



# HUON VALLEY COUNCIL

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### **Council waste costs kept to minimum**

The Huon Valley Council (HVC) has reviewed the general waste disposal fees it pays as part of an overarching review into the cost of waste.

Huon Valley Commissioner Adriana Taylor said the review revealed that Council's current fee levels do not adequately reflect the costs associated with the handling, transport and disposal of waste, meaning these parts of the service currently run at a deficit.

"The review also showed that the current fee structure favoured those who dispose of higher volumes of waste which HVC must then dispose of at a significant loss.

"From 1 July, 2018 new fees will be charged at all Huon Valley Waste Transfer stations.

"The new fee schedule has been designed to address these issues. The majority of fees charged will only be increased by 3 percent (to the nearest whole dollar) mostly in line with the Tasmanian Council Cost Index.

"While the new fee schedule does not fully match HVC's handling and disposal costs, it does move us closer toward a more appropriate user pays model.

"Despite a significant increase in recycling costs, HVC are pleased to advise that residents will still be able to dispose of their recyclable items at the Waste Transfer Stations at no cost.

"This is largely due to the operational change implemented in November of 2017 which required residents to separate their recycling into three categories. The annual fee charged for kerbside recycling bins will also be contained within standard inflation with HVC opting to absorb the additional cost to ensure that residents continue to recycle.

"It is important to note that Council has been able to contain waste disposal fees primarily due to increased revenues earned through the Southbridge Re-use shop, following the recent expansion.

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“We encourage all residents to donate to and purchase from the shop as every dollar earned contributes to the waste management budget and helps to keep costs lower for all Huon Valley residents.

“For a full fee schedule, please go to the Huon Valley Council website or ask for a copy of the fees from our customer service unit,” Commissioner Taylor said.

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