

Railton Community Information Evening

Thursday 27 August 2026 7:00pm

Railton King's Hall

1 Welcome and Introduction

The Mayor extended a warm welcome to all attendees, introducing elected members, Council staff and thanked everyone for their attendance.

1.1 Invitees

Councillors	
Mayor Kate Haberle	Deputy Mayor Penny Lane
Cr Terry Hughes	Cr Don Thwaites
Cr Linda Cassidy	Cr Rodney Blenkhorn
Council Staff	
Jeff Morgan	Michael Mouat (Director Operations)
Joy Tekinay (Minute Taker)	
Guests	
Veronica Schilling (Dulverton)	
Community Members	
There were 18 community members in attendance	

1.2 Apologies

Councillors	
Cr Phil Dickinson	Cr Phil Richards
Cr Simone Haigh	

2 Regional Highlights

Presentation – Dulverton

Veronica Schilling presented an update on Dulverton Waste Management.

What is happening at Dulverton?

Railton Community Presentation, August 2026



OUR PLAN

VISION

Yesterday's waste, tomorrow's resource.

MISSION

Our mission is to partner with the community to deliver innovative and sustainable solutions for waste management.

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What are we all about? Strategic Plan 2025-2035

Our Objectives

LEADER: We will be a recognised leader for waste and resource management in Tasmania.

PROTECT: We will protect the environment, our systems, data and other assets

EVOLVE: We will evolve to meet market demands and strengthen our community by implementing innovative resource recovery solutions.

TEAM: We will foster a welcoming , supportive and safe workplace where employees are inspired and motivated to contribute to a positive future.

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Achievements 2024/25 year – compiling for 26FY

Received:

- 127,135 tonnes landfill waste
- 31,806 tonnes organic material composted



Recovered/Produced:

- 6,591 tonnes of compost produced
- 55,923 tonnes of material reused rather than landfilled



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Improving the environment



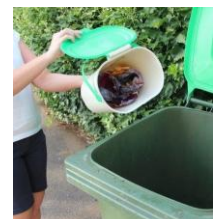
Community:

- 11 events, 9 Site tours and 77 presentations to school and community groups made
- \$1,260 donations to local groups



Environment:

- 24,512 CO₂e tonnes of carbon removed from atmosphere which equals taking 9,844 passenger vehicles off the road for the year or planting 408,540 trees
- 5,500Kl of leachate captured and treated by Taswater at the Latrobe Sewage Treatment Plant
- Significantly reduced offsite odour impacts by processing organic material through Dulverton Organic Treatment facility
- Installed 7 new Water Monitoring bores with real time reporting
- Received the contents of 438,537 FOGO bins and diverted 8,352 tonnes of FOGO from landfill



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What has your community achieved?

Drink containers returned via Recycle Rewards RVMs and Depots

158,010,570

Eligible drink containers returned

Regional leaderboard

Average number of containers returned per person



Tassie Council leaderboard

Average number of containers returned per person

22	Tasman	188
23	Glamorgan-Spring Bay	152
24	Kentish	113
25	Hobart	103
26	Break O'Day	41
27	Northern Midlands	10

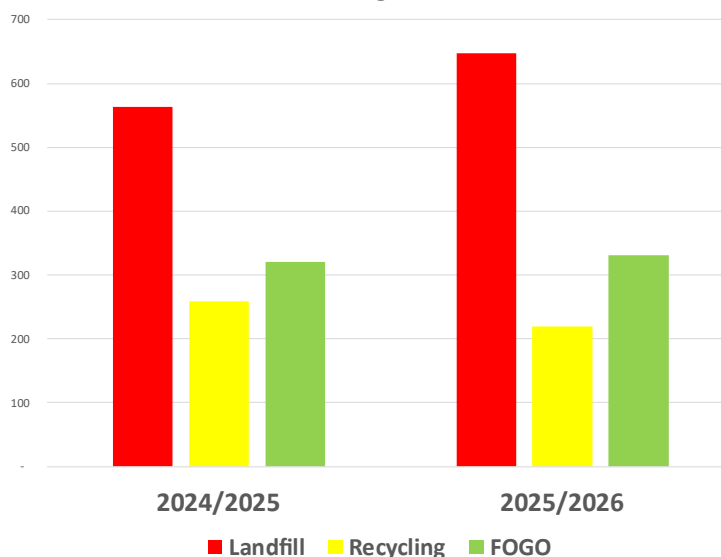
How is FOGO and Recycling tracking for Kentish?

In 24/25 your community diverted 51% from landfill and saved almost \$27,000 in waste levy.

In 25/26 diversion is 46% and saving is \$24,729

With the waste levy increasing from 1 July 2026 this saving will grow significantly

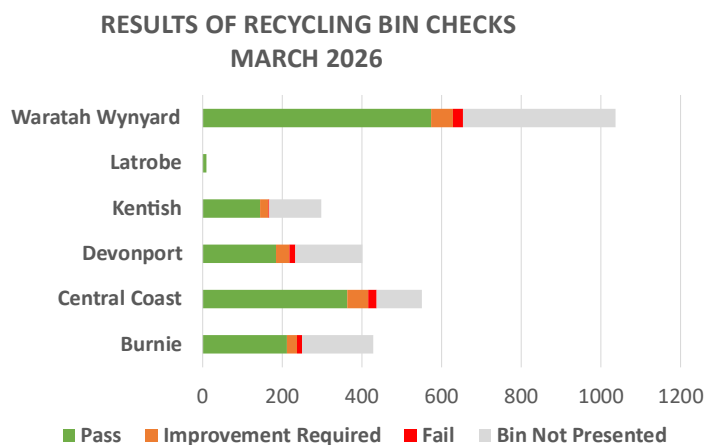
Diversion through wheelie bins



Managing contamination - December 2025 audit



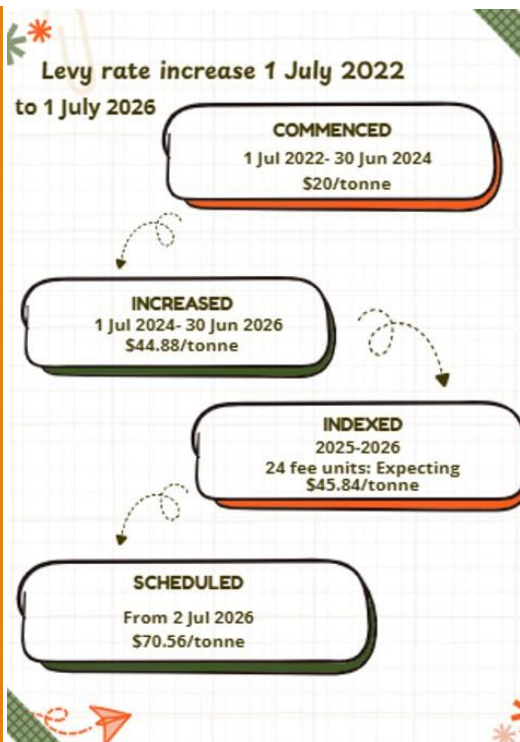
Bin Check program



- Veolia drivers check every collection and mark down if you have the wrong material in the bin
- They will tag your bin so you know what needs to be fixed
- 3 tags and you can expect a letter from us
- 4 tags, the bin may be removed
- We also do seasonal checks pre-collection
- March and April results were strong

Why does it matter?

- Since July 2022 there has been a state waste levy – each tonne we landfill we pay a tax. It has risen from a base of \$20 in July 2022 to \$70.56 from July 2026



Priority projects for the region 2026/27

Seeking exemption from ACCC for range of regional/statewide procurement programs

Establish household soft plastics collection and reprocessing

Look to roll out a Public event trailer to reduce disposable plastic use at events

Expanding public place collection hubs from 5 Councils to all

Engaging secondary school students using the Plastic Shredder



Anything you would like to know?



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1. KING'S HALL RAILTON CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Mayor Haberle read briefly from the news article from 1927 in the Burnie Advocate announcing the inauguration of the Hall and the details around the Vice Regal Ball. A very special venue and asset, with a number of events planned to celebrate 100 years of service. Special thanks to Kate Campbell, Heather, Julie and Helen McKendrick.

2. STORYBOARD AT THE RAILWAY PARK explanation by Kate Campbell

- By way of background, Mrs Campbell explained the history of the committee and the Squash Centre being closed.
- They used excess funds from the Squash Centre for community projects – 60 businesses bought fundraising bricks and these formed a border around the old station platform. An opportunity to showcase the park and the work of the committee.
- Working with Joan Wiley, worked with Cr Blenkhorn to get the storyboard for the lime works.
- People come to Railton and see the bricks and see the names of the families. It brings visitors to the town and showcases the hard work of contributors in the past.

3. TOPIARIES UPDATE by Mayor Haberle

- Sam Blackwood-Beattie, Manager of Parks, Reserves and Open Spaces, met with Kate Jackson and the Mayor and looked at the site in Crockers Street.
- Kate Jackson has a plan about where they should be relocated to. Lions Park is considered better because of its centrality, it will get more exposure.
- Currently the Council is looking at the cost with Mr Blackwood-Beattie and will see what the total is estimated to be, in case there needs to be a budget allocation.
- Comments taken about the devil topiary and the lion topiary being damaged.

- Comments taken about the pamphlet at SVIC that was designed 6 years ago, needing to be redone. The leaflet says there are 100, but in reality now there are only approximately 45.
- One resident has noticed people coming past looking for the rest of the topiaries. Around 55 have been lost since the map was done.
- Kate Jackson is a horticulturalist and is guiding this project, but it is a work in progress and we are happy with where we are at.

4. RSL VETERAN HUB HOUSING UPDATE

- Mayor Haberle announced that the land has been transferred and the Development Application lodged for the construction of the units.
- Previous request in relation to trees at the nearby carpark to be taken down to provide additional parking has been declined as there is insufficient funding for that work.

5. CEO INTRODUCTION – Jeff Morgan

- Significant experience in local government and private sector.
- Now working with the Mayor and the other Councillors to understand what the challenges are and the necessary focus points.

6. OPERATIONS UPDATES presentation by Mike Mouat

Railton Recreation Ground Redevelopment Update

- Planning for the Railton Recreation Ground Redevelopment continues, with the proposed multi-use recreation facility progressing through detailed design and review.
- Recent design and quantity surveying assessments have provided valuable information to help refine the project and ensure the facility meets the needs of local sporting clubs, community groups and the broader Railton community. Council and project officers will continue to explore opportunities to optimise the design and construction approach while maintaining the intended functionality and community benefits of the facility.
- Project timeframes remain dependent on Council's final budget decisions. Council is also keen to gauge community interest in the redevelopment and identify opportunities to increase facility use through club growth, expanded programs and participation from new user groups. Active community input would be valued at this time.

Mr Mouat - Railway Park exercise equipment

This equipment has come to the end of its life. There have been potential surveys in the area, but the equipment is expensive and is not able to be repaired, so we want it located in the right area.

Roadside verge and stormwater maintenance

You would have seen some grading crews around Kentish due to the weather we have experienced some delays to their schedule.

Redwater Creek

A comprehensive application has been made to fund an early warning system under Round 4 of the Disaster Ready Fund and was submitted on 1 July 2026. Some key elements from the application follow:

This project will deliver critical infrastructure to enable the monitoring, assessment, and real-time collection of accurate environmental data. This will support the generation of more timely flood warnings, improved emergency response, and more efficient community action during flooding in the Redwater Creek catchment in Railton, one of the most flood exposed communities in Tasmania. This project is to be completed by Kentish Council with support from State Emergency Services (SES) and Bureau of Meteorology (BoM).

The scope includes the installation of rainfall gauges and water level monitoring gauges at three identified strategic locations within the catchment. Flood threshold levels will be defined and incorporated into the monitoring system to trigger alerts based on pre-determined risk levels. This project will provide opportunities for Council, SES and BoM to collaborate and educate the impacted communities about their flash flood exposure and preparedness, including residents, businesses, community service providers and visitors.

10% Annual Exceedance Probably (AEP) rainfall events can cause significant impacts in the area. Structural flood mitigation measures have been thoroughly investigated and found to be not to be feasible for this community. More timely and accurate flood warning infrastructure alongside ongoing local community flood risk awareness and preparedness support for the community remain the only effective measures to reduce the risks associated with flash flooding for this highly exposed community.

- Installed rainfall and water level gauge network
- Integrated real-time monitoring
- Defined flood thresholds and alert triggers
- Updated flood mapping inputs (where applicable)
- Standard Operating Procedures and maintenance framework
- Trained personnel and operational readiness
- Asset registers for all installed infrastructure
- Updated SES local flood response plan, flood guide, community support

7. UPCOMING EVENTS

The Mayor reminded everyone that there is a Waste2Art exhibition that is sponsored by Dulverton Waste Management on the 5th to 19th September at the Sheffield Art Centre.

8. QUESTIONS FROM COMMUNITY

Questions covered the following topics:

- cardboard recycling container and why was it removed
- history of work done at the intersection at Morrison & Giblin Streets
- latest updates about the pumped hydro at Cethana
- homelessness and local facilities for showers
- identifying somewhere safe to cross the street

- basketball court that needs resurfacing
- the information on Council's website concerning Railton
- a sign for "Goliath Park", being a directional sign
- work to the gazebo in Lions Park
- Kimberley Road's escalating number of heavy vehicles
- Latrobe Road's increasing number of potholes
- water filling station at Goliath Park
- Kiara McDonald being awarded Junior Firefighter of the Year award
- possibility of erecting a sign to remind truck drivers not to use exhaust brakes

3 Meeting Close

Mayor Haberle closed the meeting at 8:45pm, thanking everyone for their attendance, noting that if there are any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact their local councillor or the Council office directly.