

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## **Nearly all stormwater waste recycled**

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Bayside Council's environmental strategy is paying off with nearly all the waste collected from Council's Gross Pollutant Traps being recycled.

"This is good news for Council and good news for residents. We are now seeing the benefits of our collaborative approach to managing and protecting the environment," Mayor Bill Saravinovski said.

Data from the last year shows that of the 193 tonnes of stormwater waste collected 89% was recycled and only 11% ended up in landfill.

In the last quarter alone over 25 tonnes of waste has been collected from Council's Gross Pollutant Traps with only 18% of this waste sent to landfill.

Bayside Council's 29 Gross Pollutant Traps are maintained by an external contractor. All waste is separated and sorted within the contractor's waste treatment facility. The water is reused as working water within their facility, sediment is sent to cooperating landscape suppliers, where they add additional nutrients to the loads and in most cases, use it as fertiliser. Plastics are sent away to appropriate recycling facilities.



*Removing waste from a Gross Pollutant Trap in Bexley*

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