

Council highlights presented to the community on the last Friday of every month

Council's Waste and Recycling Team have been working hard behind the scenes to develop and implement more sustainable programs and practices for our municipality. This month we share some exciting new initiatives with you.

NEW Waste Management Strategy

A specialised consultant has been engaged to review our waste and recycling services and we will be inviting community feedback on all things waste related! Community feedback will help shape our final 10-year Waste Management Strategy – keep your eyes peeled for more information!



Upcoming Four Waste Stream Service

In the New Year, Council will undertake community consultation and invite feedback on how we will deliver the State Government mandated, four waste stream service, so that more of our waste than ever before can be recycled and turned into new products! How good!

Detox your home

Clean out those unwanted household chemicals and dispose of them safely, and free of charge, at Sustainability Victoria's Detox your Home event on Saturday, 17 February 2024. For more information and to pre-register for the event, scan the QR code.



Battery Recycling

There are lots of reasons to keep your used batteries out of your kerbside bins including fires, and the spread of hazardous materials. But also, recycling used batteries correctly means we can make the most of existing resources! Win-win! Dispose of your used household batteries thoughtfully, and free of charge at Council's Splatt Street Office or in designated bins at the Swan Hill and Robinvale landfills.



Free mulch!

Did you know that mulched green waste is available to residents to self-load, free of charge all year round? Simply bring along a trailer to Swan Hill or Robinvale landfills and load as much as you like! **Disclaimer:** We can not guarantee mulch will be free of weeds or other contaminants.



Container Deposit Scheme

CDS has arrived in Swan Hill! With a collection point in Swan Hill and Robinvale, residents can return most drink containers (between 150mL – 3L) for a 10c refund. The scheme is funded by the beverage industry and will contribute to Victoria's target of diverting 80% of all municipal waste away from landfill by 2030. For more information visit – <https://cdsvic.org.au/> www.visy.com.au/about-cds



More exciting projects!

We're excited to announce that Swan Hill Rural City Council has been awarded funding from Victoria's Circular Economy Councils Fund for the following projects:

- Circular Agricultural Plastics Economy (CAPE) project will see agricultural plastic waste materials collected and remanufactured into fence posts, irrigation pipes and other farming essentials.
 - A mattress processing and recycling facility will be established at the Swan Hill Transfer Station to dismantle end of life mattresses.
 - A new compost facility will be established in Ultima and future green waste and food organics will be processed into compost.
- We're proud to support Victoria's transition to a circular economy!

Free green waste disposal weekend

Our recent event was a great success with over 300 residents visiting landfills to dispose of their green waste. Well done! Green waste kerbside collection bins are available to residents in the Swan Hill township for less than \$2 per week. Call Council on 5036 2333 for more information.



Free drop-off!

Many items can be dropped off free-of-charge at landfill and transfer stations throughout the municipality including batteries, chemical containers, fluorescent tubes, residential lawn clippings, clean mulched green waste, e-waste, paint, recyclables, scrap metal, residential volumes of small rubble and used motor oil are all examples of what can be dropped off at no charge! For a comprehensive list, please visit www.swanhill.vic.gov.au

Refrigerated white goods can be dropped off and will incur a fee of \$20 per unit'

