

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## Waste committee reviews community feedback

A committee helping Horsham Rural City Council with its waste strategy has recently reviewed community feedback on the issues they would like to see considered in the new strategy.

Key issues raised were provision of a green waste recycling bin, hard waste collections, and increased recycling services.

Council's Director of Technical Services, John Martin, said feedback was received on both the Council and the Nati Noticeboard Facebook pages.

"All the comments received were presented to the committee and have been listed in an update on Council's website," Mr Martin said.

The committee has also suggested that further information be provided to the community to highlight some of the options for Council's existing services, including the option of additional recycling bins at no charge, and the opportunity to drop metal waste at transfer stations at free of charge.

"The committee has discussed the overall costs of Council's waste service and heard that the service is not funded by general rates, but through separate charges for the waste bin service and money collected for gate fees at transfer stations and Dooen Landfill."

"The committee is looking at options to improve Council's waste services, based on the community's goals, and will explore how the costs of any additional services would be funded."

More details on the strategy process, including the full list of feedback received from the community, can be found on Council's website at www.hrcc.vic.gov.au/infrastructure/waste-management/waste-strategy.

The committee will continue this work during the second half of 2017.

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