FOGO delivering positive benefits in South Gippsland

The introduction of FOGO in South Gippsland Shire is already delivering positive results with a large amount of organic waste being sent for composting resulting in a reduction of kerbside collected waste being sent to landfill.

In the first three months since the introduction of FOGO services there has been a reduction of 391 tonnes of household waste sent to landfill compared to the same period last year. Now that people are separating out food waste from the red-lidded General Waste bin and putting it in the green-lidded FOGO bin, residents have reduced waste going to landfill by about thirty per cent. In September alone, over fifty per cent of all kerbside collected waste was FOGO material.

Why does this matter? FOGO reduces the greenhouse gas emissions caused by Council's waste services and is helping to save space in the final cell at Koonwarra Landfill which increases the life of the site. Current estimates indicate that if this trend continues, the site can continue to be used for at least another eight years.

South Gippsland's reduction in waste sent to landfill is also greater than that seen in other councils that have retained weekly general waste collections.

With a significant increase in composting through the FOGO service and a reduction in kerbside waste sent to landfill, the community are making a significant impact on reducing the environmental and financial costs of waste services in South Gippsland Shire.

Quote attributable to Allison Jones, CEO South Gippsland Shire Council:
"While this change has been challenging, I would like to thank everyone for making good use of their FOGO service. Your combined efforts are making a real difference."

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