

Dear residents,

I am delighted to share an update on the successful weekly organics trial in your area. By embracing the green bin for food scraps and other organic materials, we have substantially reduced landfill waste. When we reduce landfill waste, it saves Council money and has environmental benefits. This project is delivering a more responsible approach to waste management and Council deeply appreciates the community's support.

Trial achievements

The trial has demonstrated the benefits of weekly organic collection. One common metric used to assess management of waste is 'diversion' from landfill. Materials that are recycled or composted are 'diverted' from landfill. The diversion rate in Burnside is typically 61 per cent. During the trial, the community has achieved a much-improved diversion rate of 76 per cent. This means that a lot less waste is going to landfill.

Trial extension

Given the positive results, Council has decided to extend the weekly organics trial to the end of June 2025. This approach aligns with the council's responsibility to manage waste efficiently and reduce unnecessary costs. We are keen to continue the trial into next financial year, subject to Council budgetary processes. Council will provide an update as soon as possible.

Need additional support?

While weekly organics suits most households, some households will need extra support. Please contact Council staff to discuss all your options for bins and compostable bags.

Thank you!

The community's participation is key to the success of this project. Should you have any questions or require assistance, contact details are below.

Anne Monceaux Mayor, City of Burnside

