



Media Release

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Glenorchy to introduce organic waste collection service

Glenorchy residents will soon be able to recycle food scraps and garden waste, with Council set to introduce a fortnightly Food Organics, Garden Organics (FOGO) waste collection service next year, following overwhelming support for the idea.

The decision follows an extensive research and consultation process undertaken by Council in late 2018, with nearly 90 per cent of the 1,300 residents involved indicating that they thought the introduction of a FOGO service was 'important' or 'very important'.

Glenorchy Mayor Kristie Johnston said the introduction of the new service was an exciting development for Glenorchy ratepayers, and followed on from the recent upgrade of recycling wheelie bins to 240 litres in 2017.

"Council's research revealed almost half of our residents used some form of additional service to manage their organic waste," Mayor Johnston said.

"This service will provide a convenient and environmentally friendly way to dispose of organic waste, significantly reducing the amount of waste going to landfill and providing additional waste collection capacity to our residents.

"FOGO bins will be collected fortnightly on the off week after normal rubbish collection. This will achieve the weekly rubbish collection service our residents have been asking for in a smart and sustainable way, encouraging residents to separate their waste and reducing the amount going to landfill.

"Council has undertaken extensive consultation with our community in coming to this decision, which we now know is delivering an important service that our ratepayers want and indeed have asked for."

Council will consider the fees and charges associated with the introduction of the new services as part of its 2019/20 Budget.

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