# Port Phillip's award-winning Glass Recycling Trial

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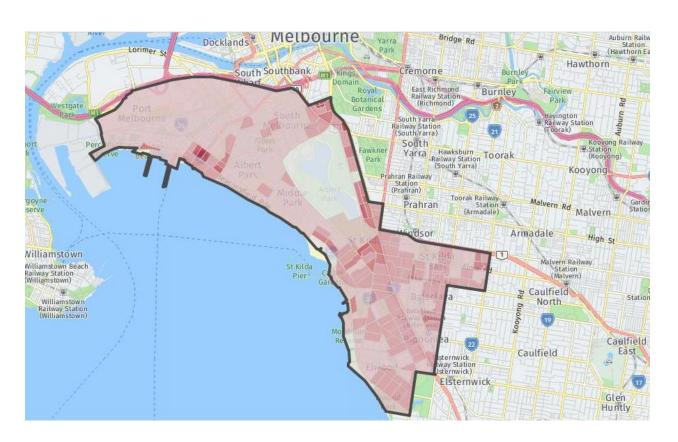
### **An Introduction – The City of Port Phillip**

















In 2018, the City of Port Phillip endorsed the *Don't Waste It! Waste Management Strategy 2018-2028* to provide 'the blueprint for how Council and the community will work together to create a more sustainable future for Port Phillip through the way we manage our waste.'

Outcome 1

A City that reduces waste

Outcome 2

A City that maximises reuse and recycling

Outcome 3

A City with clean streets, parks and foreshore areas

Outcome 4

A City that uses new technology to process waste better and reduce environmental impacts

### **China's National Sword Policy**

### Piling Up: How China's Ban on Importing Waste Has Stalled Global Recycling

China's decision to no longer be the dumping ground for the world's recycled waste has left municipalities and waste companies from Australia to the U.S. scrambling for alternatives. But experts say it offers an opportunity to develop better solutions for a growing throwaway culture.

BY CHERYL KATZ · MARCH 7, 2019



Plastics Pile Up as China Refuses to Take the West's Recycling



Officials in Britain and the West are scrambling to cope with growing piles of plastics like this one in China. Beijing banned the import of many recyclables on Jan.1. Fred Dufour/Agence France-Presse — Getty Images



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### Making the National News



Mainstream media continually reported on Victoria's recycling state.

Recycling giant SKM to shut down, leaving tonnes of waste destined for landfill



SKM recycling collapses with \$100m debt







The tipping point: councils send recycling to landfill as SKM shuts down

SKM recycling: Melbourne councils could be forced to dump recyclables into landfill

Aaron Langmaid . TNEWS @ Published: Friday, 26 July 2019 2:43 pm



Recycling crisis given \$10 million lifeline

The collapse of a single company has created a massive pile of fetid, stinking waste at four anything about.

Thousands of tonnes of recycling destined for landfill as SKM shuts its doors



Fears grow that figure could compound into hundreds of



SKM Recycling tells Victorian councils it will stop taking rubbish; waste now headed to landfill



### A four-stream waste and recycling service by 2030

# Standardising recycling at home across Victoria

We're sorting household recycling for all Victorians.





### Community capacity to house four-stream kerbside bins







"In the City of Port Phillip, 89.9% of the dwellings were medium or high density, compared to 33% in Greater Melbourne."

## Navigating a limited space





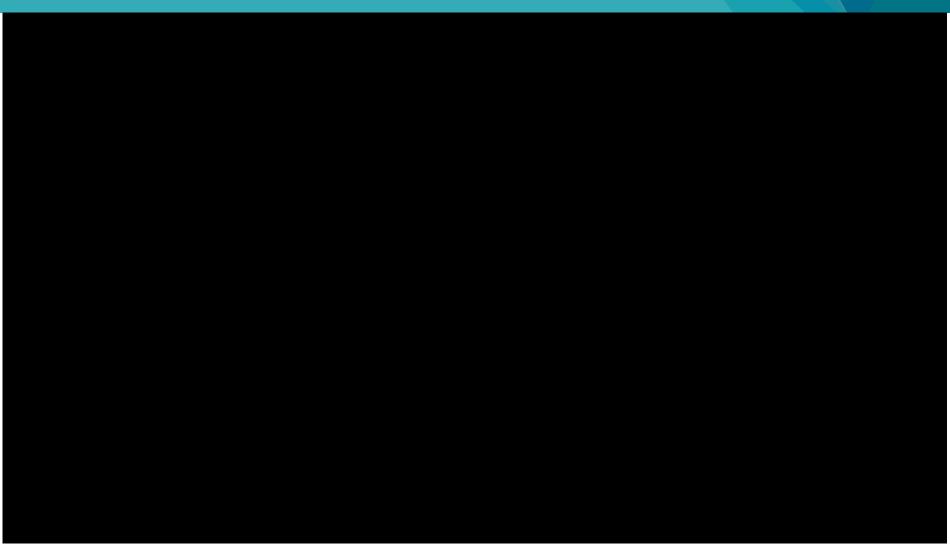




### **An Introduction - Video**

### An Introduction to the Glass Recycling Trial





# **Community engagement**

### **Bin Rollout Preparation**





### Kerbside trial - Garden City, Port Melbourne





### **Bin Rollout – Kerbside and Communal**







### **Communal bin sites**



Corner of Park & Nelson, South Melbourne



Little Finlay Reserve, Albert Park



Sol Green Reserve, South Melbourne



Lyell Iffla Reserve, South Melbourne



### Community engagement and collateral



### let's get glass recycling right

### What can and can't go in the purple-lidded glass recycling bin?

- Glass jars including pasta sauce, condiments and jam
- Glass bottles including beer, wine and spirit bottles, olive oil bottles, clean medicine bottles etc.
- Plastic bottles and jars
- Perfume bottles
- Orinking glasses
- ⊗ Window glass
- Mirrors
- 8 Bottle tops and jar lids
- Storage, baking ware or pyrex

### Do I need to wash the glass beforehand?

You only need to empty and rinse the glass bottles and jars.

### What do I do with lids and caps?

Remove any lids and caps and put them in the vellow-lidded recycling bin.

### What happens to all the glass bottles and jars after collection?

Most glass can be recycled repeatedly in a closed loop without a loss to its integrity. All collected glass will be taken to a local processor where it will be sorted, washed and recycled into new products such as road and building materials.

### Is there any cost to participate in this trial?

No - there is no additional cost to participate in this trial and all residents in the Garden City trial area will receive a purple-lidded bin for glass recycling free of charge.

### How to recycle using yellow-lidded recycling bin during the trial phase?

Except for the accepted glass items listed above, all other recyclables can go in the yellow-bin as usual.

Not sure what goes in which bin? Visit portphillip.vic.gov.au/wastemanagement.htm or contact ASSIST on 9209 6777.

### don't waste it

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### 2020 collection dates for glass recycling



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No changes to the waste

**FAQs - Brochure** 

Bin tags

Fridge magnet - Calendar

### Communal glass recycling trial - Collateral

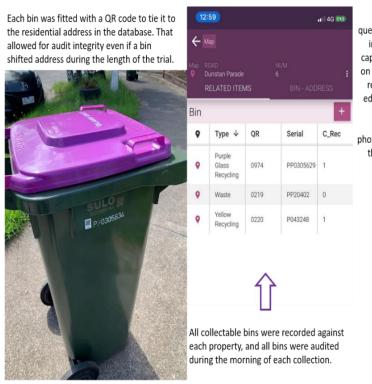
City of Port Phillip: 2020 Glass recycling trial campaign print asset: communal bin stickers







### Data capture – Auditing tool







Waste officers collaborated with IT to develop a GIS based mobile auditing solution that mapped participating households within the trial area, and attached individual bin records against participating properties



## Glass recycling trial results

### Kerbside utilisation

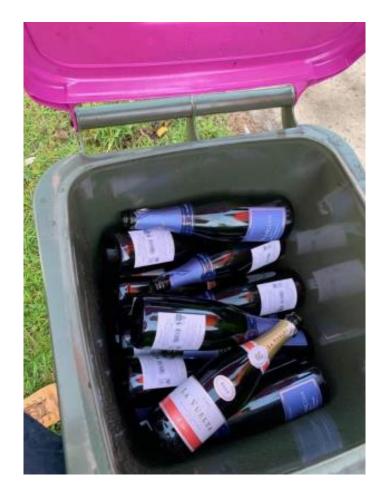




Very few bins were full each fortnight



Average fill rate was one third

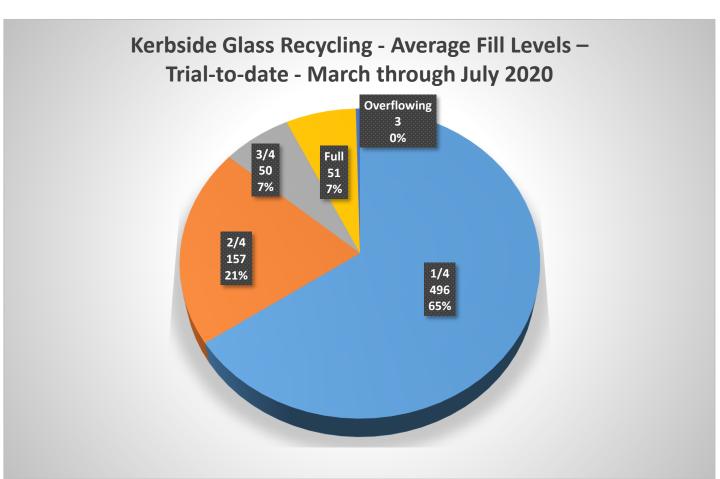


**But others were consistently full** 

### Kerbside bins - average fill rate

### Across the ten auditable collections;

- 65% of kerbside glass recycling bins were recorded with fill levels of approximately one quarter,
- 21% were recorded as half filled,
- 7% as three quarters full, and
- only 7% as full within the fortnightly service.





### Utilisation of communal glass recycling bins





Rollout began with a single bin



And quickly grew to two



Then became three within weeks of the trial commencing

## Overflowing communal glass recycling bins







### **Communal bin contamination**





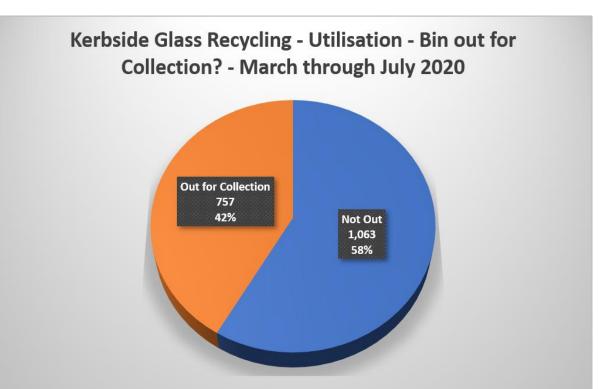
Main contaminants found were lids and caps, dog poop bag or some odd containers



### Usage rate

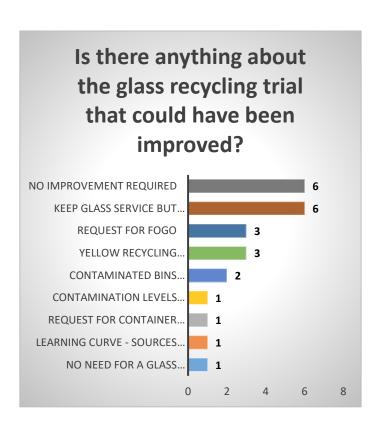


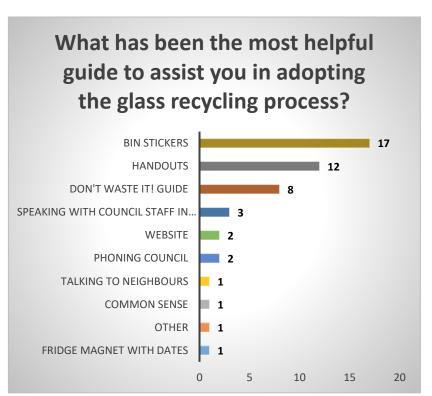


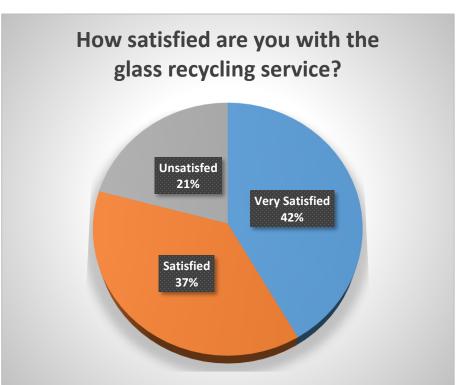












### Post kerbside trial – Garden City



Garden city residents had kerbside bins

Garden city residents now have two communal bins.





Next steps...

### Kerbside FOGO rollout - Elwood







### **Communal FOGO rollout**



**Communal glass and FOGO recycling hubs** 



**Communal FOGO recycling hubs** 







### **Communal glass recycling hubs**

- 1. Little Finlay Reserve, Albert Park
- 2. Buckingham Reserve, Port Melbourne
- 3. Corner of Park and Nelson Roads, South Melbourne
- 4. Lyell Iffla Reserve, South Melbourne
- 5. Sol Green Reserve, South Melbourne
- 6. Alma Park West, St Kilda East
- 7. HR Johnson Reserve, St Kilda West

### **Communal FOGO recycling hubs**

- 1. Clarke Reserve, Elwood
- 2. Hewison Reserve, East St Kilda
- 3. HR Johnson Reserve, St Kilda West
- 4. Lagoon Reserve, Port Melbourne
- 5. Next to the Rats of Tobruk Reserve, Albert Park
- 6. Sol Green Reserve, South Melbourne
- 7. Walter Reserve, Port Melbourne

Currently, two out of fourteen locations have both glass and FOGO recycling bins available.

### Container Deposit Scheme (CDS)



# A new and easy way to recycle drink containers is coming to Victoria

The container deposit scheme (CDS) will reward Victorians with a 10-cent refund for every eligible can, carton and bottle they return.

It is part of important work that is transforming Victoria's waste and recycling system.



Victorians use more than 3 billion drink containers every year.

Sadly, many are not recycled, ending up in landfill and as litter across our state



### Is this a new kind of kerbside communal glass recycling bin?







### Will a communal component work for other Councils?











