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## 1. Purpose

This policy outlines the approach of the District Council of Grant to support continuous improvements to Council's waste and recycling services. This policy promotes a whole of Council response to the provision of fairly priced and environmentally responsible waste and recycling services, aligned with State Government policy, which aims to maximise the diversion of materials from landfill and into recycling streams including green organics.

## 2. Scope

This policy applies to:

- Collection and disposal of waste and recyclables via a kerbside collection to defined areas;
- Aggregation of hard and green waste through delivery to waste transfer stations;
- Disposal of e-waste; and
- Operation of Waste Transfer Stations.

## 3. Policy Aim

The aim of this policy is to:

- Reduce the amount of waste going to landfill;
- Implement a mandatory system of kerbside waste and recyclable collection for all defined areas which includes all township areas, and premises outside of townships where economically viable and operationally practical;
- Reduce the amount of inappropriately disposed of waste;
- Offer ongoing programs for the aggregation of hard, green and e-waste; and
- Ensure Council provides resource management practices throughout its area that are consistent with the expectations of the community.

## 4. Definitions

**MGB's** – Mobile Garbage Bins in a 240 litre capacity suitable for robotic arm collection vehicles;

**Kerbside Collection** – The collection of MGBs from individual properties within townships and selected rural areas;

**Green Organics** – All types of garden matter including food waste, lawn clippings, pruning's, leaves and other plant material;

**Dry co-mingled recyclables** – Includes paper, cardboard, steel and aluminium cans, milk cartons and plastic drink containers;

**E-waste** – electronic waste such as televisions, computers, scanners, printers, audio equipment and other general electronic equipment as defined by Zero Waste SA;

**Waste Transfer Station (WTS)** - a depot that receives and temporarily stores waste in a designated area for minor segregation and/or minor resource recovery prior to their transport to some other approved depot for further sorting, resource recovery or disposal.

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## 5. Policy

### 5.1. Kerbside Collections

Council will implement and operate a mandatory kerbside collection service throughout townships and designated non-township areas of the Council. It will offer a general waste and recycling collection service, on an alternative fortnightly basis.

Collection Services consists of an alternative fortnightly general waste and fortnightly recycling collection.

This service is compulsory for all properties within designated collection area, and these collection areas are as indicated on Maps 1 - 11 attached to this policy. Some of the collection services operate outside of Township Areas and are available to those properties where economically viable and operationally practical. A defined network of routes already exists and any extensions to these routes would be subject to Council assessment.

### 5.2. Bin Supply & Configurations

All existing and new services will have two MGB's supplied as part of the annual service charge

#### 5.2.1. New Services

Within an existing collection area, once the construction of a dwelling/building has been completed and Council has received all relevant required paperwork (eg. Certificate of Compliance for plumbing & building works), the property is eligible to commence receiving a bin service. This new service will be billed on a pro-rata basis for the portion of the year that they are provided with the service

#### 5.2.2. New Defined Route Collection Area

Council will consider all requests for a new Defined Route Collection Area outside of township areas. Additionally, Council will review the defined collection areas on an annual basis and may amend designated collection areas as deemed appropriate.

Council **may** conduct a survey of property owners within a designated area if a request is received from residents and/or an area is identified by Council officers as meeting the following criteria;

- The Defined Route include at least 40 developed properties on adjoining properties in a subdivided Country or Rural living zone.
- The area to be serviced will be clearly defined, preferably by roads.
- Council must be satisfied that such a request provides economically viable and operationally practical outcomes.

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If Council deems that a new Defined Route Collection Area should be added to Councils Waste Collection Services, then this Policy will be amended accordingly, and any such new Defined Route will have effect as of commencement of the next financial year. All affected properties within such a route will be notified upon Council making its decision.

### 5.2.3. Bin Replacement & Repair

All MGB's remain the property of the Council and shall remain with the premises at which it is located, should a change of occupancy or ownership occur.

Following the initial purchase by Council, all replacement or repairs of bins required will be the responsibility of the property owner or occupier. This includes damage to bins, and stolen or lost bins.

### 5.3. Application for Exclusion

Council recognises that in some specific circumstances, ratepayers included in the mandatory designated collection areas may not require all or part participation.

A request for exclusion would be considered positively by Council should any of the following conditions be shown to be proven and confirmed by a legally signed Statutory Declaration:

- Uninhabited homes on separately titled properties
- Vacated properties (including holiday homes/shacks) vacant for a minimum total of six months during any financial year
- Limited garbage accumulation e.g. one occupant
- Aged pensioners
- Properties where history can show no requirement for an MGB service – utilisation of composting, recycling and free Council transfer station vouchers being prime requisites
- Farm business with a history of skip bin utilisation
- Compassionate considerations

### 6. Kerbside Collection Charges

In accordance with Section 155 (1) (b) of the Local Government Act, 1999, Council will raise a charge for these services, and will be shown on each year's rates notice as an annual service charge.

### 7. Additional Services

Should an additional collection service be requested (ie additional bin), a request for any additional services will be considered by Council, and if approved, it will be charged at the direct multiple of that service.

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## 8. Waste Transfer Stations

Council will continue to operate local waste transfer stations, offering drop-off facilities for residential waste and small quantities of commercial wastes; operating within EPA (Environment Protection Authority) licence conditions. Council will aim to reduce waste to landfill by offering infrastructure for segregation of the following waste streams on-site;

- Scrap metal
- Plastics, glass, tin cans
- Cardboard
- Green waste (excluding food waste)
- E-waste

Council will also encourage on-going segregation through the continuation of Council's waste voucher system. Four vouchers are issued annually; printed on the first rates notice of each financial year. Residents are also entitled to two additional vouchers (bonus vouchers) if rates are paid in full at the end of the first quarter. The vouchers entitle ratepayers to either drop-off segregated waste at no charge or mixed waste at a reduced rate.

## 9. e-Waste

Council will offer an e-waste drop-off facility at all waste transfer stations at no charge. Commercial quantities are not accepted, with businesses directed to dispose of at their cost. Council has an agreement with the City of Mount Gambier, whereby we pay a fee per kilo for e-waste taken across the weighbridge at their waste transfer station, which is then transported for recycling with City of Mount Gambier collected e-waste. This fee is made up of a transport component and a comparative recycling cost per kilo to that of what the City of Mount Gambier are charged.

## 10. Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of the Environmental Health Manager to ensure the requirements of this Policy are met.

## 11. References:

*Local Government Act, 1999*  
*South Australian Public Health Act 2011*  
*South Australian Public Health (General) Regulations 2013*

## 12. Review

This Policy shall be reviewed by the District Council of Grant at minimum every four (4) years, within 12 months of a general election (or on significant change to legislation or other matters which could affect this policy).

| Action             | Date         | Minute Reference |
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**MAP 3**  
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**MAP 5**  
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**MAP 6**  
Blackfellows Caves





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**MAP 7**

Pelican Point/Carpenter Rocks





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Racecourse Bay



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**MAP 9**  
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**MAP 11**  
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