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New bins for Albany

Albany's familiar light blue household rubbish bins will eventually become a thing of the past as the City of Albany moves towards complying with the Australian National Standard for bin colours.

Bin suppliers in the City of Albany will now stock bins which comply with these standards. These include:

- Waste 140 litre – dark green with red lid
- Recycling 240 litre – dark green with yellow lid
- Greenwaste 240 litre – dark green with light green lid

City Manager Waste Strategy and Operations Mike Richardson said the initiative was one of a number of key focus areas in the City's Strategic Waste Management Plan.

"This is aimed at building a stronger community understanding of where waste should be correctly deposited," he said.

"Confusion caused by bin colour can cause unintentional contamination to recycling collection which necessitates its disposal to landfill."

New bins of the old colours will no longer be available, however changing to the new colours is not compulsory at this stage.

Mr Richardson said since the introduction of kerbside recycling service 10 years ago the City had diverted about 40,000 tonnes of recyclable product from landfill and extended the life of its Hanrahan Road Waste landfill facility.

"This has both positive impacts on the costs of providing waste services to the City and the environment in general," he said.

"The introduction of the standardised lids will further reinforce the good practice of recycling, and hopefully encourage others to get involved."

Mr Richardson thanked local bin suppliers for their cooperation in this initiative.

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