

Client: Gannawarra Shire Council
Project: Waste Management Strategy

CLIENT

Gannawarra Shire Council is located in north central Victoria bordering the Murray River. The total population of the Shire is approximately 13,000. Major towns in the Shire are Kerang and Cohuna.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- ❑ To evaluate all existing waste services and facilities.
- ❑ To evaluate and rank a wide range of waste minimisation, re-use, recycling and disposal options.
- ❑ To provide a framework for establishing a comprehensive range of waste services that meets the needs and expectations of the Shire in an environmentally friendly and sustainable way.

KEY ACTIVITIES

- ❑ Conduct of a comprehensive community consultation program including a mail out questionnaire and a series of public and key stakeholder meetings.
- ❑ Evaluation of existing and alternative kerbside collection services, including consideration of urban versus rural community needs, domestic versus business needs, equity of service and alternative storage receptacles.
- ❑ Development of a strategy for the rationalisation of a number of small local landfills and construction of carefully located transfer stations.
- ❑ Preliminary siting, design and costing of transfer stations.
- ❑ Development of strategies for problem wastes, including empty farm chemical containers, bulky domestic and farm wastes, wet grain and used tyres.
- ❑ Review of Council charging policy for kerbside collection services and waste disposal.
- ❑ Identification of initiatives for improving present recycling rates at the regional and sub-regional level.

OUTCOMES

More than forty recommendations to improve the delivery of waste services by Gannawarra Shire Council to its ratepayers were provided in the strategy. These recommendations were costed and prioritised as either short, medium or long term actions.

The strategy was formally adopted by Council following a further community and business review process. It will now serve as a 15 year blue print for the development of an integrated, cost effective and environmentally responsible waste management system complying with all statutory obligations and Government policies.