

The 2016-17 financial year marked a major milestone for MWRRG with the release of the Metropolitan Implementation Plan. This 10 year road map will shape Melbourne's waste and resource recovery network for the next 30 years and will enable:

- a boost to infrastructure to recover more resources, reducing the pressure on landfills
- new efficient facilities to be established throughout metropolitan Melbourne
- increased sorting and recycling at all waste management facilities
- improved infrastructure to manage 600,000 tonnes of food and garden waste every year.

One year into delivering the 10 year plan, MWRRG is working hard on a large number of projects and initiatives, and looks forward to continuing to work with its partners to successfully deliver all actions in the plan.



Our completed achievements in support of our four strategic objectives in 2016-17



Reduce waste sent to landfill

The development of a hard waste services guide for councils.

Completion of the first stages towards joint procurement for hard waste collection.

The Metro Fund project was completed and overall, achieved:

- diversion of around 40,000 tonnes of material from landfill
- reduced contamination in over 30,000 households
- 18 innovative projects contributing to best practice waste management.



Increase organic waste recovered

A collective contract involving eight councils in Melbourne's south east means there is now capacity to process 280,000 tonnes of food and garden waste.

Procurement for two preferred tenderers for five councils in Melbourne's east has been delivered, with the potential to divert 120,000 tonnes of food and garden organics from landfill every year.

Trials to test different approaches to introducing food/garden collection services by three councils were completed.



Deliver community, environmental & economic benefits

The Litter Hotspots program was completed and overall, achieved:

- collection of 175,230 kilograms of litter including 1.29 million cigarette butts.
- installation of 3,317 additional litter infrastructure units (e.g. bins and cameras to monitor illegal dumping).
- a reduction of litter at 382 litter hotspot sites as a result of litter interventions.

The Engaging with Culturally Diverse Communities on Waste, Resource Recovery and Litter - A Kit for Educators was completed.



Plan for Melbourne's growing population

A contingency plan was developed to ensure we have enough waste management capacity for Melbourne.

A toolkit and training was developed to increase resource recovery at multi-unit developments.

Planning tools were developed to protect communities from any impacts of major waste and resource recovery facilities, and to ensure the viability of facilities in the long term.