



Embedding Circularity **The Circular Economy** Roadmap

The transition to a circular economy is happening at Penrith City Counci







Households put food organics in kitchen caddy



Improve surface condition, retain soil moisture, reduce water use, healthier turf and tree growth

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Collection of food organics and garden organics at the Kerbside for composting

Compost used on gardens, parks and to top dress sports fields



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Opportunities

- Holistic approach to circular economy across Council – formalising existing programs and processes
- Enabling collaboration and partnerships to embed circular economy into all Council strategies / plans / programs
- Meeting community expectations and building community capacity to contribute to the circular economy
- Demonstrating leadership in increasing sustainable practices and enhancing environmental performance





Roadmap Development





Roadmap

4 Key Focus Areas

| Innovation & | Circular Practices |
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| Collaboration | in Council |
| Hub | Operations |
| Community Engagement & Incentives | Activating Local Economies |



Key Initiatives

| Data mapping & sharing platforms | Education & engagement | Council collaboration & knowledge sharing |
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| Community Capacity Building | Industry synergies | Procurement / Supply Chain |
| Innovative partnerships | Infrastructure Programs | Policy, Strategy, Plans |

Roadmap

- 5 year timeframe
- Prioritised to 18 initiatives under 4 focus areas
- Short, medium and longer term initiatives
- Ease of implementation identified as easy to complex
- Identified roles/responsibilities of departments
- Underpinned by high level cost benefit analysis indication of investment /resource requirements and guidance for future funding proposals





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#1. Build capacity and facilitate community reuse

Clothing and Textile Recycling Drop Off

- 189 residents dropped off 4 tonnes of textiles
- Diverting resources from landfill
- Items donated to the Haven Womens Shelter and Westcare Community Services

Bike Drop off and Repair Event

- 60 residents brought their bikes along for a tune up
- 150 residents dropped off unwanted bikes
- Repaired by Revolve Recycling and donated to Charities
- Parts recycled and repurposed to make other products







#2. Circular Economy in Infrastructure



Swallow Drive = 350m 64,000 coffee cups





#3. Partnerships – Environmental, Social Benefits

DV Safe Phone Program

- Community donate unused mobile phones for refurbishment and distribution to registered agencies
- Gift the phones to people experiencing domestic • violence giving them the ability to call for help in an emergency
- 149 phones collected
- Benefits those in need of support, whilst also supporting the circular economy by promoting re-use and recycling of old phones, diverting e-waste from landfill.







