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COUNCIL TO INTRODUCE KERBSIDE RECYCLING SERVICE

At its Ordinary Council Meeting on Monday 11 December, the Alice Springs Town Council accepted a tender for the provision of a kerbside waste and recycling collection service.

To date, Alice Springs residents have either personally delivered their household recyclables to the Regional Waste Management Facility, or contracted a third-party collection services. Council's kerbside service will simplify the process of recycling, and divert additional waste from landfill.

"This is an incredibly important next step for our town" said Mayor Damien Ryan.

"Through Council's research and conversations with the public, it has been made clear that our community would like kerbside recycling implemented.

From 1 July 2018, all rate paying non-rural properties in Alice Springs will receive a yellow-lidded 240 litre wheelie bin for recyclable items, which will be collected fortnightly. Existing 240 litre general waste bins will continue to be collected on a weekly basis.

The fee for this additional service in the 2018/19 financial year will be \$60 to relevant rate paying properties, along with existing waste management charges.

"This is both a financially and morally responsible decision, which has been under active consideration for over twelve months. The previous Council commenced a process of research, planning and tendering in 2016. On Monday evening that work was concluded as Council accepted the tender for this service from Cleanaway" said Mayor Ryan.

“For a town so distant from any major port or manufacturing centre, achieving a viable kerbside recycling service really is a fantastic outcome. We’ve worked hard to ensure that the service is effective, while also being affordable for ratepayers.”

“Council is committed to managing the community’s resources effectively and responsibly. Diverting recyclables from the waste stream will extend the lifespan of our landfill site, saving Council and the community costs in the long term. It’s our children and grandchildren who will benefit the most from this outcome.”

Further details will be made available closer to the commencement of this new service.

This announcement is paired with Council’s release of a draft Alice Springs Town Council Strategic Plan for public comment.

“Today we are also releasing our draft 2018-2021 Strategic Plan. This Plan outlines Council’s objectives for Alice Springs to be a dynamic community, a great place to live, and a leader in sustainability” said Mayor Ryan

“Among other things, the draft Strategic Plan outlines Council’s goal to reduce the community’s waste by 5% per annum over the next four years. We will also be ensuring that Council’s facilities are powered by 50% renewable energy by the end of 2021.”

“I encourage the community to have a look at the draft Strategic Plan on Council’s website, and let us know what they think.”

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