

A message from dirtgirl

Hi to all my friends in the Clarence Valley!
dirtgirl here to talk a whole lot of rubbish with you!

Managing waste has become a big conversation in our community. The Council has taken it so seriously it has introduced a new waste collection system and built a new state-of-the-art resource recovery centre. Council is making these changes now because they care about our future. Council also recognises that as a community we care too, so we need to work together to handle our rubbish with care ... and that's just the start.



In the Clarence we waste a lot of stuff, it's clear we all have to do something. Keeping resources that can be reused and recycled out of landfill is a great place to start.

And there are many benefits: less landfill means less greenhouse gases and long-term savings for our community, but more about that later ...

The biggest news is that most households will get a new bin and it happens to be my favourite colour ... it's a new **GREEN** bin!

The new **GREEN** organics bin will have a bright green lid and will be collected every week. It's a revolution in dealing with food scraps and garden waste.

You may have trouble believing this, but you can now put meat scraps, chicken carcasses, fish bones and even prawn heads into the new **GREEN** bin, along with your garden waste and veggie peelings. True! The new recovery centre at South Grafton will process all this waste into lovely compost!

Isn't that amazing?

rubbish...handle with care



If you're not sure what goes in the **GREEN** bin, ask yourself this simple question:
"Was it once a living thing?"
If it was - it can!

To prevent smells, simply wrap your food scraps in newspaper and pop the bundle in the **GREEN** bin. Newspaper was once a tree ... a living thing, so it passes the "is it organic?" test and can go in the **GREEN** bin along with scraps. Yay!

The **YELLOW** recycling bin is getting bigger ... heaps bigger, and it won't have a divider any more so you can just toss your **RECYCLABLES** straight in!

YELLOW bins will be collected every fortnight ... with a bigger bin that should be just right!

Which leaves the **RED** bin ... the bin of last resort! **RED** bins will be collected on the opposite fortnight to the **YELLOW** bins - and by now I hope you're getting the idea that

not a lot goes in the **RED** bin. In fact it's only the **ABSOLUTE RUBBISH** that will find its way into the red bin and then into landfill.

The rest of this booklet has oodles of information and details about the new service. Stick the fridge magnet on the fridge now for easy reference later and you'll always know which bin to put out for collection.

Change always brings something new and it can take a while to get used to, but don't forget, we're all in this together. This is an exciting time for the Clarence Valley and together we can celebrate a new and better way of dealing with our waste.

with love from
dirtgirl xx

