



# CLEAN & GREEN newsletter



## Welcome!

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The concept of this newsletter is to provide tips and information on how each of us can change our lifestyle and make one small change each quarter, and when practiced for the entire quarter this will become a permanent and environmentally conscious habit.

Huge changes can be very difficult to make and maintain for many of us. Livingstone Shire Council is committed to diverting waste from our Landfill and increasing the reuse and recycling of materials by residents in our community.

Our vision is to guide the Shire in the continual improvement of its waste management practices through innovation,

education and the promotion of avoiding, reducing, reusing and recycling of waste before disposing of it.

Our population is rising which in turn has increased the amount of waste disposed at all Council landfills in Queensland. The world population has grown from 1 billion in 1800 to 7.8 billion in 2020!

We can no longer be a "throw away"

society where we are strongly influenced by consumerism and single-use items, disposable packaging, and the purchase of general consumer products not designed for re-use or keeping for a lifetime.

It is time that we all made small changes to our lifestyles from dumping of our waste to making it a resource recoverable item.



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## A word from Mayor, Andy Ireland

**The war on waste is relentless. Livingstone Shire is being proactive in its campaign against waste!**

I am thrilled to support this initiative for the betterment of our community. The war on waste is relentless, and Livingstone Shire is being proactive in its campaign against waste through various initiatives including expansion of waste facilities, awareness campaigns, increased numbers of waste bins, recycling, and supporting organisations of like mind who want to minimise waste. When it comes to waste, remember the saying, *"The standard you walk past is the standard you accept."*

## Waste & Recycling Bin Collection Day

**How do I find out my waste & recycling bin collection day?**

If you go to Council's website at this link <https://www.livingstone.qld.gov.au/mybinday> and enter your property address in the field on the map, your collection day code will appear on the screen. The recycling calendar can be downloaded from this link <https://www.livingstone.qld.gov.au/living-here/my-property/waste-and-recycling>.

## WTF...it's not what you think - Waste, the Facts!

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- It is estimated that 129 billion face masks and 65 billion plastic gloves are used and disposed of every month worldwide!
- In February there was 1,776.25 tonnes of waste disposed of and buried at Council's Yeppoon Landfill. This waste comes from areas in our entire Shire.



I will say no to plastic straws



I pledge to repair vs replace

## What does Council do with...? Tyres

**Each year in Australia, millions of tyres reach the end of their life, all tyres received by Council are recycled!**

Each year in Australia millions of tyres reach the end of their life, with only 16% of these being domestically recycled. Around two thirds of used tyres in Australia end up in Landfill, or are stockpiled or illegally dumped or have an unknown end fate! Council sends all disposed tyres to a company in Brisbane who recycle these tyres and create new rubber products such as playground soft fall material found in children's play areas all over the country. Such a great example of a productive way to use old tyres.

## Plastic Free CQ - Have you heard?

**From 1st September, single-use plastic items will be banned in Queensland!**

From 1st September 2021, single-use plastic items such as straws, cutlery, stirrers, plates and bowls will be banned in QLD. It's a massive win for the environment, but it can also be challenging for small businesses to transition.

Jo Stoyel is the new coordinator of Plastic Free CQ, one of the Boomerang Alliance's Plastic Free Places programs. Jo will be working with our local food retailers to help them choose the right alternative products they need, where to find them, and provide support to make the transition quick and easy. It's totally free to businesses (State Government funded) and Jo can also help businesses reduce packaging costs.

It's not just for the banned items either - Jo can help businesses to eliminate all single-use plastics, and certify those that do as Plastic Free Champions! The community can get involved too by supporting and encouraging participating businesses. To find out more (including what businesses are involved and how they can join up) head to [www.plasticfreecq.org](http://www.plasticfreecq.org)



## Create a Habit - Make a Difference!

### Refuse

Learn to say no. Say no to single use plastic, say no to straws. Say no to items that will immediately go to landfill and stay there - permanently.

### Reduce

Don't impulse buy and reduce your general consumption. Don't buy a million types of products and never use them. Simplify your life too and use multiuse and natural, homemade products. Reduce the amount of general waste you create.

### Reuse

Stop using disposable products at all. Replace them with more sustainable alternatives. Say no to disposable and yes to reusables! If things break, try to fix and repair them instead.

### Recycle

After refusing, reducing and reusing, there shouldn't be much left to recycle. Just make sure you clean and separate your recycling properly and recycle them in the correct place.

### Food & Garden Organics

Turn your kitchen fruit and vegetable scraps into compost or set up your own worm composting bin.



# Make a Pledge Each Quarter

**Make a small pledge each quarter that is easily implemented into your way of life**

Make a new small pledge each quarter that is easily implemented into your way of life. A little bit of effort by us all will make huge changes and become part of our lifestyle permanently. Some examples for this quarter are listed to the side, or research to find a pledge that suits you. Please feel free to share your pledge on Council's Facebook page, a photo would be wonderful, as we'd love to see what each of you are doing.

## I pledge...

- I pledge to repair vs replace; or
- I will use my own coffee cup rather than a disposable takeaway cup; or
- I pledge to buy no new clothes for one year; or
- I will say no to plastic straws.

## A Word from Cr Andrea Friend

**The war on waste is ramping up as plastics are polluting our water ways and killing our marine life**

As portfolio holder of recycling and recoverable, I believe in leading by example. The war on waste is ramping up as plastics are polluting our water ways and killing marine life. It all starts with a first step and I no longer use garbage bags, I use a bucket or a bin, then wash it out regularly. So say no to plastic bags and in doing so your contribution will enhance our beautiful shire, from the bush to the beach.



# Environmental Sustainability Report

**Livingstone Shire Council: Jan 2020 - Dec 2020**

<b>Total tonnes of paper securely recycled</b>	<b>2.03</b>
Trees saved	34.51
Reduction of greenhouse gases	0.812
Landfill space saved - m3	6.5975
Energy savings	36.54
Water saved - Ltrs	48.111



<b>Facts about paper/cardboard recycling</b>
Recycling 1 tonne of paper saves 17 trees*
Recycling 1 tonne of paper saves 0.4 tonnes of greenhouse gases**
Recycling 1 tonne of paper saves 3.25 m3 of landfill space**
Recycling 1 tonne of paper saves 4400 kW of energy**
Recycling 1 tonne of paper saves 26.5 kL of water



Council's Waste Services team hope you have found our first newsletter of value. The next edition is scheduled for August 2021, watch this space!

