

Have Your Say - Information Brochure

Proposed Waste & Recycling Service Changes (From 01 July 2026)



Help Shape the Future of Waste & Recycling in Our Shire

Yarriambiack Shire Council is committed to delivering sustainable, cost-effective waste and recycling services for our community. We're seeking your feedback on proposed changes to kerbside collection charges, transfer station operations, and new initiatives for the 2026/27 financial year, commencing 01 July 2026.

Why Are Changes Needed?

Financial Sustainability: Our small population and large area mean waste and recycling services cost more than we recover through current charges.

Fit for Purpose Facilities: Our sites and facilities require substantial financial investment to bring them up to the required standards.

Full Cost Recovery: Council is moving towards full cost recovery to ensure services remain viable and fair for all residents.

Community Equity: We want to ensure everyone has access to essential waste and recycling services, including the introduction of hard waste collection and recycling for eligible residents.



Future of the Skip Bins in Yaapeet & Patchewollock

The current temporary skip bin service, provided every two months for Yaapeet and Patchewollock residents will be replaced by the **Hard Waste Collection** service. All residents of both towns will qualify for this new service, and the relevant conditions can be found in the **Hard Waste Collection** section of this brochure (page 3).

Future Planning & Rehabilitation

Council will consider streamlining the number of transfer stations from 01 July 2027, prioritising safety and financial sustainability, whilst also looking to expand the **Hard Waste Collection** service. This decision will be made based on community feedback.

The rehabilitation of closed sites (Yaapeet & Patchewollock) is planned in 2026, with provisions for environmental restoration.



What's Changing? Kerbside Collection Services

Residential / Urban & Rural Areas

It is proposed, all new standard service going forward will be offered as follows:

- 120L General Waste (weekly collection),
- 240L Mixed Recycling (fortnightly collection),
- 120L Glass Recycling (bi-monthly collection).

Existing customers with 80L and 240L general waste services will keep the same service, unless they request to change.

Charges will increase by 10% in 2026/27 to move towards full cost recovery.

Example annual charges from 2026/27 for the standard bin sizes (120L general waste) will incur a cost of **\$598.86** for the Waste & Recycling Service Fee.

Larger bins (240L) will be available for households under exceptional circumstances and will incur a cost of **\$875.11** for the Waste & Recycling Service Fee.

For Rural Customers, the Service remains optional, where available.



Commercial Properties

It is proposed that the service for commercial properties remains optional - businesses can opt out or use an alternative waste disposal service.

New services going forward will be offered as 120L General Waste, 240L Mixed Recycling, and 120L Glass Recycling.

Existing customers with 240L general waste services will keep the same service, unless they request to change.

Charges will increase by 50% in 2026/27.

Example annual charges from 2026/27:

- 120L General Waste = **\$398.07**,
- 240L General Waste = **\$774.77**,
- 240 Mixed Recycling = **\$279.03**,
- 120L Glass Recycling = **\$139.53**.



What's Changing? New & Improved Services

FOGO - Food Organics & Garden Organics

It is proposed that all new services going forward will be offered as follows:

- A new FOGO bin service will be introduced by 01 July 2027, as mandated by the State Government.
- Community consultation will determine frequency of collection (weekly or fortnightly) and bin size.
- A fee will apply to this service, and we are currently awaiting confirmation from the State Government whether it will be mandatory or offered as an optional service for our residents.

Hard Waste Collection & The Little Yellow Wagon (Recycling)

Council is proposing the introduction of a fee-for-service hard waste collection for eligible residents: Seniors Card holders, Disability Health Care Card holders, and all residents of Yaapeet & Patchewollock. The service will be offered as follows:

- Up to 3 cubic metres per collection, charged at \$45/cubic metre (same as transfer station gate fee), picked up directly from your home - bookings required.
- The proposed collection schedule features a four-week rotation of grouped townships, subject to community consultation.

Council also has the mobile recycling service for our smaller communities that provides a way to safely dispose of problem household waste: gas bottles, paint, batteries, oils, smoke detectors, vapes, fire extinguishers, and electronic waste (E-Waste).

What's Changing? Transfer Stations

A full review of transfer station operations has occurred, with the following changes proposed:

- Fee Increase: the general waste fee is proposed to increase to \$45 per cubic metre to improve cost recovery and match neighbouring Council rates.
- Free Services: Green waste and e-waste disposal will remain free for residents.
- Safety & Facilities: Plans to improve staff safety, provide accessible toilets, and upgrade site facilities at Murtoa, Warracknabeal and Hopetoun. With a focus on meeting Occupational Health and Safety requirements.
- Opening Hours: To create efficiency, and diversify our services, we are proposing to reduce hours at most stations, with Warracknabeal maintaining higher availability due to demand.

Below is the proposed timetable from 01 July 2026:

	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
Warracknabeal	8.00am - 12.00pm	8.00am - 12.00pm	8.00am - 12.00pm	8.00am - 12.00pm	9.00am - 12.00pm	11.00am - 2.00pm
Murtoa	9.00am - 12.00pm			9.00am - 12.00pm		12.30am - 2.00pm
Minyip		10.30am - 11.30am				10.30am - 11.30am
Rupanyup		9.00am - 10.00am				9.00am - 10.00am
Beulah		9.00am - 10.00am				8.30am - 9.30am
Hopetoun	9.00am - 12.00pm					11.00am - 2.00pm
Woomelang		10.30am - 11.30am				9.00am - 10.00am
Speed / Tempy		9.00am - 10.00am				

We Want Your Feedback!

Your feedback is important and vital for shaping our recommendations and decisions.

Please review these proposals and let us know your thoughts:

- Are the proposed changes fair and reasonable?
- What are your preferences for FOGO service frequency and bin size?
- Do you have suggestions for improving access or equity in waste services?



Consultation closes 5.00pm - Friday, 13 March 2026.

Council will review all feedback and present final recommendations on 25 March 2026.

How To Have Your Say

You may access our Survey via the QR code below, or via Council's website.

If you would like a hard copy survey, please call our Customer Service team on #03 5398 0100, or via email info@yarriambiack.vic.gov.au and we will send out a survey and reply-paid envelope.

Alternatively, you may visit our Council Municipal Office Customer Service desk in Warracknabeal or Council's Engagement Van to collect a survey.

To stay up to date with important Shire news, please subscribe to our *Yarri Yarns* e-newsletter via our Council website.

Together, we can build a more sustainable, efficient, and equitable waste & recycling system for Yarriambiack Shire.

