

Town of Port Hedland & Care for Hedland Sustainability News

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Do your part to reduce food waste and greenhouse gas emissions with a worm farm!

Food waste has a serious impact on the environment, contributing to greenhouse gas emissions like methane, which is 25 times more potent than carbon dioxide.

Managing food waste is a simple yet powerful way to reduce your carbon footprint and protect our planet.

Care for Hedland invites local households to join the 2025 Hedland Food Waste Diversion Worm Farm Pilot. Kicking off at the Sustainable Living Show Day, there will be a free composting workshop, with over 25 compost bins, 10 compost buckets, and 12 worm farms available for participants.

Households will track their weekly food waste diverted through composting, worm farming, or drop-off at the RSL South Hedland Community Garden. Great prizes are on offer!



Last year's pilot diverted 206.5kg of food waste and prevented 0.42 tonnes of greenhouse gases.

Let's grow that impact in 2025! To get involved, contact Kelly Howlett via opsmanager@careforhedland.org.au or call 0439 941 431.

MONTHLY REPORTING METRICS MAY 2025

47.10
tonnes
kerbside recycling

408.98
tonnes
waste to landfill

0.90
tonnes
litter collected
by TOPH staff and
community volunteers

486
children
engaged in SI

1313
adults
engaged in SI

SI = Sustainability Initiatives
*Eligible containers

Transforming storm debris into garden gold



Following Ex-Tropical Cyclone Zelia in February, the Town successfully finished the green waste verge collection with incredible figures.

Various contractors including Norcape Tree and Contracting, Up Your Grass, Mucci's Bricklaying and Town staff covered 19 mapped areas across Port and South Hedland, Wedgefield, Bosna and Boodarie.

Over a 23-day period, a total of 285 truckloads of green waste were collected, equating to 5,365.42 tonnes. This included residential pickups and other areas across town that were affected by fallen trees and excess shrub.

The green waste has been recycled into mulch, free for the community to use which equated to 89 truckloads (26 tonnes of mulch).

The overall collection is a staggering 2,729.3% increase from September 2024's annual collection.

The Town extends its gratitude to all residents, businesses, and community organisations who participated in the clean-up, who all helped contribute to creating a safer and cleaner environment.



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