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Waste Collection Savings

Council awarded a 5 year Waste and Recycling Collection Contract to Avon Waste at the April 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting.

The new waste collection contract will see a significant reduction in costs to the Shire which will be passed on to ratepayers though a reduction to the Domestic Rubbish & Recycling charge on the rates notice. Avon Waste are a reputable, experienced waste and recycling kerbside collection company with contracts covering 37 local governments and collecting over 43,000 bins per week.

Shire President Victoria Brown said, "Council and Shire staff are always looking at ways costs can be reduced. Through the tender process we are able to receive competitive prices for the work to be completed. In this instance Avon Waste were able to offer the same level of service at a reduced cost. The change will see around a \$15 reduction per household in the Domestic Rubbish & Recycling charge on the rates notice, with no change to the level of service, which is a great achievement."

Acting CEO Shane Burge said, "The switch to Avon waste will only be noticed by our residents by the different look of the trucks picking up our waste and recycle bins. Current bin days and service levels being experienced should continue on as before. This is a positive result as we continue to look at ways to reduce costs and our waste to landfill. Research is continuing into the possibility of supplying a third organics bin which will be another great outcome for the Esperance Community."

The Shire has been fortunate to have high quality waste collection providers in the past and would like to thank Cleanaway (incorporating the purchase of Warren Blackwood Waste) for their service over the last ten years.

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