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Waste strategy group on a roll

The steering committee for Horsham’s new waste strategy held its inaugural meeting late last month.

Chairman of the committee Cr David Grimble said the committee had a good mix of urban and rural community members, youth, and a range of waste industry specialists.

“The first meeting set the scene for the project, with each member providing an outline of their interests in waste. These issues will form an important part of the scope of the project,” Cr Grimble said.

“The committee is keen to hear from the community about issues that they see as being important for this waste strategy to tackle. Issues such as a green waste bin service, hard waste collection, and tip vouchers regularly come up. We want to know what other waste related issues the community is interested in.

“People can see the draft list of the issues on Council’s website, and can easily respond using the links shown on that page.”

Cr Grimble said that recycling was one of the biggest issues for the new strategy.

“Horsham currently ranks 78th lowest out of the 79 municipalities in Victoria for the percentage of material diverted from going to landfill through recycling.

“Council is obviously keen to improve this percentage as it’s good for the environment and can save costs of operating the landfill, including landfill levies paid to the government.”

The committee will meet monthly with an aim to have the strategy completed by late-2017.

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