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Bayside in the running for Sustainable Cities Award

Bayside Council works hard to improve our natural environment and has entered 5 projects in the Sustainable Cities Award. An assessor is visiting the Bayside LGA this week looking at entries.

"Bayside Council, one of the youngest councils in NSW continues to punch well above its weight. I think we can all be proud of our environmental record," Mayor Bill Saravinovski said.

The 5 projects Bayside Council has entered in different categories are:

Bayside Council Waste Avoidance & Resource Recovery (WARR) Strategy 2030

Bayside Council is the first amalgamated NSW Council to implement a long-term Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy, setting a minimum landfill diversion rate of 85% by 2030.

Bayside Council Waste Services App

In 2017, Bayside Council developed and implemented a Waste Services App that provides dynamic communication with residents about waste avoidance, resource recovery, circular economy, kerbside collection services, drop off events, and workshops.

Bayside Council Community Recycling Drop Off Events

These successful community recycling drop off events allow Bayside residents to recycle some common problem wastes (electronic waste, metal, mattresses, green waste, printer cartridges and x-ray films) without the significantly higher cost associated with a Community Recycling Centre.

Bayside Council's Kerbside Orphan Waste Recycling Collection Service

Council was successful in applying for and receiving a NSW EPA grant to purchase a flatbed truck that conducts a separate pass on kerbside clean up week to collect items such as refrigerators, freezers, washing machines, stoves, dryers, air conditioners, televisions, metals and mattresses. Items are held at Council depots until recyclers collect then recover the material.

Bayside Council Recycling Behaviour Change Initiative

This initiative provided residents in a multi-unit dwelling (over 25,000 households) with a complimentary re-usable, re-washable large canvas bag to store, transport and empty their recyclables into their recycling bin without the use of a plastic bag. Additionally, all recycling bins were stickered to provide valuable educational information on what is considered compliant and compliant material in this bin to further spur behavioural change.

The winners will be announced at the Sustainable Cities Awards in Blacktown on 17 October.

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