becomes a reusable and valuable resource. I know some of the changes may be challenging, however I am more than confident the Clarence will embrace this challenge just as other regions have. I encourage you to be involved, to sort your waste and to help make our new waste system work efficiently so that we, as a community, reach our goal!

Please take time to read this information pack designed for you by our very own internationally acclaimed **dirtgirl** and **scrapboy** who have been appointed our exciting new Clarence Valley Waste Ambassadors.

There are some important instructions overleaf. If you need help or further information on the new waste system, please contact our Waste Hotline on 1800 33 55 99 or visit www.clarence.nsw.gov.au



Councillor Richie Williamson - Mayor



rubbish...handle with care!



Important Instructions for changing to the new waste collection service

Please remember that the new waste collection service will commence on the 30 July 2012 and your new bins should **not** be put out for collection **before** this date.

Information kit

Inside your information kit you should receive the following:

- An introduction letter from our Mayor Richie Williamson
- A detailed information booklet on the new waste system
- A collection calendar detailing which week your bins will be collected
- A dirtgirl sticker to be fixed to the front of your kitchen organics bin (if supplied)
- A bin collection day schedule. (Some areas will see a change in collection days)
- A red bin sticker to stick on the lid of your existing red bin
- A yellow bin sticker to stick on the lid of your existing yellow bin if you selected to retain your existing 240 litre bin. If you opted for the larger bin you may stick this sticker to the underside of your new 360 litre yellow bin lid.

New Bins

Green Bin: If you live in a green bin collection area you should have received a new 240 litre bin with a lime green lid. This bin will be used for the weekly collection of food and garden waste.

Kitchen Green Bin: If you received a new green bin you should have also received a small green kitchen bin. Use this bin in the kitchen to collect all of your food waste before emptying into your large green bin. Refer to the information booklet for hints on how to collect and wrap food waste. Don't forget to stick the dirtgirl sticker to the front of your kitchen bin.

Yellow Bin: Residents who did not elect to retain their existing yellow bin should receive a new 360 litre yellow bin. If you or your landlord elected to keep your existing yellow bin you should remove the internal divider after 30 July 2012. Simply lever the clips off with a screwdriver. The divider can be left in the bin for recycling.

Old Green and Yellow Bins

From 6 August the contractor will start to collect all unwanted old green and yellow bins. All you need to do is leave your empty old bins on the kerbside where you would normally place your bins for collection from August 6. The collection may take 2-3 weeks.

Further Information

If you require further information please visit Council's website www.clarence.nsw.gov.au or phone Freecall **1800 33 55 99**

New service begins 30 July 2012