TIPPING POINT is the community’s chance to help shape the future of waste services in the Lockhart Local Government Area.

A new contract for kerbside waste collection service is set to begin in April 2017 in line with Wagga Wagga City Council, presenting a prime opportunity to enhance the vast range of waste services provided by Council.

While the Shire is already kicking goals in waste reduction, if we want to go to the next level it needs to embrace a new and innovative system for waste collection and the recovery of reusable items and materials. Currently, Council has approximately 15 years remaining in its landfill sites.

The focus of Tipping Point is to receive community input that will help inform the process to develop an enhanced system to collect and process waste materials at an appropriate and acceptable cost.

Background
Council is taking advantage of the process of renewing the kerbside waste collection contract to look at ways to further reduce the amount of recyclables, garden green waste and food organics that go into landfill.

What we need from you
Council is currently seeking feedback from residents on how they currently use waste services in the Lockhart Local Government Area and how we can enhance these services.

You can learn more about the project and contribute to the discussion on Council’s website.

Get involved
Learn more and have your say at a number of scheduled events:

**Green Street, Lockhart:** Friday 9 October at 11am - 1pm (front of IGA)

**Urana Street, The Rock:** Monday 12 October at 11am - 1pm (front of IGA)

**Plunkett Street, Yerong Creek:** Friday 16 October at 11am - 1pm (front of Delta)
Collecting Food Organic Waste

The existing kerbside waste collection service provides a weekly collection for a 240L general waste bin, as well as fortnightly collection for a 240L recycling bin.

Studies show that about half of the material in the general waste bins are food organics. This food organic material currently goes direct to landfill when it could be reused elsewhere.

A new kerbside waste collection contract will begin in 2017 and Council is exploring options to incorporate food organic and green waste collection into a three bin system in the new contract.

Introducing a food organic waste collection means you will be able to put all of your food organic waste in a garden green waste bin, instead of the general waste bin.

Benefits of separating organic waste from the general waste stream include:

- reducing the amount of waste going in to landfill
- minimising the generation of greenhouse gases
- reducing costs associated with waste disposal

What will it take to introduce food organic waste collection?

If the system was changed to allow for the collection of food organics, this would mean that householders would need to separate their food scraps from the general waste.

An option could be to provide each household with a kitchen caddy to help with the separation of food organics.

Once separated this material would be placed in the larger, outdoor food and garden organics bin.

What is food organics?

Turn over for a list of items that can and can't go into a food and garden organics bin.

The benefits of a food organics collection service will only be realised if households are able to successfully implement such changes, with minimal contamination of organic products.

If a food organic collection service is introduced it will require an investment by both Council and the community.

This means that it is important to let us know what areas of waste services the Council and broader community should invest in.

Get involved

- Visit www.lockhart.nsw.gov.au/environment/waste&recycling to learn more about the project, contribute to the discussion forum and/or complete the online survey by 26 October 2015
- Email your thoughts to mail@lockhart.nsw.gov.au
- Pick up a survey from the Council’s front desk and return in person or by mail to PO Box 21, Lockhart NSW 2656 by 26 October 2015
- Say hello to Council’s Waste Team at a community event
RECYCLING
food + garden organics

IF LOCKHART WAS TO ADOPT A FOOD AND GARDEN ORGANICS COLLECTION SERVICE, HERE ARE SOME OF THE ITEMS THAT COULD POTENTIALLY GO INTO THE GREEN BIN.

ANY FOOD LEFTOVER FROM A MEAL
MEAT
FISH
CHICKEN
VEGETABLES
BREAD
EGG SHELLS
DAIRY PRODUCTS
COFFEE GROUNDS
TEA BAGS
FLOWERS & HERBS
CARDBOARD
PAPER TOWEL
COMPOSTABLE PLATES
COMPOSTABLE BAGS

PLASTIC - OF ANY TYPE INCLUDING BAGS, STRAWS, BUTTER SACHETS, CLING WRAP
POLYSTYRENE CUPS
GREASE TRAP WASTE
COATED CARDBOARD
METAL
TIN
GLASS
GENERAL WASTE