

Circular Head Council granted KAB(Tas) funding to trial solar compactor bins

Circular Head Council has received \$5,000 to trial the introduction of two solar compactor waste rubbish bins under Keep Australia Beautiful's (KAB) \$230,000 pilot litter and recycling program being rolled out across the state.

The pilot program is part of the National Bin Network's (NBN) \$100 million, five-year industry funded plan to increase recycling and reduce litter nationally.

Circular Head Mayor Daryl Quilliam said the installation of new bins at Marrawah camping ground and Green Point Beach camping ground would help reduce the amount of unsightly litter at the popular tourist sites.

"Both sites currently have rubbish bins provided, which are serviced by the Council's garbage collection service," Ald Quilliam said.

"However, due to their remote location, they are only emptied on a fortnightly basis.

"This arrangement has been problematic during the summer months, when we see a large number of visitors to the state who use the sites.

"For instance, Green Point Beach is home to the annual Rip Curl West Coast Classic surf competition – Tasmania's premier surfing event.

"The amount of litter arising from overflowing bins in the area is not only unsightly but potentially harmful to the picturesque Tasmanian environment and natural wildlife."

Ald Quilliam said the additional bins would significantly reduce the large quantities of litter being left behind and the amount of complaints coming in to Council.

"As part of the trial, Council is encouraging responsible disposal of waste at both sites. With the introduction of the new waste bins we will provide facilities to collect recyclable materials too, encouraging people to dispose of waste in the best manner possible," he said.

Circular Head Council's Engineering Department will manage the program, with the bins to be installed by Council's Work Plus outdoor team.

KAB (Tasmania) chairman Ken Stewart said KAB(Tas) was focused on engaging with community groups in identifying and cleaning up litter hotspots and would work with local government and private owners on these types of solutions.

“We are focused on positively working with community and industry stakeholders to deliver positive environmental and behavioural outcomes,” he said.

Mr Stewart said the NBN pilot was fully funded by the Packaging Stewardship Forum of the Australian Food and Grocery Council, was in line with Option 2B of the Regulation Impact Statement and would address all litter and packaging recycling.

The Pilot Project Tasmania was officially launched at Bellerive in May 2012.

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