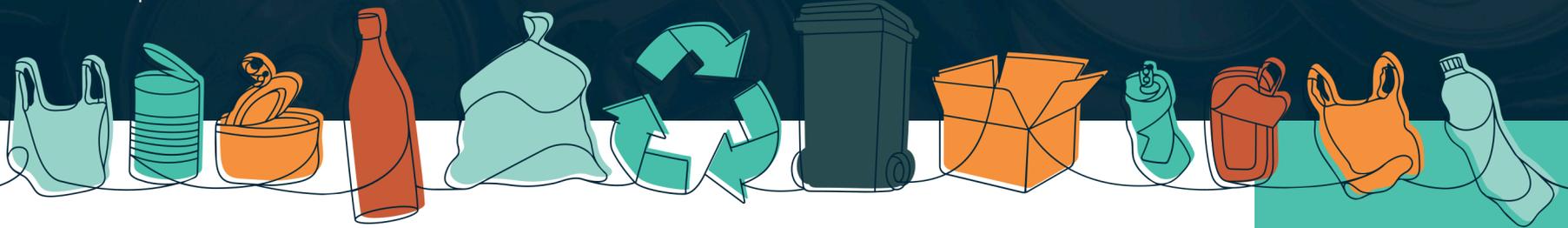


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## Celebrating our shared highlights

The Town of Port Hedland's Environmental and Sustainability Strategy (2022–2027) continued to build strong momentum in 2025, strengthened by our purposeful partnership with the Care for Hedland Environmental Association.

As we look back on the year, we invite you to join us in reflecting on the many achievements we reached together as a community.

### The Hedland Containers for Change program:

- Over 9.5 million containers counted and refunded through the Wedgefield Refund Point
- Planning advanced for two new permanent drop-off hubs in Port Hedland and South Hedland through donations and funding partnerships
- Strong community participation supported the program, with green-bag giveaways, pop-up refund stations, school and daycare visits, mobile collections and another visit from Captain Cleanup

### Kerbside recycling education:

- Expanded educational resources, including bin-lid stickers and digital guides to help residents sort their red-lid and yellow-lid waste correctly
- Resources shared widely at schools, community events and the 2025 Hedland Sustainable Living Show Day
- National Recycling Week delivered two weeks of activities, including school visits, art workshops, story time sessions, community stalls, colouring competitions and new local recycling guides
- All Hedland schools and early learning centres continued WasteSorted Schools activities such as worm farming, composting, recycled-art workshops and Containers for Change projects



## YEARLY REPORTING METRICS

JAN - DEC 2025

**505**  
tonnes  
kerbside recycling

**7,410**  
tonnes  
waste to landfill

**14,831**  
kilolitres  
recycled water usage

**24.43**  
tonnes  
litter collected  
by ToPH staff and  
community volunteers

**6,160**  
children  
engaged in SI

**20,495**  
adults  
engaged in SI

SI = Sustainability Initiatives  
\*Eligible containers



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## 2025 Hedland Sustainable Living Show Day

- Attracted over 1,000 attendees, 15 stalls and 11 presenters
- Featured a week of workshops with ABC gardening expert Sabrina Hahn across schools and daycares
- Showcased practical sustainability workshops: bee keeping, veggie growing, cooking, preserving, composting, worm farming, solar power, native plants, pallet recycling and repair skills
- Strong survey responses and livestream engagement reflected the community's enthusiasm for hands-on learning

## Hedland Sustainability Advisory Group

- Continued advancing local sustainability initiatives
- Progressed the Australian-standard timber pallet recycling project, with a truckload of pallets transported from the South Hedland Landfill to Perth for recycling with more planned for 2026

## Food Waste Diversion Trial

- 83 participants took part in the 2025 trial
- 1.9 tonnes of food waste diverted from landfill by year's end
- Achieved 3.96 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>-e emissions avoided
- Supported by 50 worm farms and 35 compost bins in the community

## Hedland Repair Café

- Officially launched in 2025, the first of its kind north of Perth
- Held four sessions, attracting 42 attendees
- Completed 19 successful repairs
- More sessions planned for 2026

Together, we are demonstrating what is possible when local government, community groups, industry and residents work side-by-side toward a more sustainable future



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