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Council wants to hear your thoughts on waste and resource recovery

Council has released its draft Waste & Resource Recovery Strategy which is available for public comment until 5pm Friday 3rd May, and we want your feedback!

The strategy will guide the development and improvement of current waste and resource recovery practices to ensure sustainable outcomes for the collection, disposal and recovery of resources from waste generated in the shire over the next five years.

Strathbogie Shire Mayor Amanda McClaren said Council recognises the community is passionate about waste and finding innovative and sustainable ways of living, and encourages people to put forward their ideas and provide feedback on the draft strategy.

"Some of the key objectives in the strategy include reducing the quantity of waste sent to landfill, reducing litter and improving waste infrastructure in public places, promoting waste minimisation and participating in regional, state and national partnerships," Mayor McClaren explained.

"Another key focus area will be in advocating on behalf of our communities on waste and resource recovery issues, especially with the current challenges the recycling industry is facing, primarily associated with China's decision to restrict its import of recyclable materials."

To provide feedback on the draft strategy, it must be provided in writing either via email to <u>info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au</u> or by dropping in a written submission to Council Offices at 109A Binney Street.

The strategy can be viewed on Council's website <u>www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/council/about-</u> <u>council/public-notices</u> and copies are available for viewing at Council Offices and at the libraries across the Strathbogie Shire.

Those who provide submissions to the draft strategy will have the opportunity to speak to their submission before Council at a Special Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 14 May 2019, commencing at 5pm in the Euroa Community Conference Centre.

Following consideration of submissions, Council will review the strategy in light of community feedback, and the final strategy will be submitted to Council for formal consideration at a date to be determined.

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