

Media Release

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NEW COUNCIL PROJECTS SET TO DRIVE DOWN WASTE

The Allan Labor Government is delivering over \$2 million to 13 projects to help councils across the state have the capacity to cut waste and recycle more.

Minister for Environment Steve Dimopoulos announced the successful recipients from the third round of the Circular Economy Councils Fund, which will divert over 22,000 tonnes of waste from landfill, and repurpose over 27,000 tonnes of goods and material.

Funded projects include the Yarra Ranges Shire establishing a textiles collection program, a trailer with reusable crockery to help reduce single use items at community events on the Mornington Peninsula and delivering a mobile mulch maker in Murrindindi.

The funding will also see reuse shops be established at a number of locations across Victoria, including Cobram, Nurmurkah, Myrtleford, Romsey and Kyneton.

The projects will create 11 long term and 40 short term jobs – helping the Government to meet its target to divert 80 per cent of waste from landfill by 2030.

Overall, funding provided through the Circular Economy Councils Fund has supported 66 projects – keeping over 100,000 tonnes of material out of landfill.

The Labor Government has made a record investment of \$515 million to deliver once-in-a-generation systemic change to the state's waste and recycling system.

To learn more about the Circular Economy Councils Fund projects, visit sustainability.vic.gov.au/circular-economy-councils-fund-funded-projects.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Environment Steve Dimopoulos

"We're proud to support these great local initiatives which will drive down the amount of waste that ends up in landfill."

"These projects will create valuable new opportunities to increase local recycling, grow local businesses and jobs, and divert over 22,000 tonnes of waste from landfill."