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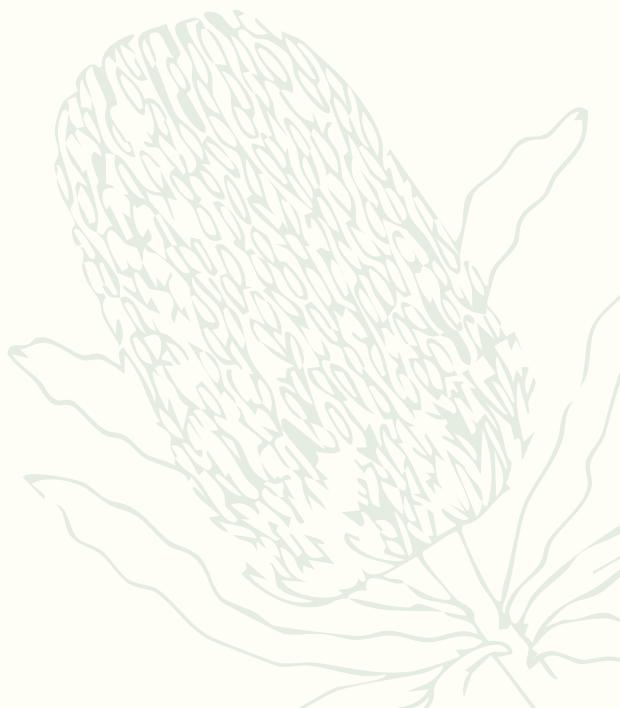
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Acknowledgement of Country

Circular North pays respect to the Traditional Owners of Tasmania, the Tasmanian Aboriginal people, and acknowledge they are the ongoing custodians of land, sea and sky Country.

We pay our respects to Elders past and present, and strive to respect and honour the deep knowledge that Tasmanian Aboriginal people have held for thousands of years in sustainably managing the land. As a program operating in the waste management sector, we commit to engage and work collaboratively with governments, industry and community groups, to promote the responsible use of our shared resources in alignment with enduring cultural practices.



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Chair's Report

It is a privilege to present the Chair's Report for Circular North's 2025 Financial Year.

This past year has been one of strong delivery, growing collaboration, and strategic focus as we continue to lead and support the transition to a circular economy across northern Tasmania.

At a time when reducing our waste streams is no longer optional but essential, Circular North has demonstrated how local action, supported by regional cooperation, can deliver meaningful outcomes.

Our work this year has been wide-ranging and impactful, with a focus on enabling behaviour change, strengthening infrastructure, and supporting innovative circular economy solutions.



Highlights from FY25 include:

- **Household Hazardous Waste campaigns**

We collected 8,408 kg of hazardous household waste from 220 households across eight sites during two community campaigns in spring 2024 and autumn 2025—reducing risk to the environment and supporting safer waste practices.

- **Supporting circular innovation**

Through our Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Grants, we backed five diverse and impactful projects led by local organisations committed to reducing waste and fostering circular outcomes.

- **Upgrading recovery infrastructure**

Four council-led projects received Waste Transfer Station Resource Recovery Enhancement Grants, boosting capacity at local recovery facilities to divert more waste from landfill and support local reuse economies.

- **School-Based Resource Recovery Pilot**

We initiated a pilot program supporting schools to better understand and reduce their waste through audits and implementation funding, laying the groundwork for long-term behaviour change among future generations.

- **Community engagement and events**

We proudly sponsored and contributed to the Big Day of Circular Living Ideas, North West Ecofest, and the 2025 Tasmanian Educational Leaders Conference. Partnering with ReThink Waste, TasWaste South and the Cradle Coast Waste Management Group, we engaged the public with hands-on learning about waste separation and resource recovery.

- **Strategic planning for the future**

We completed a new 5-year Strategic Plan following consultation with our member councils, industry, sector leaders, and state government. This plan will guide our work with clarity and purpose as we scale our impact.

- **Celebrating local leaders**

Nine outstanding initiatives—from school-based plastic reduction to glass crushing on Flinders Island—were recognised through the Waste NoT Awards, celebrating creativity and leadership in sustainable, circular practices.

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... local action, supported by regional cooperation, can deliver meaningful outcomes ...”

These achievements are a testament to the commitment of our member councils, project partners, schools, businesses, and community groups. I extend my sincere thanks to all involved for their dedication and leadership. The strength of Circular North lies in the collaboration that underpins every project we deliver.

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend our deepest thanks to Shane Power, who concluded his term as Chair this year. Shane's commitment, vision, and leadership helped guide Circular North through a critical phase of growth and impact, and his contribution has left a lasting legacy.

We also extend a warm welcome to our new Steering Committee members—Louise Foster, CEO of NRM North, and Sam Johnson OAM, CEO of City of Launceston. Their knowledge, networks, and leadership will be invaluable as we move into the next phase of our strategic journey.

Looking ahead to FY26, our focus will be on enhancing the systems that support long-term change. Key priorities include:

- improving regional waste data management and reporting, including the rollout of software, hardware, and training to member councils, and the creation of a Resource Recovery Data Dashboard with carbon emissions modelling
- delivering targeted audits of kerbside bins and waste transfer stations to better understand material flows and identify priority waste streams for investment
- supporting more councils to adopt Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) collections through co-investment in business case development
- expanding hazardous and problematic waste collection and transport services to protect environmental and human health
- continuing our support for innovation and community-driven solutions through expanded grant programs for businesses, schools, councils, and community groups, focused on upcycling, rehoming, and reducing landfill.

Circular North remains committed to fostering a circular, resilient, and resource-conscious future for northern Tasmania. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to build momentum and embed circular thinking in everything we do.



John Marik
Chair, Circular North



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Executive Summary

Circular North continues to lead the transition toward a circular economy in northern Tasmania, bringing councils, communities, and industry together to reduce waste, recover resources, and create lasting regional value.

Guided by a clear vision and strong partnerships, the organisation's efforts in the 2025 financial year have delivered tangible outcomes, strengthened collaboration, and set the foundation for future growth.

During the year, Circular North supported practical, on-ground actions that made a measurable difference. More than 8,400 kg of household hazardous waste was collected through community campaigns, improving environmental and public safety outcomes across eight regional sites. Grants and awards programs continued to foster innovation, backing local councils, community groups, and businesses to deliver projects ranging from upgraded recovery infrastructure to creative reuse and recycling initiatives.

Circular North also invested in education and engagement to inspire long-term behaviour change. A school-based Resource Recovery Pilot helped schools in the region to audit and reduce their waste, while participation in major community events, such as the Big Day of Circular Living Ideas, North West Ecofest, and the Tasmanian Educational Leaders Conference, helped to build awareness and practical understanding of circular economy principles.

The program's governance and strategic direction were further strengthened with the completion of a new 5-year Strategic Plan, developed in consultation with member councils, industry, and government. Circular North also marked a leadership transition as the role of Chair was transferred from Shane Power to John Marik, and the program welcomed Louise Foster (CEO, NRM North) and Sam Johnson OAM (CEO, City of Launceston) to the Steering Committee.

Looking ahead to FY26, Circular North's focus will be on improving regional waste data systems, advancing Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) service development, and expanding programs that support hazardous waste management and community-driven innovation. By deepening collaboration and using data to inform decision-making, Circular North aims to strengthen regional capacity and accelerate progress towards a circular, low-waste future.

About Circular North

The Circular North program aims to deliver regional waste and cost-effective recycling initiatives, providing advice, funding, and education to communities, businesses, and governments.

Guided by the waste hierarchy (Figure 1), an internationally accepted guide for prioritising waste management practices, Circular North applies the principles of ecologically sustainable development to inform strategy and achieve meaningful gains in resource recovery.

Established in 2007 as the Northern Tasmanian Waste Management Group, Circular North is a regional collaboration dedicated to advancing sustainable waste solutions. Previously hosted by City of Launceston, the program has been hosted by NRM North since 2023.

Its partners include the region's eight local councils: Break O'Day, Dorset, Flinders, George Town, City of Launceston, Meander Valley, Northern Midlands, and West Tamar.

Funding for Circular North was originally provided through a voluntary levy on waste disposed of at participating regional landfills. The initiative is now supported by the statewide landfill levy administered by the Tasmanian Waste and Resource Recovery Board (WRR Board).

Figure 1: The waste hierarchy



Map of Northern Tasmanian Waste Facilities

Break O'Day

- Ansons Bay - Waste Transfer Station
- Fingal - Waste Transfer Station
- Pyengana - Waste Transfer Station
- Scamander - Waste Transfer Station
- St Helens - Waste Transfer Station + Inert Landfill
- St Marys - Waste Transfer Station

Dorset

- Branxholm - Waste Transfer Station
- Gladstone - Waste Transfer Station
- Scottsdale - Waste Transfer Station

Flinders

- Walkers Supermarket - Recycling Hub
- Whitemark - Waste Transfer Station
- Flinders Council Waste Facility - Recycling Hub
- Lady Barron - Waste Transfer Station
- Lady Barron Store - Recycling Hub
- Killiecrankie - Waste Transfer Station

George Town

- George Town - Waste Depot
- George Town Council office - Recycling Hub
- Pipers River - Transfer Station

Launceston

- Launceston - Waste Centre + Landfill
- Launceston Town Hall - Recycling Hub
- Lilydale - Transfer Station
- Nunamara - Transfer Station

Meander Valley

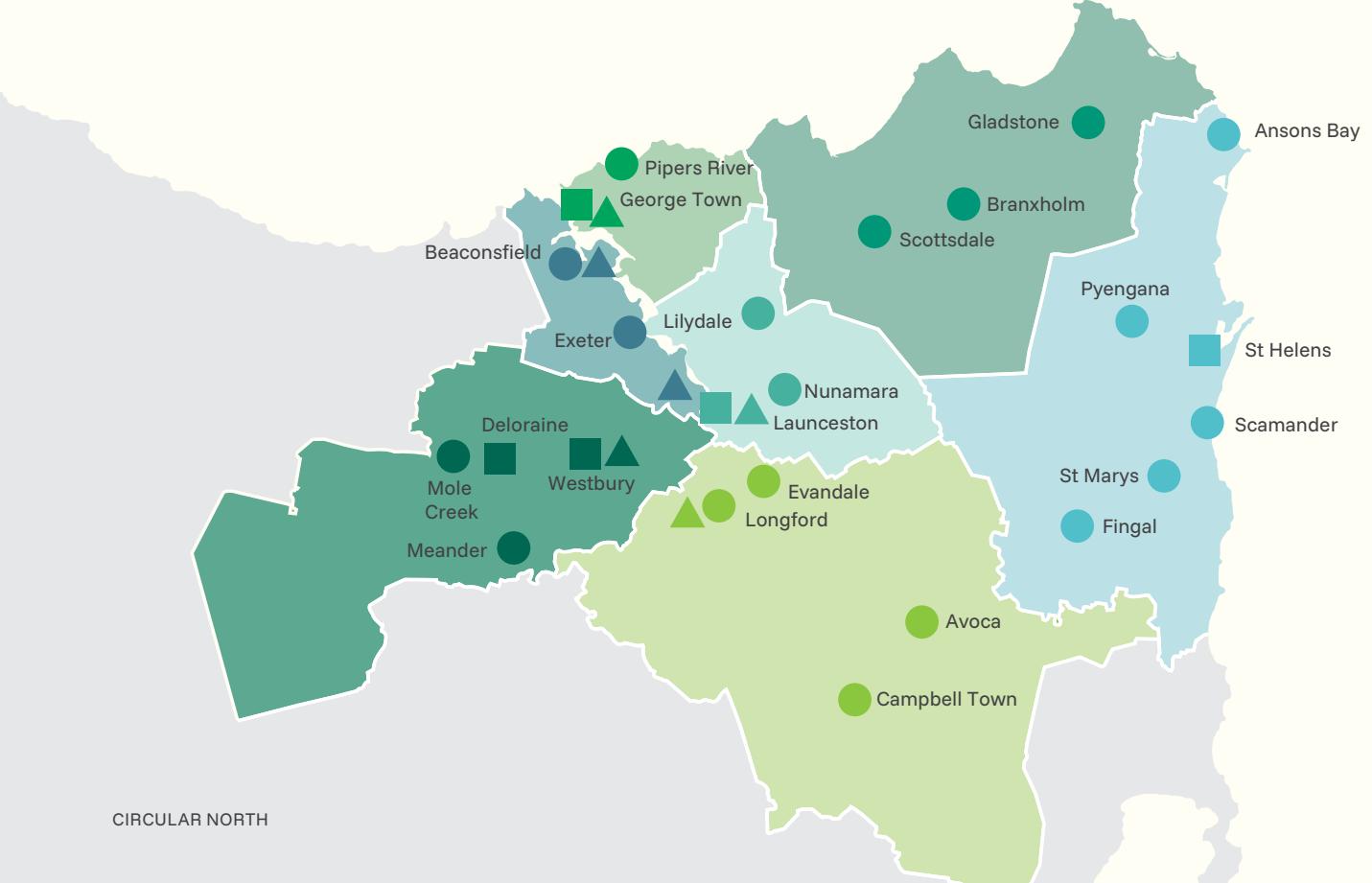
- Deloraine - Waste Disposal Site
- Mole Creek - Waste Transfer Station
- Westbury - Waste Disposal Site + Landfill
- Westbury Primary School - Recycling Hub
- Meander - Waste Transfer Station

Northern Midlands

- Avoca - Waste Transfer Station
- Campbell Town - Waste Transfer Station
- Evandale - Waste Transfer Station
- Longford - Waste Transfer Station
- Northern Midlands Council - Recycling trailer

West Tamar

- Beaconsfield - Waste Depot
- Exeter - Transfer Station
- West Tamar Council Riverside - Recycling Hub
- West Tamar Council Beaconsfield - Recycling Hub



Governance Framework

**Tasmanian Waste and Resource Recovery Board (WRR Board):
Administers landfill levy funding and oversees compliance with the
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NRM North

Manages program delivery, finances, milestones, and reporting using in-house and contracted delivery partners.



Steering Committee:

Provides overarching guidance, advice, and strategic oversight.

Members as at 30 June 2025

John Marik (Chair)

General Manager, Dorset Council

Shane Power

General Manager,
George Town Council

Sam Johnson

Chief Executive Officer,
City of Launceston

John Brown

General Manager,
Break O'Day Council

Jonathan Harmey

General Manager,
Meander Valley Council

Des Jennings

General Manager,
Northern Midlands Council

Kristen Desmond

Chief Executive Officer,
West Tamar Council

Warren Groves

General Manager,
Flinders Council

Louise Foster

Chief Executive Officer,
NRM North

Technical Committee:

Offers technical expertise for program design, evaluation, and continuous improvement.

Members as at 30 June 2025

Michael Attard (Chair)

City of Launceston

Nathan Lowe

Northern Midlands Council

David Jolly

Break O'Day Council

Adina Purton

West Tamar Council

Jeff Holmes

Dorset Council

Ben Slingsby

NRM North

Glen Johnston

George Town Council

Oliver Ward (Acting)

Flinders Island

John Chrispijn

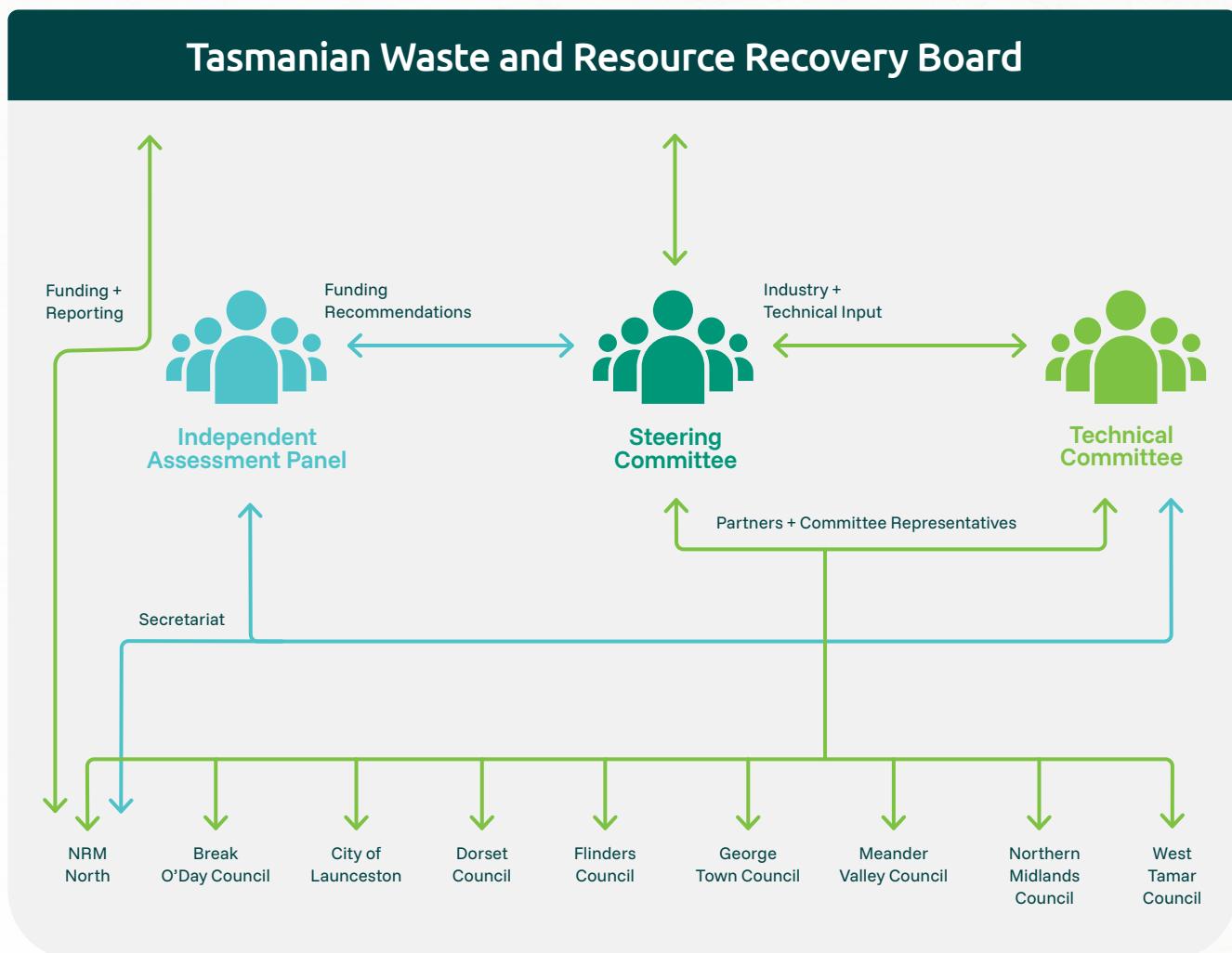
Meander Valley Council

Independent Assessment Panel:

Independently assesses project applications and major procurements, with members from NRM North, local government, and industry.

This framework ensures accountability, transparency, and technical excellence in delivering waste and recycling outcomes for northern Tasmania.

Tasmanian Waste and Resource Recovery Board



Strategy and progress

The Circular North Strategic Plan 2025–2030 is grounded in extensive research and consultation, ensuring that the region's waste management priorities are closely aligned with broader national, state, and local policy directions.

This alignment strengthens the region's contribution to Australia's transition towards a circular economy and ensures that local actions deliver measurable results against shared targets.

Circular North is a regional program with strong policy foundations, bringing together councils across the region with the shared goal of improving waste management in line with the waste hierarchy. Over successive strategies (2012–2017 and 2017–2022), Circular North has implemented initiatives to reduce landfill reliance, boost resource recovery, and promote behaviour change through education. The 2025–2030 Strategy builds on this legacy, informed by a detailed review of key strategies including the National Waste Policy (2018), the Tasmanian Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy (2023–2026), and multiple regional and council waste strategies.

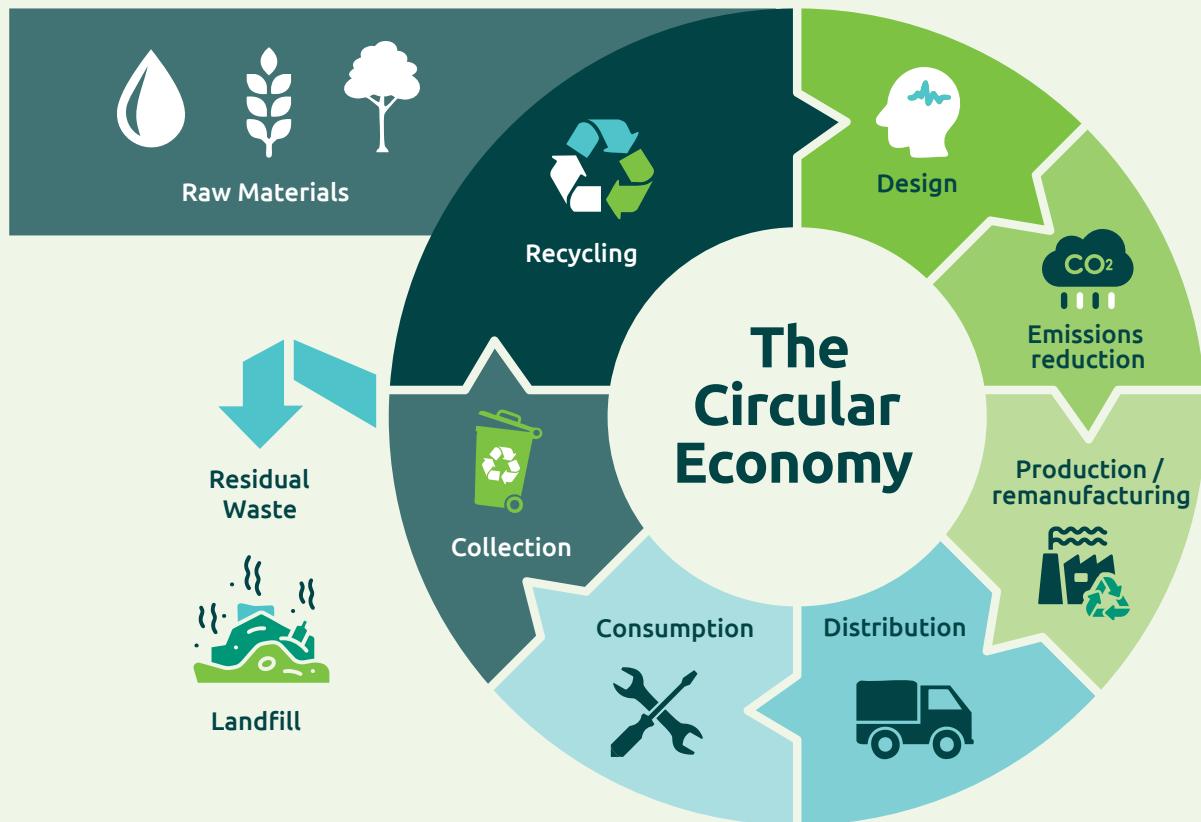
Identified common strategic themes that underpin circular economy transformation include:

- **Circular economy principles**
Prioritising waste avoidance, reuse, and resource recovery.
- **Education**
Engaging the community and industry to drive behaviour change.
- **Resource recovery and landfill diversion**
Improving infrastructure and processes to increase recovery rates and extend landfill life.
- **Organics diversion**
Halving organic waste to landfill by 2030.
- **Regulations and market demand**
Implementing bans, product stewardship, and procurement rules to stimulate markets for recycled materials.
- **Strategic planning and regional development**
Fostering collaboration and local capacity-building.
- **Technology and innovation**
Designing products for durability and recyclability.

Break O'Day
Dorset
Flinders
George Town
City of Launceston
Meander Valley
Northern Midlands
West Tamar

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... Circular North ensures a unified and measurable approach to waste reduction.”



These themes are reinforced by common quantitative targets such as reducing total waste generated per person by 10 per cent by 2030, achieving an 80 per cent average resource recovery rate, and ensuring all packaging is reusable, recyclable, or compostable.

Analysis of Circular North's 2017–2022 Strategy showed strong alignment with national and state priorities in education, landfill and organics diversion, regional development, and resource recovery. However, it also revealed areas needing greater emphasis, particularly waste avoidance and technology and innovation. The Circular North Strategic Plan 2025–2030 directly addresses these gaps, embedding targets and initiatives that reflect best practice at all tiers of government.

By aligning with national, state and regional strategies, Circular North ensures a unified and measurable approach to waste reduction. This supports environmental outcomes such as reduced emissions and conservation of natural resources, and creates local economic opportunities through improved infrastructure, skills development, and innovation. The Circular North Strategic Plan 2025–2030 is part of a coordinated national effort to transform waste management systems, accelerate the circular economy, and achieve shared targets for a sustainable future.

Strategy and progress

Building on previous achievements, Circular North marked a pivotal year in FY25. Public consultation in mid-2024 shaped a shared vision, which underpins and guides a path forward:

“Support northern Tasmania to transition to a Circular Economy by fostering collaboration and resource-sharing at a regional level, while aligning closely with state and national waste management targets.”

To inform program priorities during the transition of program governance, Circular North developed an Interim Strategic Plan with a set of targets and actions that support state and national objectives and align with the Circular North vision.

Final actions of this Interim Strategic Plan delivered in FY25 include:

- six projects funded through the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Grants, diverting **thousands of kilograms** from landfill through upcycling, composting, repair, and reuse initiatives
- the safe collection of **7.784 tonnes** of household hazardous waste through free community drop-off events
- over **230 tonnes** of problematic waste including batteries, e-waste, paint, and polystyrene diverted from landfill.

Alongside delivering this diverse program of initiatives to reduce waste and increase resource recovery across northern Tasmania, the program engaged with councils, industry, community stakeholders, and government to co-design and adopt the new Circular North Strategic Plan 2025–2030, which has four overarching goals:

1. Working towards a Circular Economy, including a **9% per capita** waste reduction, increased capture of **FOGO (+69%)**, garden organics (+80%), plastics (+36%), and other priority materials.
2. Improving data and reporting by building consistent, transparent waste management reporting and introducing regional data dashboards.
3. Facilitating collaboration through enhancing partnerships across councils, industry, and the community to build market opportunities and shared solutions.
4. Supporting strategic alignment by ensuring local actions are consistent with state and national waste management strategies.

Once achieved, these targets will divert an additional **94,000 tonnes** from landfill each year by 2030, while reducing total waste generation by **61,000 tonnes** annually.



Scan or Click the QR code to access the Circular North 2025-2030 Strategic Plan



Delivering the Strategy

Throughout the delivery and reporting of the Interim Strategic Plan, the aggregation of the target results presented some difficulties due to the timing and methods of collection by each local government area.

Progress towards strategic targets has been sporadic, partly due to results for contamination and composition of waste streams taken at a single point in time, however, as data capture becomes more robust, it is anticipated targets will be met.

Additional metrics will be developed following implementation of the 5-year strategy, and as projects are initiated.

To implement the Strategic Plan 2025 -2030, Circular North will progress a suite of projects that build on FY25 progress:

- **Improve capture of hazardous and problematic waste**
expand collection services and assess the scale of waste streams, particularly on farms, to inform future investment and stewardship initiatives.
- **Improve regional data collection, management, and reporting**
support councils to upgrade reporting systems, hardware, and software, and deliver public platforms that showcase Circular North's impact.
- **Increase Regional FOGO Collections**
use audit data to deliver targeted behaviour change campaigns and help councils develop business cases for new or expanded services.

• **Inform decision-making and material flow to 2050**
analyse waste audit data to guide infrastructure planning, identify priority materials, and ensure long-term recovery capacity.

• **Support circular economy and community resource recovery**
align grant funding with strategic priorities to grow reuse, repair, and recycling opportunities.

With a clear strategy, committed partners, and proven delivery capability, Circular North is well-positioned to lead northern Tasmania towards a resilient, resource-conscious future. The years ahead will see continued investment in infrastructure, stronger regional data systems, and deeper collaboration between government, industry, and the goal of ensuring nothing goes to waste.

Table 1: Metrics and quantified strategic targets

Metric	Baseline (2022)	FY 24/25	Target (2030)
Waste generation rate	8.53 kg/HH/wk	6.84 kg/HH/wk	7.68 kg/HH/wk
Average waste diversion from landfill across all streams	Unknown	25.6%	80%
FOGO service coverage	3 councils	4 councils	5 councils
Yellow recycling bin contamination rate	12%	17%	<10%
Organic waste composition in red residual bin	51%	37%	30%
Recyclable waste composition in red residual bin	15%	16%	<10%
Number of councils with mandated recycled content procurement policies	0 councils	0 councils	4 councils



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FY25 Key Achievements

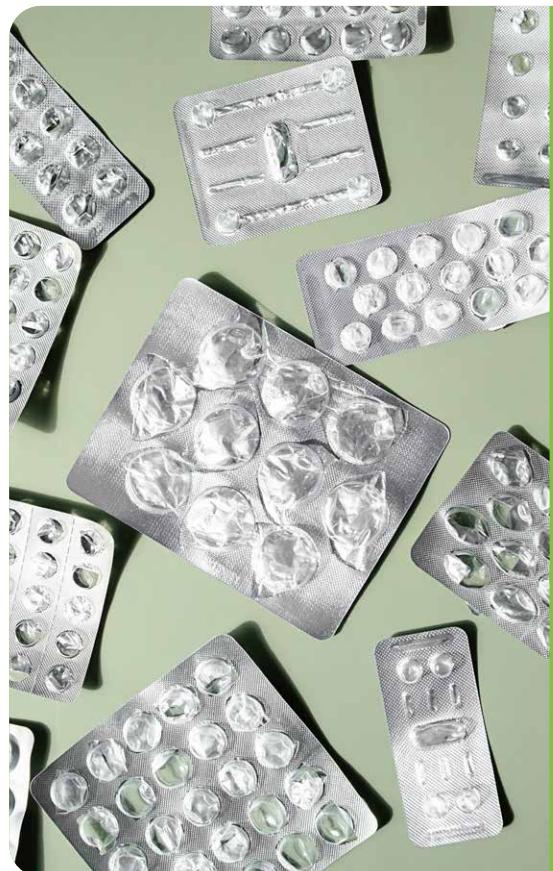
Hazardous and problematic waste

Waste streams that need to be safely disposed of and cannot be placed in the kerbside recycle bins include batteries, paints, fluorescent tubes, polystyrene and e-waste.

To reduce the serious impact these products can have on our environment, Circular North's Problematic Waste initiative facilitates the proper disposal and recycling of these materials.

Each year, a household hazardous waste collection regime is undertaken and stillages are provided in each local government area to facilitate the free disposal of problematic waste.

This year, Circular North also began the distribution of committed funds for recycle hubs throughout the region, and began the distribution of Pharmacycle collection boxes, an organisation that recycles blister packs.



Pharmacycle

Every year, hundreds of millions of blister packs are sent to landfill or incorrectly placed into kerbside recycling which contaminates other material streams.

Pharmacycle is Australia's first and only end-to-end recycling program for household and commercial medicinal blister pack waste that is free to the public. The voluntary recycling program is funded by participating pharmacies, industry sponsors and government organisations, and uses specialised recycling technology, to manage the collection and processing of blister packs.

Once collected, blister packs are taken to a processing facility in Sydney where each package is checked and weighed. Visual quality control removes contamination such as residual medication or paperboard packaging which is either recycled or sent to a licenced facility for disposal. Empty blister packs are then put through a series of mechanical recycling processes to separate the aluminium foil/seal from the plastic blister. Separated materials re-enter the economy as valuable raw materials, fuelling the creation of new products and championing the circular economy.

From July 2025, Circular North will fund over 20 drop-off points for blister pack recycling throughout northern Tasmania.



Expanded polystyrene

Expanded polystyrene (EPS) is a lightweight, rigid foam material made from polystyrene beads expanded with air. It is widely used in packaging, construction, and insulation due to its excellent thermal properties, durability, and low cost.

However, EPS is considered problematic waste because it is non-biodegradable, takes up significant landfill space, and transportation is costly in its expanded state due to its low density. It can also release harmful chemicals and microplastics into the environment when it breaks down, which poses a risk to wildlife and ecosystems.

EPS is collected on behalf of Circular North by City Mission at six sites across northern Tasmania and is transported to the Launceston Waste Centre. It is then processed on-site through an extruder, which condenses the material at a rate of 90 to 1. In FY25, City Mission processed 8.8 tonnes of polystyrene from northern Tasmania.



Paint

Unused paint is collected at seven sites across northern Tasmania and transported to Victoria for processing. In FY25, Paintback processed 63.2 tonnes of paint from northern Tasmania. Since 2016, Paintback has processed over 56,000 tonnes of unwanted paint and packaging across Australia ².

Paintback is an independent not-for-profit organisation funded by a levy imposed on eligible products between 1 litre and 20 litres. When consumers bring their leftover paint and containers to a Paintback drop-off point, they are safely stored on-site before being transported to specialised treatment facilities where the paint is separated from its packaging, empty containers are sent for recycling, and the paint undergoes different treatments based on its type. Solvent-based paints are used in energy recovery processes and water-based paints go through a liquid/solid separation procedure.



Household batteries

Most batteries contain hazardous materials like lead, cadmium, and mercury which can poison people and animals, and contaminate soils and water - staying in the environment for a very long time. If recycled, 95 per cent of the components of a battery can be turned into new batteries or used in other industries².

Household batteries also pose a fire risk and have been responsible for causing fires in kerbside recycling and waste compactor trucks in northern Tasmania.

Circular North supplies battery stillages to participating councils for collection of household batteries. EcoCycle then provide a processing and recycling service. Through its Ecobatt subsidiary, EcoCycle operates a battery processing facility at Campbellfield in Victoria which uses robotic handling equipment and customised designed monitoring software.

¹ Paintback (paintback.com.au) ² Batteries (cleanup.org.au)



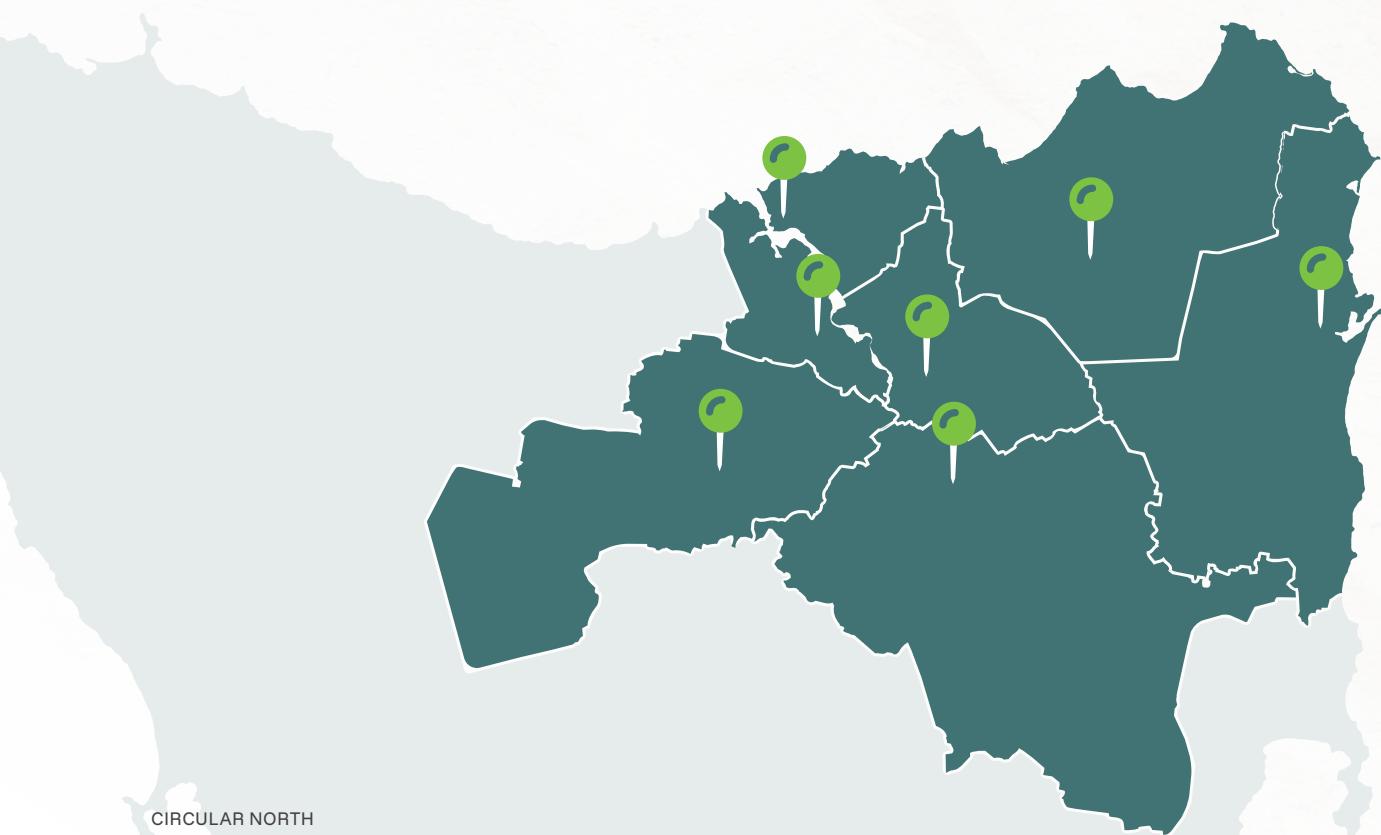
Electronic Waste (E-waste)

E-waste is collected from eight sites across northern Tasmania and distributed to the Launceston Waste Centre. It is then transported by TechCollect to Victoria for processing. E-waste such as computers, mobile phones and tablets contain toxic chemicals, including arsenic, that can pollute soil and water and disrupt ecosystems.

In FY25 over 45 tonnes of e-waste was safely disposed of through the seven participating sites in the northern region. At the Whitemark Waste Transfer Station on Flinders Island, 950 kg of e-waste was collected.

E-Waste is collected from:

- **George Town** 111 Mount George Road, George Town Council
- **Deloraine** Tip Road, Deloraine
- **Exeter** Biloo Street, Exeter
- **Launceston** Cavalry Road, Mowbray
- **Longford** 291 Marlborough Street, Longford
- **Scottsdale** 750 Bridport Road, Jetsonville
- **St Helens** Eagle Street, St Helens
- **Flinders Island** Memana Rd, Whitemark





Recycling Hubs

A recycling hub is a designated location where individuals can drop off various types of waste that are not typically accepted in standard kerbside recycling bins. The hubs help communities reduce landfill waste by providing specialised collection services for items that are difficult to recycle.

Operators of recycling hubs work with specialised recycling programs and organisations to ensure collected materials are properly processed and reused. The hubs feature organised compartments for sorting specific types of waste, making it easier for items to be disposed of. In addition to collecting recyclables, the hubs are a great way to educate the community about correct recycling practices and to encourage behavioural change towards waste management.

Circular North funded the construction of 11 hubs for distribution among councils and community centres such as regional libraries. The hubs will be placed throughout the northern region in FY26.

Household hazardous waste collections

Household hazardous waste (HHW) collections facilitate the safe disposal of potentially dangerous substances used in and around the home that are flammable, toxic, explosive, or corrosive such as cleaning solvents and garden chemicals.

Disposing of this type of waste in general rubbish or recycling bins can cause fires in bins and garbage trucks, creating a safety hazard for truck drivers, the community, and the environment.

In FY25, Circular North undertook two programs of collections to reduce landfill and the impact the chemicals have on our soils and waterways. Collections allowed residents to freely dispose of items on designated collection dates with the support of a qualified chemist, storage, and transport provider. This service was packaged and transported the chemicals to be safely disposed of.

In 2025, Circular North facilitated the first collection of HHW on Flinders Island with a total of 2.05 tonnes of HHW and agricultural chemicals collected for processing. In total, 8,451 tonnes of hazardous waste was safely disposed of in FY25.



Figure 2: Infographic showing distribution of household hazardous waste collected in spring 2024 and autumn 2025.

Spring 2024 Waste Collections

	Exeter	Deloraine	Scottsdale	George Town	Longford	St Helens	Launceston	Whitemark
	19 October 10am - 1pm	19 October 2pm - 5pm	26 October 9am - 12pm	26 October 1.30 - 4pm	2 November 9am - 11.30am	2 November 1.30pm - 4pm	9 November 9am - 4pm	-
Number of participants	14	7	5	8	10	6	40	-
Average (kg) per participant	27.9	22.9	70.4	34.4	79.9	22	26.8	-

Autumn 2025 Waste Collections

	Exeter	Deloraine	Scottsdale	George Town	Longford	St Helens	Launceston	Whitemark
	1 March 10am - 1pm	1 March 2pm - 5pm	8 March 9am - 12pm	8 March 1.30 - 4pm	15 March 9am - 11.30am	15 March 1.30p - 4pm	22 March 9am - 4pm	30 & 31 March 1pm to 4pm
Number of participants	19	11	10	8	10	2	62	12
Average (kg) per participant	19.4	27.7	14.1	27.5	14.7	4	32.9	171.1

Total Waste Collection FY25

Council Area	Total Weight (kg)
Exeter	759
Deloraine	465
Scottsdale	493
George Town	495
Longford	946
St Helens	140
Launceston	3100
Whitemark	2053



8,451t

Total waste collected



224

Household Waste Participants



37.7kg

Avg. Kg per participant

FY25 Key Achievements

Community Engagement - Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Grants

The Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Grants support successful applicants decrease the amount of waste sent to landfill through innovative activities that increase the recirculation of resources, projects that support future waste targets, and actions to encourage the transition to a circular economy.

In the 2024-25 round of Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Grants, a total of five projects to the value of \$38,674 were assessed and approved. A sixth application was withdrawn prior to assessment. Funding has been distributed to the successful recipients, with all projects and expenditure expected to be completed by June 2026.

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Bridport Primary School

Bridport Primary School is committed to reducing paper waste and improving sustainability within their school. Their project focused on installing hand dryers in bathrooms to replace pre-folded hand towels. The school also installed a recycling bin in the outdoor eating area. Through this project, students will significantly reduce daily waste, promote responsible waste disposal, and reinforce the school's commitment to minimising environmental impact.

Exeter High School

Pruned branches and dry garden waste (biomass) from the school grounds and the School Farm at Exeter High School has previously gone to landfill or been burnt, contributing to atmospheric carbon. Through their funded project, the school will make better use of this 'waste' and improve the farm's productivity by creating biochar with a newly funded biochar kiln.

Creating biochar not only diverts this waste from landfill, but it creates a valuable product which sequesters carbon (in a stable form), improves soil structure and water holding capacity, and provides a medium for nutrient absorption (holding nutrient in soils until it can be taken up by plants). Effective and efficient biochar production requires material to be burnt in a low oxygen environment using a biochar kiln, which also improves the amount of carbon effectively stored, and provides a safe environment for staff and students during production.

Golden Brown Tasmania

Golden Brown is an organic waste collection service and composting operation. It supports the local circular economy by collecting discarded organic waste from local hospitality businesses, offices and florists.

Using 20 litre buckets, it diverts over 2 tonnes of organic waste from landfill, and services over 25 businesses every week. The waste buckets, full of organic resources, are transported to an urban farm and vineyard in Norwood, Launceston for processing. Through hot composting, vermicomposting and pyrolysis (biochar) systems, valuable organic resources including compost, potting mix and worm castings are created that can be sold to the community and returned to the soil, growing a more resilient and connected local food system. Alongside its operations, Golden Brown is passionate about education, teaching the community about composting and circular economies. The purchase and installation of a new solar-powered hot water system will allow them to expand their operations and further support the hospitality industry and community (Pictured: top right).



Scottdale Primary School

Scottdale Primary School will replace 10 paper towel dispensers in the school toilet blocks with energy-efficient hand dryers. This initiative is designed to significantly reduce paper waste and promote a more sustainable environment within the school community, where natural resources are conserved, landfill is decreased, ongoing costs are lowered, and a more hygienic hand-drying solution is provided. Installation has been coordinated with maintenance staff and an awareness campaign will educate teachers and students about the benefits of using hand dryers over paper towels.

Tasmanian Scouts

Following the Tasmanian Government's announcement of a Container Refund Scheme (CRS), Scouts Tasmania reviewed mainland CRS and Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) projects and identified how Tasmanian Scout groups could participate regardless of group size, number of volunteers, fundraising capacity or their own halls.

Grant funding has provided CRS-labelled blue wheelie bins for nine scout groups in northern Tasmania to place as donation points in various workplaces, as well as an event kit for northern Tasmania, including wheelie bins and signage, which will enable local scout groups to collect recycling at events. These resources will be used by scout groups in conjunction with collection bags available to loan to supporters, or place on doorsteps during bottle drives.

Table 2: Summary of projects delivered through the 2023-24 Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Grants.

Organisation	Project title	Status	Value
Bridport Primary School	Eco-Friendly Hand Dryers & Recycling Initiative	Recommended	\$10,000.00
Exeter High School	Green Waste to Soil Carbon	Recommended	\$10,000.00
Golden Brown Tasmania	Golden Brown Composting	Recommended	\$1,824.50
Scottdale Primary School	Sustain our School (replacement of paper hand towel dispensers)	Recommended	\$6,849.00
Tasmanian Scouts	Scouts Tas CRS Project North	Recommended	\$10,000.00
Tasmanian Produce Centre	Circular Packaging Initiative	WITHDRAWN	\$0.00

FY25 Key Achievements

Waste NoT Awards



The Waste NoT Awards recognise outstanding efforts in advancing the circular economy across the northern region.

This program formally celebrates individuals, groups, and organisations who have made significant steps to reduce waste and promote sustainable resource use.

The awards highlight a diverse range of initiatives from waste avoidance and education to recycling, upcycling, and product re-invention. By showcasing these achievements, the Waste NoT Awards help raise awareness and inspire broader community action toward a more circular future.

The awards are supported by the region's eight councils and ReThink Waste. Circular North launched the campaign in February 2025, with the award presentation held in June 2025 at NRM North in Launceston.

Award winners received a \$500 VISA gift card, and runners-up received a \$200 VISA gift card. The Community Group / Not-for-Profit category attracted the highest number of applications, with the Primary School category closely behind.

The award winners for 2025 are:



Primary School

Our Lady of Mercy, Deloraine

Warming up to Sustainability - the team have established worm farms around their school which recycle all food waste from students and staff, turning it into worm castings and worm tea to nourish their gardens. Environmentally they help reduce waste by **diverting all compostable food scraps from landfill**.



Secondary / Tertiary

University of Tasmania

Closing the Loop on Circularity – UTAS have developed a Waste Minimisation Action Plan. **The plan has seen an achievement of reduced waste to landfill by 41% in 2024.**



Small Business

The ReDress Hub

Launched in 2022, the ReDress Hub is an innovative social enterprise revolutionising local fashion through circular economy practices — **reuse, repair, remake, and resale**. To date, ReDress has diverted over **1,500 kg of textiles from landfill**, saving approximately **12 tonnes of CO2 emissions, 2024 million litres of water**, and over **3 hectares of land**, based on the Tas Reuse Impact Calculator.



Community Group / Not-for-Profit and Overall Winner

WRAPS – Flinders Island Glass Crushers

On Flinders Island, a pioneering community initiative is turning glass waste into a valuable local resource, with the WRAPS (Waste Reducing Activities by Producing Solutions) Association's Northern Glass Crushers project taking the not-for-profit/community group category and receiving the top honour as overall winner at the 2025 Waste NoT Awards.

Based in Killiecrankie, the project has seen more than **42,000 bottles and jars**, equivalent to **14.5 tonnes**, diverted from landfill since late 2021, transforming them into aggregate for concrete, driveways, drainage, gardens, and paths. The project is entirely community-driven, with **185 volunteer hours** contributed since September 2023, and ongoing support through equipment donations of fuel for the generator.

WRAPS Secretary Anne Rae said the project's success is a testament to local commitment and collaboration.

“

This project was developed by a local community who wished to contribute to finding a solution to the waste we generate in the village of Killiecrankie. It now also serves the small villages at Palana and West End, who use the transfer station for waste disposal,” Anne said.

Local Government

City of Launceston Repair Café

The Launceston Repair Café is a City of Launceston initiative run by volunteers on a monthly basis to essentially repair and reuse items that would otherwise end up in landfill. During 2024 and 2025, over **1,512 kg**, (equivalent to approximately **151 wheelie bins**) of goods, were brought in by the public.



FY25 Key Achievements

Circular North Pilot Schools Program

In FY25, Circular North commenced a pilot program which aims to help schools reduce waste and improve recycling through targeted waste audits and practical support.

Eight schools — one in each member municipality — received a detailed assessment of their waste streams which will be followed by tailored recommendations and the opportunity to access funding for infrastructure or educational materials. The program's goal is to foster a lasting culture of waste avoidance, increase diversion from landfill, and reduce the cost of recycling challenging waste streams.

Participating schools included:

- St Helens District High School
- Bridport Primary School
- Port Dalrymple School
- Summerdale Primary School
- Deloraine High School
- Perth Primary School
- Exeter Primary School
- Flinders Island District High School

As part of the pilot program, waste bins were physically audited, with waste profiles documented across general waste, organic material, recyclable material, bottles suitable for the Container Refund Scheme (CRS), hazardous materials and material that could be diverted from landfill through Recycle Hub opportunities.

Data analysis and trend identification were undertaken as part of the reporting process. This will culminate in a tailored report for each participating school.

Reports will outline key improvement opportunities and actionable recommendations, with schools invited to apply for a grant of up to \$2,500 to install infrastructure and/or purchase educational materials to address audit priorities. The pilot program supports Circular North's commitment to community education and landfill diversion, empowering young people to become champions for sustainable resource use within their schools, homes, and communities. The next phase of this program is expected to continue in early 2026.



FY25 Key Achievements

Supporting statewide waste education through ReThink Waste Tasmania

Circular North continues to work in partnership with the Cradle Coast Waste Management Group and TasWaste South to deliver consistent, statewide communication and education about waste avoidance and resource recovery services, events, and news for all Tasmanians.

Tasmania's regional waste management groups deliver this project in partnership with the Tasmanian Waste & Resource Recovery Board using the state waste levy.

The ReThink Waste Tasmania website acts as a central hub for public information, allowing users to:

- access recycling and waste guidelines by municipality
- find details on waste collection services and waste transfer stations including locations, operating hours, and available services
- stay informed about local waste management events.

In FY25, ReThink Waste Tasmania transitioned to their new host, TasWaste South; developed a new strategy for ReThink Waste Tasmania; appointed a Statewide Coordinator; and began recruiting three ReThink Waste Engagement Officers in each of Tasmania's three waste regions to strengthen community outreach and education efforts.

North West Ecofest 2025

In April 2025, Circular North, together with Cradle Coast Waste Management Group and TasWaste South attended the North West Ecofest 2025 in Ulverstone.

Circular North raised awareness about the waste hierarchy and circular economy principles in northern Tasmania with an educational stall featuring an interactive waste-sorting activity for all ages. The event helped to foster meaningful conversations about sustainable living practices.

The BIG Day of Circular Living Ideas 2025

Circular North was proud to be a major sponsor of Sustainable Living Tasmania's The BIG Day of Circular Living Ideas event, held in March 2025 in Hobart. The event highlighted circular economy practices and encouraged the adoption of sustainable principles within the community.

Headlined by Craig Reucassel from ABC's War on Waste, the event brought together exhibitors, speakers, and sustainability advocates to inspire individuals and businesses to embrace practices such as designing out waste, reusing materials, and regenerating natural systems. The event was a valuable opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals while promoting practical and affordable changes for a healthier and more sustainable future.

Circular North in collaboration with Cradle Coast Waste Management Group and TasWaste South, showcased its commitment to circular economy principles by displaying the Northern Midlands Council's recycling trailer, which offered attendees a hands-on opportunity to test their recycling skills and learn about proper recycling techniques.

2025 Tasmanian Educational Leaders Conference

Circular North and Cradle Coast Waste Management Group attended the 2025 Tasmanian Educational Leaders Conference, with the support of ReThink Waste Tasmania, to showcase the curriculum-aligned education programs being developed to the principals of state schools in Tasmania. The conference benefited the leadership team of schools who were given the opportunity to engage with waste educators and learn about free programs to support their sustainability goals.





FY25 Key Achievements

Strategic investment - Infrastructure grants for councils

In FY25, Circular North invited applications from all member councils for dollar-for-dollar co-contribution funding to deliver infrastructure projects aimed at reducing landfill waste.

Eligible projects focused on innovative core activities at Waste Transfer Stations that increase resource recovery, prevent valuable materials from being lost to landfill, and/or strengthen northern Tasmania's circular economy.

A total of four applications, valued at \$182,500 were assessed by an independent panel, with all projects recommended for funding. The panel also suggested that future investment opportunities could extend beyond Waste Transfer Stations and councils to target priority waste streams identified in the Circular North strategy and supported by audit data. All funded projects are scheduled for completion by 30 June 2026.



Table 3: 2024-25 Waste Transfer Station Resource Recovery Enhancement Grants summary

Proponent	Project title	Status	Value
City of Launceston	Sawtooth hook bins for organics and metal recovery	Recommended	\$20,000
Dorset Council	Scottsdale recycling shed upgrade	Recommended	\$62,500
Northern Midlands Council	Installation of weighbridge at Longford Waste Transfer Station	Recommended	\$50,000
Meander Valley Council	Improving recycling options for metals at the Deloraine Waste Transfer Station development	Recommended	\$50,000



FY25 Key Achievements

Recycle Coach

As the Circular North program transitioned from the Northern Tasmanian Waste Management Group hosted by City of Launceston, to the Circular North program hosted by NRM North, Circular North and its Technical Committee members have continued to support the Recycle Coach application, ensuring continuity of service for residents in the region.

Circular North purchases a yearly subscription to Recycle Coach for use by partner councils, providing a website widget and mobile app for councils to deliver waste management communications to subscribed residents.

This includes details about regular collections, special events, and service interruptions. Users can view a calendar displaying resident-specific waste, recycling, and FOGO collections for the next month, set customised reminders for regular kerbside collections, and view location-based recycling and disposal instructions. In addition, council staff can be contacted directly through the app to report issues such as stolen bins, missed pick-ups, or a change of address. The service is highly valued by residents in the region, demonstrated by high user numbers across multiple municipalities. Flinders Island do not have kerbside collection and are excluded from the service.

Total number of Recycle Coach users for FY25 across all northern Tasmania Local Government Areas (LGAs):
54,571

Total number of resident interactions across the seven northern Tasmanian councils (excluding Flinders) during FY25:
483,462

Percentage of northern Tasmanian users accessing Recycle Coach, by platform:

- **Web Widget:** 45,656 (83.66%)
- **Mobile App:** 3,774 (6.92%)
- **Other:** 5,141 (9.42%)

Recycle Coach - Key Statistics



83.66% (45,656)

Desktop/Web Widget users



6.92% (3,774)

Mobile App users



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Total resident interactions



9.42% (5,141)

Other methods of access

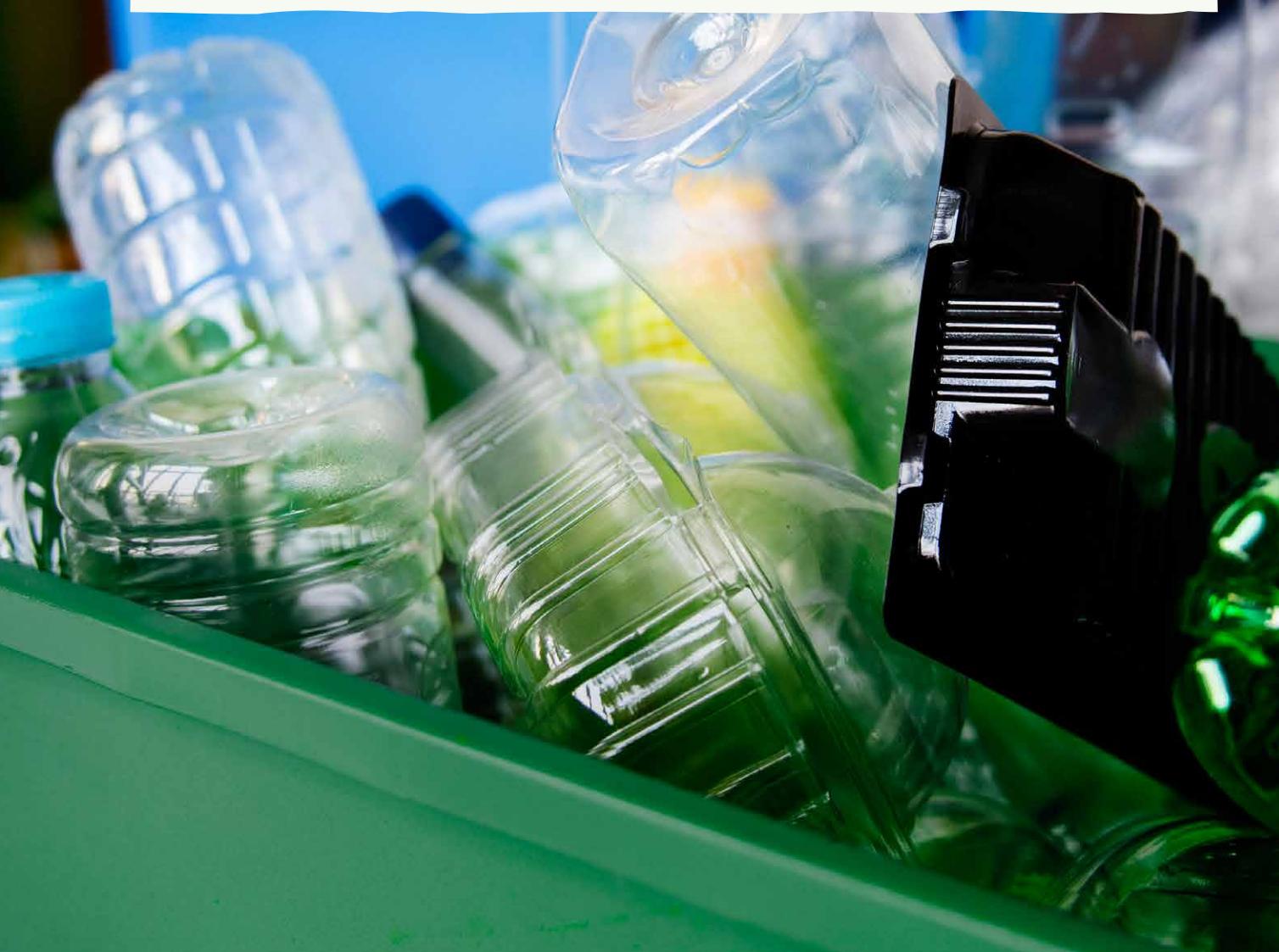
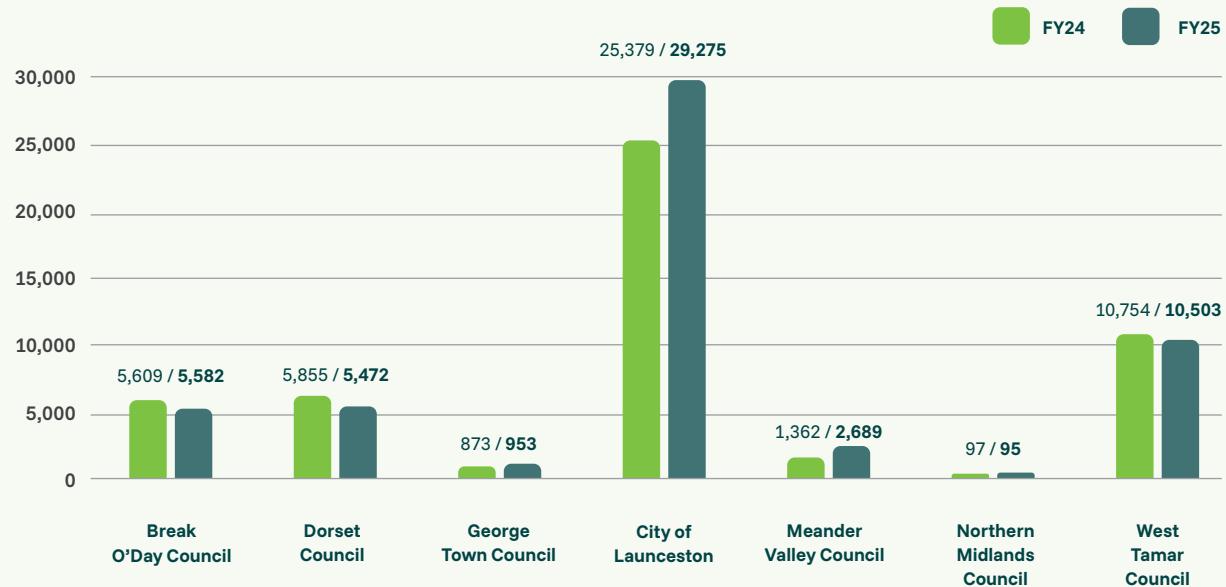


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Total Recycle Coach users



Figure 3: Distribution of Recycle Coach users in northern Tasmania, excluding Flinders Council LGA



Regional waste generation and diversion

Waste to Landfill

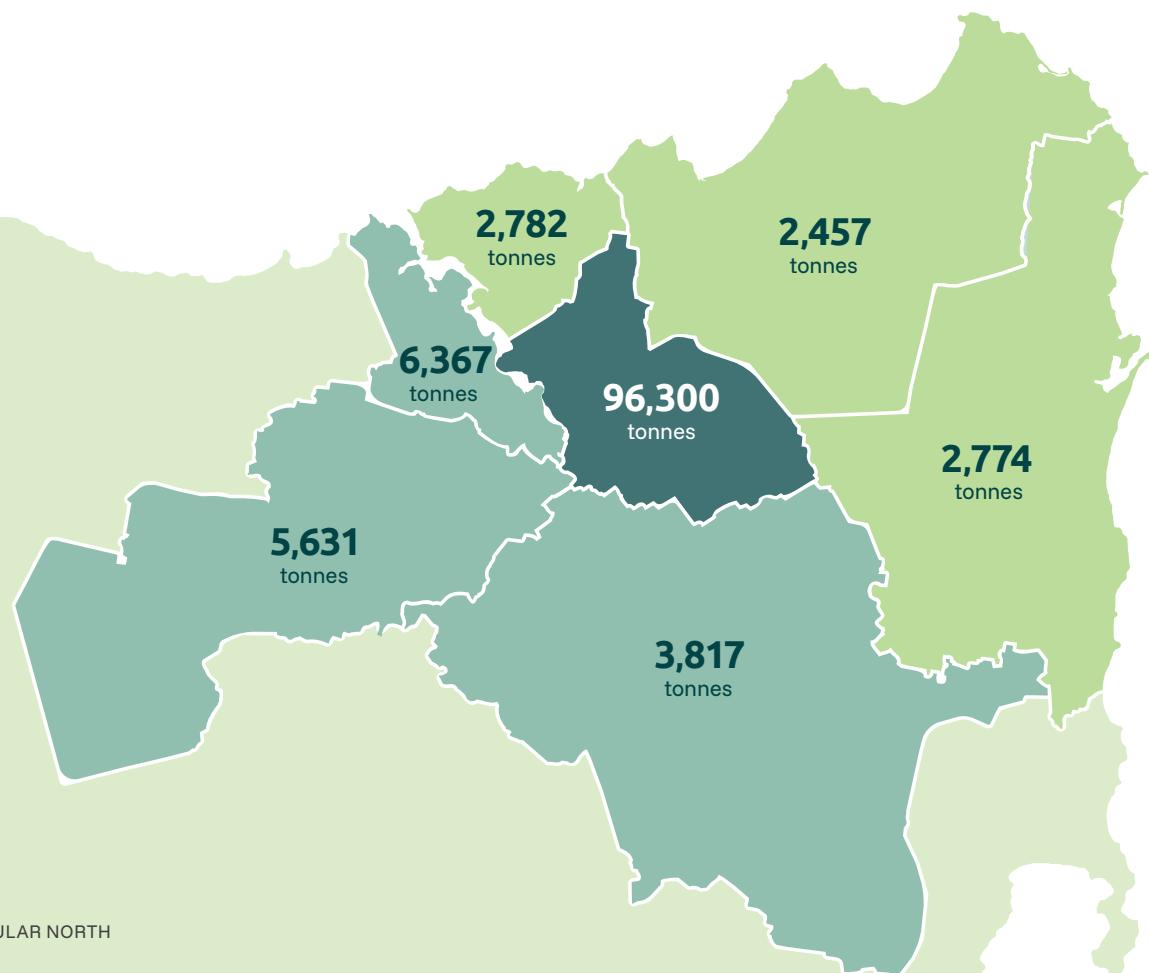
Many of Circular North's waste diversion projects focus on the Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) market which accounted for approximately 24.5% of all waste to landfill in Tasmania in FY25.

Across northern Tasmania, councils collected approximately 124,674 tonnes of MSW in FY25. Figure 4 displays tonnes of municipal waste collected by councils from kerbside services and waste transfer stations.

Due to contractual arrangements or transport efficiencies, not all MSW collected by member councils is disposed of at landfill sites in the northern region. For example, Break O'Day Council's MSW is transported to Copping Regional Waste Depot in southern Tasmania. As a result, the tonnage of MSW collected by northern councils cannot be used to determine the proportional contribution of MSW to total landfill at a regional level.



Figure 4: Tonnes of municipal waste per council in FY25





Regional waste generation and diversion

Council diverted waste - Kerbside Recycling



Council waste diversion includes kerbside collection of commingled recycling, FOGO, and separation of waste streams at waste transfer stations and landfills.

Circular North's partner councils are committed to improving resource recovery in the region and offer various kerbside and waste transfer station collection services.

The following data is not a full representation of council service provision and efforts in recycling and waste diversion. Additional details can be requested from individual councils.

Kerbside recycling services cover most of the region and are provided by all councils except Flinders Council, with councils utilising Material Recycling Facilities (MRF) for sorting and recovery of commingled recycling collections.

More than 10,240 tonnes were collected across northern Tasmania through kerbside recycling services in FY25, and processed at Veolia's recycling centre in Spreyton.



Table 4: Total kerbside recycling collected by each council

Council	Total tonnes collected	Number of collections	kg/HH/wk	Presentation %
Break O'Day	590	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded
Dorset	439.4	85,722	2.56kg	Not recorded
Flinders	No collection	No collection	No collection	No collection
George Town	458.05	72,075	3.18	Not recorded
City of Launceston	4,914.73	617,461	3.98	71.98
Meander Valley	1,095.73	160,127	3.42	81.02
Northern Midlands	1,038.21	134,860	3.85	79.21
West Tamar	1,710.36	256,000	3.34	83



Regional waste generation and diversion

Kerbside Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO)

Kerbside collection of food organics and garden organics (FOGO) is offered to residents in northern Tasmania by City of Launceston, Meander Valley, Northern Midlands, and West Tamar councils.

All collected FOGO is delivered to the City of Launceston's purpose-built composting facility at the Launceston Waste Centre, where it is processed into a composted product used for soil improvement.

The Launceston facility also collects FOGO products from the Central Coast Council as well as commercial businesses including Tasmanian bakery Cripps, the Launceston General Hospital, and Lenah Game Meats. The compost is used in parks and gardens throughout the city managed by City of Launceston.

A total of **12,128 tonnes** of material was accepted through the facility in FY25. This produced approximately **4,000 tonnes** of high-quality compost, resulting in the avoidance of over **23,000 tonnes** of greenhouse gas emissions. Table 6 displays a proportion of material collected by councils and other sources during FY25.



12,128t

Material accepted



4,000t

High-quality compost



23,000t

Greenhouse gases avoided



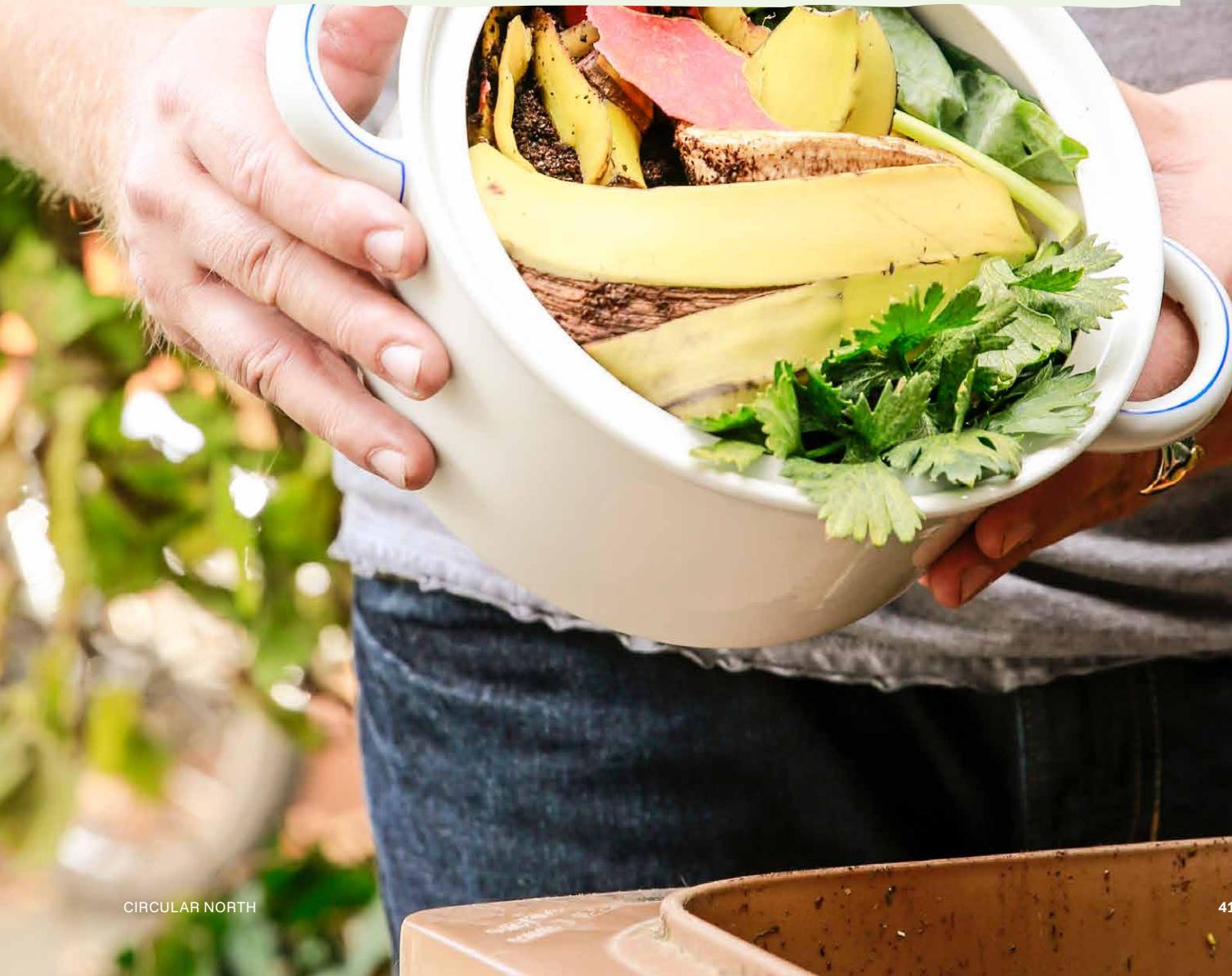
391,136

FOGO bin collections

Table 5: Total kerbside FOGO collected by each council

Council	Total tonnes collected	Number of collections	kg/HH/wk	Presentation %
Break O'Day*	No collection	No collection	No collection	No collection
Dorset*	No collection	No collection	No collection	No collection
Flinders*	No collection	No collection	No collection	No collection
George Town*	No collection	No collection	No collection	No collection
City of Launceston	4,270.74	213,206	10.02	57.31
Meander Valley	1,170.5	63,776	9.18	66.78
Northern Midlands	1,375.47	62,866	10.94	52.95
West Tamar	1,079.93	51,288	10.54	63

* FOGO collections are not yet set up in these council areas.



Other waste streams

All waste that goes to landfill in Tasmania is charged a landfill levy, which supports initiatives such as those delivered by Circular North.

Landfill facilities with a minimum annual throughput of 100 tonnes have an obligation under the *Waste and Resource Recovery Act 2022* to maintain landfill movement records relative to each movement of waste into or out of the facility, or between parts of a combined waste facility.

These regulated landfill facilities, alongside resource recovery facilities with a minimum annual throughput of 1,000 tonnes, must provide their data monthly to the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania.

Circular North has continued to support councils in relation to streamlining these reporting requirements through provision of data collection software and training.

During FY25, a total of **124,674 tonnes** was disposed of at landfill sites in the region, which was a **2% increase** from FY24. Figure 5 shows the annual tonnages in waste to landfill across northern Tasmania.

Significant projects in the Commercial and Industrial (C&I) and Construction and Demolition (C&D) sectors can affect waste volumes year on year. As such, increases in total waste to landfill tonnages should not be considered a failure of diversion and recycling initiatives.

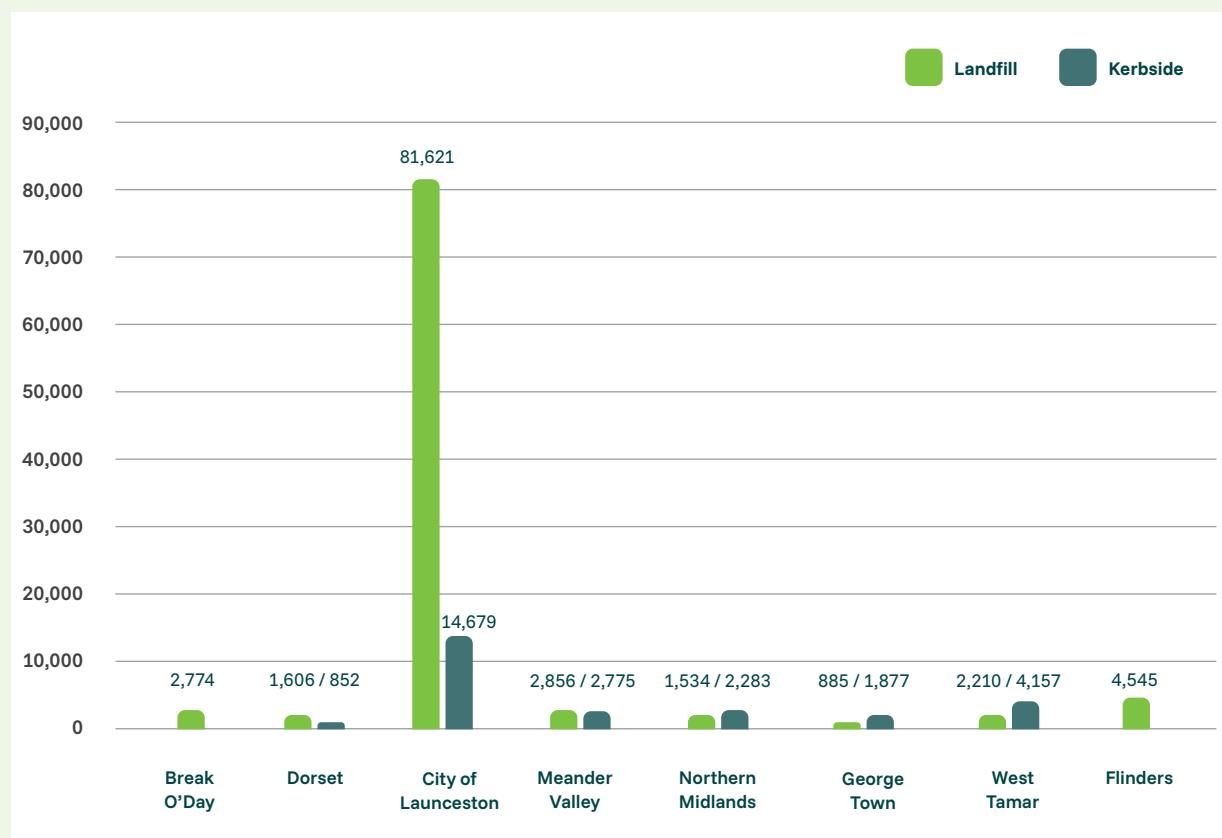
Across northern Tasmania, waste is collected at 26 council-operated waste transfer stations and one council-supported facility, which is run as a public service by a community group at Meander, before being sent to landfill.

Of the 21 regulated landfill facilities in Tasmania, six are in the northern region:

- Deloraine Waste Depot
- George Town Waste Depot
- Launceston Waste Centre
- St Helens Inert Waste Depot
- Westbury Waste Depot
- Whitemark Waste Depot



Figure 5: MSW to landfill by council in FY25



Financial Statements

Statement of Profit or Loss & Other Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 30 June 2025

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Revenue		
Waste and Resource Recovery Board	791,655	1,302,385
ReThink Waste Program	103,671	-
Interest	27,598	7,169
Partners Income - Other	18,841	33,673
Total Revenue	941,765	1,343,227
Expenses		
Program Delivery - Circular North	742,995	295,378
Program Delivery - ReThink Waste	75,408	-
NRM North Wages and Oncosts	276,812	233,352
Program Management and Administration	79,165	130,000
Total Operating Expenses	1,174,380	658,730
Net Surplus (Deficit)	-232,615	684,497
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income for the Year	-232,615	684,497

Financial Statements

Statement of Financial Position

As at June 2025

	2025 \$
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Circular North - Project Delivery Account	895,219
ReThink Waste Program Account	28,263
Partners Reserve Account	1,033,737
Total Current Assets	1,957,219
 Non Current Assets	
Non Current Assets	-
Total Non Current Assets	-
Total Assets	1,957,219
 LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities	
Contracted Liabilities	273,564
Accrued Expenses	5,018
Total Current Liabilities	278,582
 Non-current Liabilities	
Total Non-Current Liabilities	-
 Total Liabilities	278,582
Net Assets	1,678,637
 Equity	
Reserves - Project Delivery	915,440
Reserves - Partner Reserve	995,812
Current earnings - Project Delivery	-298,803
Current Earnings - Rethink Waste	-28,263
Current earnings - Partner Reserve	37,925
Total Equity	1,678,637

Appendix A

Progress against actions in Circular North's FY25 Annual Plan

Table 1: Progress against key actions in Interim Strategic Plan FY25

Waste reduction and avoidance

Ref	Focus area	Actions	Delivery Status	Comments
1.1	Decrease waste generated rates	1.1.1 Continue to deliver regional education and engagement programs, with a focus on principles of waste reduction, correct source separation and increased recycling	Complete	This funding supported education and engagement initiatives through the ReThink Waste initiative such as engaging the wider community through 3 events and school incursions.
		1.1.2 Partner with Cradle Coast Waste Management Group (CCWMG) / TasWaste South (TWS) to implement cross-regional communication strategy and engagement projects	Complete	This funding was a contribution towards the statewide ReThink Waste Tasmania initiative which coordinated messaging through radio advertising, promotional events and social media content. Collaborated with TWS, CCWMG and the WRR Board to build a statewide strategy for statewide education and behaviour change initiatives through ReThink Waste Tasmania.
		1.1.3 Support state programs that aim to reduce waste generation rate (e.g. single use plastic bans) through engagement with local community and businesses	Complete	Supported dissemination of information through social networks and data collection and technology support.
1.2	Support businesses transitioning to circular economy (CE) model	1.2.1 Recognise and reward individuals, businesses and organisations via the Waste NoT Awards	Complete	Awards presentation undertaken in June 2025.
		1.2.2 Support organisations and businesses investing in projects to decrease waste generation and increase the recirculation of resources through the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Grants	Complete	Preparation of grant management governance and infrastructure.
				Opened circular economy grants on 19 June.
				Assessment of applications and award of grants occurred in FY24.

Resource recovery and their re-use

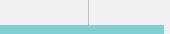
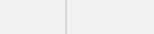
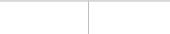
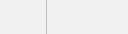
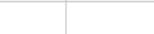
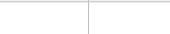
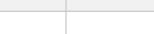
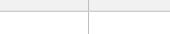
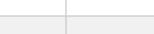
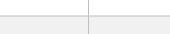
Ref	Focus area	Actions	Delivery Status	Comments
2.1	Improve waste diversion through kerbside collection services	2.1.2 Continue to deliver targeted audits of kerbside waste bins and waste disposal facilities	Complete	Delivered mid-2025, results will inform targeted education initiatives.
		2.1.3 Use kerbside audit results of residual waste and recycling bins to inform education messaging that increases the capture of recyclables	Ongoing	The results from audits completed in FY25 will be used to guide targeted education for delivery in FY26.
2.3	Facilitate recycling of problematic and hazardous wastes	2.3.1 Coordinate problematic and hazardous waste collection and transportation services to member Councils (including domestic batteries, paint, fluorescent lights and EPS)	Complete	Facilitation and support of product stewardship schemes will continue in FY26 for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> paint fluorescent bulbs and tubes household batteries polystyrene
		2.3.2 Coordinate biennial hazardous waste collection	Complete	Two household hazardous waste collections held in Oct/Nov 2024 and March 2025 with the inclusion of Flinders Island.
3.1	Improve waste transfer station and landfill best practice standards	3.1.2 Invest in waste transfer station best practice upgrades	Complete	Waste Transfer Station Best Practice Upgrade Grants presented to 4 member councils.
3.2	Data management and reporting	3.2.1 Ongoing provision of waste data capture software licenses, hardware, IT support and training to member councils	Complete	Support for waste data collection including software licence for data capture will continue in FY26.
4.2	Develop detailed 5-year Strategy	4.2.1 Develop Draft 5-year Strategy based on principles and actions established by the Interim Strategic Plan	Complete	Strategy launched
		4.2.2 Consult with member councils, industry, sector representatives and state government in the development of a Final 5-year Strategy	Complete	Strategy launched

Appendix B

Summary of actions identified in Circular North's FY26 Annual Plan

Actionable Items

 Ongoing  Scheduled

Action	Action Description	Status	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
4.1	Align this regional strategy with state and national strategies	Ongoing				
2.5	Ensure reliable data reporting mechanisms are in place	Scheduled				
2.3	Conduct regional carbon modelling of waste management activities and future options	Scheduled				
2.4	Implement weighbridges or other accurate measurement infrastructure	Scheduled				
4.2	Facilitate alignment of member council waste strategies and plans with this regional strategy	Scheduled				
4.7	Advocate for the use of reusable, recyclable or compostable packaging by 2025	Scheduled				
3.1	Build stakeholder understanding of material flows via annual material flow reports	Ongoing activity				
3.8	Continue technical committee meetings on a regular basis	Ongoing activity				
3.9	Continue Steering Committee meetings on a regular basis	Ongoing activity				
2.1	Support, where necessary, regional understanding of data collection and reporting compliance	Scheduled				
3.10	Facilitate technical knowledge sharing sessions on a regular basis	Ongoing activity				
2.10	Undertake audits on a regular basis to inform decision making and materials flow analyses	Ongoing activity				
3.11	Ensure an ongoing community engagement program to improve waste management outcomes	Ongoing activity				
1.2	Increase FOGO capture rate by 13.8% when compared to the baseline, by June 2026	Ongoing project				
1.14	Ensure recovery capacity pipeline for MSW is sufficient to 2050	Ongoing project				

Actionable Items

Ongoing Scheduled

Action	Action Description	Status	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2.2	Develop an appropriate waste data dashboard to inform the community	Scheduled	<div style="width: 100%; background-color: #009688; height: 10px; border-radius: 5px;"></div>			
2.6	Identify hazardous material generation (types, generators and material flows) in the region	Ongoing project	<div style="width: 20%; background-color: #009688; height: 10px; border-radius: 5px;"></div>	<div style="width: 20%; background-color: #009688; height: 10px; border-radius: 5px;"></div>		
2.7	Identify a better practice prevention and collection program for hazardous waste	Ongoing project	<div style="width: 15%; background-color: #009688; height: 10px; border-radius: 5px;"></div>	<div style="width: 15%; background-color: #009688; height: 10px; border-radius: 5px;"></div>		
2.8	Identify appropriate lawful consolidation, transport and processing of hazardous wastes	Ongoing project	<div style="width: 15%; background-color: #009688; height: 10px; border-radius: 5px;"></div>	<div style="width: 15%; background-color: #009688; height: 10px; border-radius: 5px;"></div>		
2.9	Implement a hazardous waste collection program	Ongoing project	<div style="width: 15%; background-color: #009688; height: 10px; border-radius: 5px;"></div>	<div style="width: 85%; background-color: #666; height: 10px; border-radius: 5px;"></div>		
3.2	Guide private investment through annual release of relevant data	Scheduled	<div style="width: 15%; background-color: #009688; height: 10px; border-radius: 5px;"></div>	<div style="width: 85%; background-color: #666; height: 10px; border-radius: 5px;"></div>		
3.3	Conduct market development feasibility studies for identified priority materials	Scheduled			<div style="width: 100%; background-color: #009688; height: 10px; border-radius: 5px;"></div>	
4.3	Facilitate member councils working consistently across the region	Ongoing activity		<div style="width: 100%; background-color: #666; height: 10px; border-radius: 5px;"></div>		
1.3	Increase garden organics capture rate by 16% when compared to the baseline, by June 2026	Scheduled	<div style="width: 100%; background-color: #009688; height: 10px; border-radius: 5px;"></div>			
1.4	Increase plastics capture rate by 7.2% when compared to the baseline, by June 2026	Scheduled	<div style="width: 100%; background-color: #009688; height: 10px; border-radius: 5px;"></div>			
1.5	Increase construction and demolition capture rate by 5.8% when compared to the baseline, by June 2026	Scheduled	<div style="width: 100%; background-color: #009688; height: 10px; border-radius: 5px;"></div>			
1.10	Increase hazardous waste capture rate by 1.8% when compared to the baseline, by June 2026	Ongoing project	<div style="width: 100%; background-color: #009688; height: 10px; border-radius: 5px;"></div>			
3.12	Ensure an ongoing business engagement program to improve waste management outcomes	Scheduled	<div style="width: 15%; background-color: #009688; height: 10px; border-radius: 5px;"></div>	<div style="width: 85%; background-color: #666; height: 10px; border-radius: 5px;"></div>		
1.7	Increase paper and cardboard capture rate by 6.2% when compared to the baseline, by June 2026	Scheduled			<div style="width: 100%; background-color: #009688; height: 10px; border-radius: 5px;"></div>	
1.13	Increase material recovery by 4.6% when compared to the baseline, by June 2026	Scheduled			<div style="width: 100%; background-color: #009688; height: 10px; border-radius: 5px;"></div>	
3.5	Develop procurement policy to support the use of identified priority materials	Scheduled			<div style="width: 100%; background-color: #009688; height: 10px; border-radius: 5px;"></div>	



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