



## Leongatha Public Place Recycling Project Complete

South Gippsland Shire Council has replaced public litter bins with public place recycling bins in the Leongatha CBD.

Residents and visitors now have the option to make sustainable choices when disposing of their waste in this public area.

The \$84,110 project was partly funded by the Australian Packaging Covenant through a grant of \$53,863.

This new service will help to reduce the amount of litter and waste sent to landfill each year and increase the recovery of recyclable packaging materials.

Council's Waste Management Supervisor Peter Roberts said it was vital that residents and visitors make use of the new service available.

"Internal audits have determined the initiative will increase the recyclables recovered by 11 tonnes per year, this figure is expected to grow as residents and visitors are made aware of the service available.

"There are also a number of items that people may not realise are recyclable including takeaway coffee cups, takeaway sushi containers, cardboard boxes and fish and chips paper wrapping.

"Council would like to encourage our residents and visitors to utilise the service to its full potential by also recycling these items," said Mr Roberts.

A similar project was implemented in Korumburra in 2014 which has been a great success.

These projects are consistent with the aims and objectives of Council's Waste Management Strategy which supports projects that reduce waste in landfill and recover recyclable materials.

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