

TRANSITION OF SERVICES AT BARGO WASTE MANAGEMENT CENTRE

BACKGROUND

Bargo Waste Management Centre (Bargo WMC) is non-putrescible landfill located at 27 Anthony Road, Bargo and is Councils only remaining licenced landfill.

Since the landfill site at Bargo was opened in the 1960's, Council has adapted to changing environmental requirements to extend the life of the facility; however, it has now reached maximum capacity and the time has come to slow down landfill operations and prepare for a complete site closure.

TRANSITION TO A TRANSFER STATION

While plans are underway for the closure and remediation of the landfill, the site will be transitioned into a short-term transfer station.

A transfer station is a facility used to temporarily store waste before it is transported off site for recycling or disposal. Common waste types found at a transfer station includes dry waste (e.g. furniture), garden organics, cardboard and tyres.

In this case, most dry waste (e.g. furniture, carpet, toys) currently landfilled at Bargo WMC will instead be placed into large bins which will be transported off-site for disposal.

SITE CHANGES

To facilitate the transition to a transfer station, a number of changes are required on site. Changes include the re-arrangement of waste drop off locations, the setup of additional waste drop off bays for dry waste, and improvements to road surfaces into the facility. To accommodate these changes, Bargo WMC will be temporarily closed for a short period during April to May 2024.

ALTERNATE WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES

During the site closure, a number of other local waste disposal facilities are available for Wollondilly residents and businesses to access and dispose of household waste items such as tyres, scrap metal, garden organics and electronic waste. These sites include:

Local Waste Facilities

- Remondis, Picton – 67 Wonga Rd, Picton
- Veolia, Spring Farm – 20 Barrow Rd, Spring Farm
- Bowral Waste Centre – 8 Kiama St, Bowral
- Penrith Landfill – 842 Mulgoa Rd, Mulgoa
- Wollongong Waste & Resource Recovery Park (Whytes Gully) – 502 Reddalls Rd, Kembla Grange

For more information, visit the [‘Local Waste Facilities’](#) page on Council’s website.

Community Recycling Centres

Community Recycling Centres (CRCs) are permanent drop-off centres for common household problem wastes that can’t be collected via council kerbside waste and recycling collection services. Wollondilly residents can drop off problem wastes at any of these centres year-round, FREE of charge. The following materials can be dropped off at Community Recycling Centres:

- Paint
- Gas bottles
- Fire extinguishers
- Fluorescent globes
- Motor oil
- Other oils
- Household batteries
- Car batteries
- Aerosols
- Smoke detectors

To find your closest Community Recycling Centre, visit the [‘Community Recycling Centre’](#) page on Council’s website.



Household Chemical CleanOut Events

Household Chemical Cleanout events are run by the NSW EPA and hosted by Council's across NSW. These events are another way to dispose of common problem household wastes, free of charge.

The next Household Chemical CleanOut event in Wollondilly will be held on **Sunday 7 April 2024**. Keep an eye out for a flyer in your letterbox. To find your nearest Household Chemical CleanOut event, visit the [NSW EPA's website](#).



Council's Domestic Waste Service

Council provides residents with a waste service consisting of a red-lid garbage bin (emptied weekly), yellow-lid recycling bin and green-lid garden organics bin (emptied fortnightly) to residents.

Residents have the option to increase their bin sizes or order additional bins if required. To find out more, visit the ['Red, Yellow & Green Bins'](#) page on Council's website.



Council's Bulky Waste Clean Up Service

As part of the Domestic Waste Service, Council also provides residents with two scheduled household clean up collections each year. The collections are to assist with the removal of bulky household materials.

Following responses to a community survey on the future of waste management in the Shire, we are currently investigating the option to change over to on-call clean-ups in the near future.

To find out your next clean up date, visit the ['Lookup Your Clean Up Details'](#) page on Council's website.



FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information, please visit Council's website or contact the Waste Services Team on (02) 4677 1100 or council@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au.

FAQs

WHAT WASTE WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE TRANSFER STATION?

Once the transfer station commences operation in May 2024, construction and demolition waste or fill will no longer be accepted. Other waste types currently accepted on site will continue to be accepted.

To view a list of waste types accepted at Bargo WMC, visit the '[Local Waste Facilities](#)' page on Council's website.

HOW LONG WILL THE TRANSFER STATION BE OPEN FOR?

At this stage, the transfer station will remain open until plans are put in place for the final site closure and remediation.

The final site closure date has not yet been determined but will be communicated to Wollondilly residents and businesses in due course.

WHAT WILL THE FINAL LAND USE OF BARGO WMC BE ONCE REMEDIATED?

The final land use of the site will be classed as 'passive open space' which will contain a variety of grasses

and carefully selected vegetation to encourage local fauna and invertebrate.

CAN THE SITE BE USED AS A PUBLIC SPACE (E.G. PARK) ONCE IT'S REMEDIATED?

Unfortunately, the site cannot be used as a public space due to potential risks associated with landfill gas emissions and steep landfill batter slopes post remediation.

No vehicular or foot traffic is permitted on the remediated landfill to ensure that no damage occurs to the final capping layer of soil and vegetation. Damage to a remediated landfill can be costly to fix.

WILL COUNCIL BUILD ANOTHER WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY IN FUTURE?

At this stage, it is very unlikely that Council will consider developing another landfill due to the high financial costs associated with the construction, operation and ongoing environmental monitoring required.

Instead, already established local waste facilities are a more feasible solution and are more conveniently located for Wollondilly residents to access.