



Murraylands and Riverland
Local Government Association

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Date Thursday 10 April 2025

Venue Nildottie Town Hall, 4052 Hunter Rd, Nildottie SA 5238

General Board Meeting Minutes

PROGRAM

9:00am	Arrival, Registration + Tea and coffee
9:15am	Board Briefing (not open to the public)
10:00am	Meeting Opened
2:00pm	Meeting Closed

*Being a unified local government sector
working in the best interest of the region and our communities*



MINUTES FOR THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE MURRAYLANDS & RIVERLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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1 WELCOME

MRLGA Presidents Welcome

Chairperson, President Mayor Caroline Phillips to open meeting.

Welcome Board Members and invited guests.

No apologies communicated.

Acknowledgment of Country

2 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

No disclosures.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A copy of the General Board Meeting Minutes is provided at [Appendix 1](#) (including attendance register).

Motion

"Minutes of the MRLGA General Board Meeting held at the Rural City of Murray Bridge on 6 February 2025 be taken as read and confirmed."

Moved, **Mayor Valentine (SMDC)** Seconded, **Mayor Wayne Thorley (RCMB)** **Carried**

4 ACTIONS REGISTER

	20 October 2023 - General Meeting	
	Action:	
10	<i>Charter Review and Update</i> <i>It would be best to align the MRLGA voting processes with the sector MRLGA Ceo to research other lga's voting procedures.</i> <i>Agreed that the item is brought back to the Board Meeting in February 2024.</i> That the MRLGA Board support the proposed changes to the Charter and ask the MRLGA CEO to have them reviewed legally and any feedback brought back to the board before proceeding.	Underway Met with Mr Lachlan Miller on current Charter proposed changes. Temporarily on hold until the LGA constitutional review nears to an end (including its voting processes).
	18 April 2024 – General Meeting	
	Action	
19	That the MRLGA Ceo write to the new Local Government Minister and invite him to meet with the board for a broader conversation about financial sustainability in the Local Government sector. If successful with a meeting MRLGA, Ceo will prepare and agenda and online meeting ahead of time to prepare.	- Invited early June for 25 July Meeting – unable to attend. - Invited to 9 August meeting – unable to attend. - Invited in late March and am working with the advisor on a suitable date.

	* There were 26 board actions from 23/24, of which the above 2 items remain pending.
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	7 August 2024 – Annual General Meeting	
	Action(s)	
1	Roads to Recovery The MRLGA Ceo pursues a conversation about the Roads to Recovery Funding allocations and report back to the Board	- Completed.
2	A.I R&D Application The MRLGA Ceo submits an application to the LGA Research & Development Scheme for an AI project (based on its research to date) and if successful liaise with the MRLGA Ceo network on scope before engaging a consultant.	- No longer an action. (Application not submitted due to scoping issues.)
3	Flood Funding The MRLGA Ceo liaise with Ceo's of flood impacted Councils to understand the scope of shortfall occurring post flood and report back (including the recent \$9m Community and Recreation Asset Restoration Program and insurance claim outcomes)."	- Completed.
4	Policy That draft meeting procedure Option 2 for Appointment of President of the Subsidiary is endorsed by the Board in the interim, awaiting an alternate draft procedure to be presented to the Board at future meeting	- Scheduled Q4.
5	Regional Transport Plan That the MRLGA Board support the MRLGA Ceo to investigate alternate methods of a strategic transport plan, gaining feedback from the Regional Transport Committee and Ceo Network on alternatives to a static document before reporting back to the Board.	- To be developed, post the release of the State Transport Strategy.
6	Regional Drought Resilience Plan The MRLGA re-engage PIRSA and Ministers (Scriven's) Office regarding MRLGA's role in relation to MR Plan, Drought Resilience and Drought Response.	- Follow up discussions have happened with PIRSA (not the Ministers office as yet).
7	The MRLGA Board support the MRLGA Ceo to continue providing coordination and advocacy for (Murraylands and Riverland) regional drought response, and report back to the board on any impact(s) this may have on the Annual Business Plan (on an as needs basis).	- Ongoing (updates have been provided online (at optional meetings) and via email updates.

	Thursday 6 February 2025 – General Meeting	
	Action(s)	
	No motions for action.	
	Question time to Presenter(s)	
8	Item 6.2 – Resilient Rivers Framework An inquiry was made to PIRSA / Peter Appleford if communique from PIRSA on details of the work can be released within the week (ie 7 February '25)? It was advised PIRSA will look into it.	- PIRSA released a 5 pg communique to the Water Working Group on 6 and 7 March '25.
	General Request(s)	
9	Item 5.1 - ALGA Motions Agreed to revisit the options for a motion during an online session in late Feb/early March.	- An online meeting was held on Thursday 20 February '25. No further action.
10	Agreed to list Coastal and Jettie Infrastructure / River Infrastructure on next meeting agenda for group discussion	- Completed.
11	A question was asked if the MRLGA has a plan / timing for if/when the WMRR Strategy will be updated.	- Refer to Item 8.2 (under

		Follow Up).
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Out of session requests:

- MRLGA Ceo to invite the Federal Minister for Agriculture to visit the region.
Update: A verbal invite was extended in November 2024, followed by a check in March, but no commitment at this time.

Motion

"That the MRLGA Board note the actions completed and those underway from the previous meetings.

Moved, Mayor Peter Hunter (RPC) Seconded, Mayor Wayne Thorley (RCMB) Carried

5 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATIONS

5.1 Nationally ALGA

- **Current Policy Work**
- **Advocacy**
 - o **Federal Budget – FA Grants**
 - o **Funding Emergency**
 - o **"Put Our Community's First" campaign.**
 - o **2025 National General Assembly (NGA) in Canberra 24-27 June 2025**
Theme : National Priorities Need Local Solutions

Notes:

- DCKEM advised it would take on the query from the group if LGA can put motions to ALGA.
- Discussion was had about the need for drought to be treated as a natural disaster.

5.2 South Australia LGA

- o **Topical Update**
- o **LGA Strategic Plan**
- o **Local Government Elections : Voting proposed to be mandatory**
- o **LGA Events**
- o **Consultation on Model Financial Statements**
A link to information on the consultation is below:
[Consultation on 2025 Model Financial Statements | LGA South Australia](#)
The MRLGA seeks the Board's endorsement for it to submit a brief proposal, asking that Regional Local Government Associations be exempt from preparing annual Model Financial Statements, and be required to prepare General Purpose Financial Statements.

Motion

"The MRLGA Board endorse the MRLGA Ceo to submit feedback on 2025 Model Financial Statements, asking the Subsidiary be required to submit General Purpose Financial Statements as part of an annual audit and report process.

Moved, Mayor Trevor Norton (DCLW)

Seconded, Mayor Simone Bailey (MMC)

Carried

5.3 Regional SAROC Update

- **SAROC Rep Update**

Representatives Mayor Caroline Phillips and Mayor Simone Bailey provided a verbal update from the meeting held on 27 March in Whyalla.

Notes:

- Summarised two motions that were proposed to the committee regarding drought.
- MMC summarised its motion to the Board formally seeking support to alter the 30% per cap measurement of the FA Grants formula. MMC advised it was unclear if the Board supported the motion and is waiting on confirmation.
- Advised there was some discussion around a skills based board.

- **Drought**

Notes:

- Mayor Paul Simmons shared an update on drought.
- Discussed aspects of what Council's role is during drought response.
- Outlined the rate deferral proposal being scoped at this time, and that it could be achieved with minimal investment from the State. Discussed LGFA's possible role in this.
- Highlighted that there may be an education piece around how much Council rates farmers pay in regional areas.
- Revisited existing topics including stamp duty reduction, rate deferral and collection of landscape levies.
- Many farmers are working through 'how to fund' this year's crop.
- Applications to rebate programs (like the \$5k infrastructure) is oversubscribed.
- MR region is still the highest at RBS.
- A key challenge at the moment for some agricultural community's is 'when' (ie what year) would they be able to recover from this?

- **Coastal / Jetty / River Infrastructure**

Notes:

- Councils will explore a representative to sit on South Australian Boating Facilities Advisory Committee (SABFAC)
- Discussion was had around the awareness and understanding of the program.
- Discussion was had if the un-spent funds from the (flood) Council Community & Recreation Asset Restoration Program (CC&RARP) could be used to support gaps.

6 REGION WIDE AGENCY'S

6.1 Landscape Board

Notes:

- Andrew Meddle, Ceo has resigned from the role and will have his final working day on 19 May.

6.2 PIRSA Visit

- Dara Frankel, Principal Regional Advisor, Murraylands & Riverland from PIRSA attended the meeting and was available for discussion and questions.

Notes

In addition to the items listed in the written update:

- *Regional Visit*
PIRSA Ceo and Management team is visiting the region and primary industries around 17 May.
- *Drought Hub in Murraylands*
A board member tabled interest to have a drought hub in the Murraylands.
- *Water Recovery*
Feedback was provided to Ms Frankel that:
 - o 'information sharing' has been a challenge about water recovery, and could the regional report be updated to reflect this critical piece of work.

- the water group was still unclear about what can be divulged. It's a significant piece of work and the community is still asking for the status and details.
- There is concern legally about where we stand about information sharing and how this interacts with obligations under the LG Act.
- The working group hasn't seen the plan proposed.
- How the plan is released will be important.
- It was agreed, this feedback would be relayed back into PIRSA.
- *Drought Round Table*
A board member asked if there will be a second round table. MRLGA (Carron) and PIRSA (Dara) to discuss and follow up on.
- *Abalone Road Signs*
A board member raised the new roads signs and how long they will be there for.

- 6.3 **RDAMR**
- 6.4 **Zone Emergency Management Committee (ZEMC)**
- 6.5 **Standing Committee 22/23 River Murray Flood Event**
- 6.6 **Murray Darling Association**
- 6.7 **SA Drought Hub (Loxton node)**
- 6.8 **One Basin CRC (Loxton)**

Motion

"That the MRLGA Board note and accept the regional stakeholders written reports and/or minutes shared."

*Moved, **Mayor Trevor Norton (DCLW)** Seconded, **Mayor Peter Hunter (RPC)** Carried*

7 State Strategy's

7.1 Murray Mallee Regional Plan

Notes:

- A statement was made that past growth does not predict future growth and their Council is considering working with PLUS about this.
- Discussion was tabled if there could be a joint response from MRLGA. The general response was that each Council is best to assess its issues and submit a response individually if it chooses.

7.2 Other State Strategy's

8 MRLGA Regional Overview

- 8.1 **MRLGA Strategic Plan (2020-2025)**
- 8.2 **Regional Drought Resilience Program (MR Plan)**

Motion

"The MRLGA Board delegate its power to President, Vice President and Ceo to finalise a letter to Minister Scriven about future governance and delivery model associated with the Regional Drought Resilience Plan in light of additional funding coming from the State and Federal Government."

*Moved, **Mayor Wayne Thorley (RCMB)** Seconded, **Mayor Peter Hunter (RPC)** Carried*

8.3 Draft Flood Observations Report

Motion

"The MRLGA Ceo is to share a copy of the draft flood observations report with SERM, DPC as well as advise SERM, DPC to contact Councils for their reports too."

*Moved, **Mayor Ron Valentine (SMDC)** Seconded, **Mayor Wayne Thorley (RCMB)***

Carried

- 8.4 **Waste & Resource Recovery Strategy (2021 – 2026)**
 - o Regional Reporting
[Copy of the quarterly report is attached. Noting this is still under development.](#)
 - o Regional Waste Stream Map
[Copy of the Map is attached.](#)
 - o Regional Kerbside Review for Councils
- 8.5 **Public Health & Wellbeing Plan (2021 – 2026)**
- 8.6 **Regional Transport Plan**
- 8.7 **Water Advocacy Paper**
- 8.8 **Regional Digital Connectivity Plan**
- 8.9 **LGA / Climate Ready Regions Project**

9 FINANCIAL

9.1 Quarterly Financial Statements

Quarterly Financial Statements were provided at [Appendix 9](#).

Motion

“That the MRLGA Board accept the financial statements submitted for the quarter ending 31 March 2025 with the attached notations listed above.

*Moved, **Mayor Ron Valentine (SMDC)***

*Seconded, **Mayor Simone Bailey (MMC)***

Carried

10 ROUND TABLE

10.1 Berri Barmera Council

[Information and updates included:](#)

[Office of Small and Family Business](#)

[Asked the MRLGA Ceo inquire with Office of Small and Family Business if it would consider altering its \(closed\) delivery partner program to other](#)

[Bank stabilisation learnings for Ski Club](#)

[Asked if others have had success with bank stabilisation to pass back on to its ski club \(in terms of products, design, specification or contacts\). MRLGA offered to email the Infrastructure committee on their behalf and advise.](#)

Past items included:

- RLGF has issued a letter to Minister(s) if the River Murray is ‘navigable’ and are waiting a reply. The reply will be shared with the group.

The background to this issue relates to obstructions in the river and responsibility.

10.2 Coorong District Council

[Mayor Paul Simmons left the meeting earlier at 12:30noon to attend another meeting.](#)

Past items included:

- Impacts of Little Corellas are ongoing and growing, including that on mental health.
- CDC has reviewed its hardship policy
- Further work and advocacy is being led by Council in light of the withdrawal of health services, and the following challenges and impacts that ensue. 40 submissions from community have been received to support Councils advocacy
- Prolonged Dry Conditions/ Drought
- Delivering “Unbreakable Farmer” sessions
- Liaising with the PHN on local issues

10.3 District Council of Loxton Waikerie

[Information and updates included:](#)

LGA Visit

LGA Ceo, Clinton Jury and a bus of visitors came to DCLW to see a stormwater / cwms project of theirs.

Changing Places Public Toilet

Promoted a recent project of theirs to build a changing places toilet facility. Stated there are only 20 in SA but that they were able to receive 50% funding to build it.

Past items included:

None.

10.4 District Council of Karoonda East Murray

Information and updates included:

General Practitioner

A Doctor may be coming this month (ie April).

40 Year Anniversary for Farm Fair

Proud to have a farm fair that's been going on for so long, although they may consider scaling it back to 1 day.

Murraylands Drought Survey

It consulted with Preventive Health about the drought survey and it was a productive conversation around community comments in public surveys. They were supportive of the survey work Council(s) had done.

Past items included:

None

10.5 Mid Murray Council

Information and updates included:

Standpipes Funding

It is anticipating success via a strengthening industry grant program for funding associated with 14 standpipes and getting them automated.

Regional Partnership Funding

They hope some good news is coming soon.

LGA OGM

Reiterated that MMC is advocating for adjustments to the FA Grants formula and will be looking forward to the discussion at the upcoming LGA OGM.

Past items included:

- Financial Sustainability Round Table
- River Murray International Dark Sky Reserve
- Rating pressure – a story was shared about rate rise pressures to community's and vulnerable (agricultural) areas.
- Foundation SA

10.6 Renmark Paringa Council

Information and updates included:

Mental Health Commissioner – Visit

Had a successful meeting with the Commissioner, and LGA President Mayor Heather Holmes-Ross was in attendance.

Murray, Mallee and Riverland - Local Health Network

They are seeking an update from Wayne Champion / LHN on the status of the 30 recommendation made in the Mental Health Services review.

Insurances

They remain disappointed in the insurance support and process post flood.

Past items included:

- Cr Howie advised she is a representative on the SA Recreation and Boating Safety Committee. It has recently released its Strategy (2025-2030) <https://www.marinesafety.sa.gov.au/south-australia-recreational-boating-safetystrategy>
- Mayor Hunter met with the SA Mental Health Commissioner in January 2025.
- Navigation of the River will table at the next Riverland Forum for discussion.
- Awareness about limitations of Mental Health Services in regional, rural and remote areas.

10.7 Rural City of Murray Bridge

Information and updates included:

Police Commissioner

A recent meeting with the Police Commissioner went very well. Some items discussed included a strategy for river safety and change for the better. This was timely given recent incidents on the river over the public holiday long weekend.

Federal Grants

They are experiencing long time frames with federal grant programs at the moment.

MDBA Conference

Promoted the next MDBA conference on 29 and 30 July will be held at Murray Bridge and invited everyone to get their tickets and come along.

Past items included:

- Boating Safety. What groups currently exist and how can be more work be done to improve river safety (particularly in light of events from Australia Day long weekend).
- Seeking to do more that supports the River Murray to be a tourism icon, and subsequently see more tourism products come to market (such as the possibility of river cruising and connecting with Journey Beyond).
- Grants. Concerns expressed about the outlay Councils have to do as part of the process of applying for grants, and the time it is taking to receive outcomes and subsequent funding.
- Expressed interest in having more online sessions.

10.8 Southern Mallee District Council

No updates tabled.

Past items included:

- Financial Sustainability – still the main focus for the Council
- Decommissioning Assets
- Dentist closed

11 CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

2025 Meeting Schedule :

Meeting Type	Month	Venues (tbc)
AGM	Thursday 31 July 2025	Murray Bridge
Board Meeting	Thursday 23 October 2025	TBC

Attendance Register

10 April 2025

MRLGA BOARD MEMBERS

Berri Barmera Council (BBC)	Mayor Ella Winnall
Coorong District Council (CDC)	Mayor Paul Simmons
District Council Karoonda East Murray (DCKEM)	Mayor Caroline Phillips, President and Chair
District Council Loxton Waikerie (DCLW)	Mayor Trevor Norton
Mid Murray Council (MMC)	Mayor Simone Bailey
Renmark Paringa Council (RPC)	Mayor Peter Hunter
Rural City of Murray Bridge (RCMB)	Mayor Wayne Thorley
Southern Mallee District Council (SMDC)	Mayor Ron Valentine

MRLGA

Ceo	Carron McLeod
Circular Economy & Waste Lead	Rob McKay
(Waste) Education Program lead	Gina Handby

CEO NETWORK

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Deputy Mayors

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ATTENDING & INVITED GUESTS

PIRSA	Dara Frankel
SA Cross Border Commissioner	Kelly-Anne Saffin

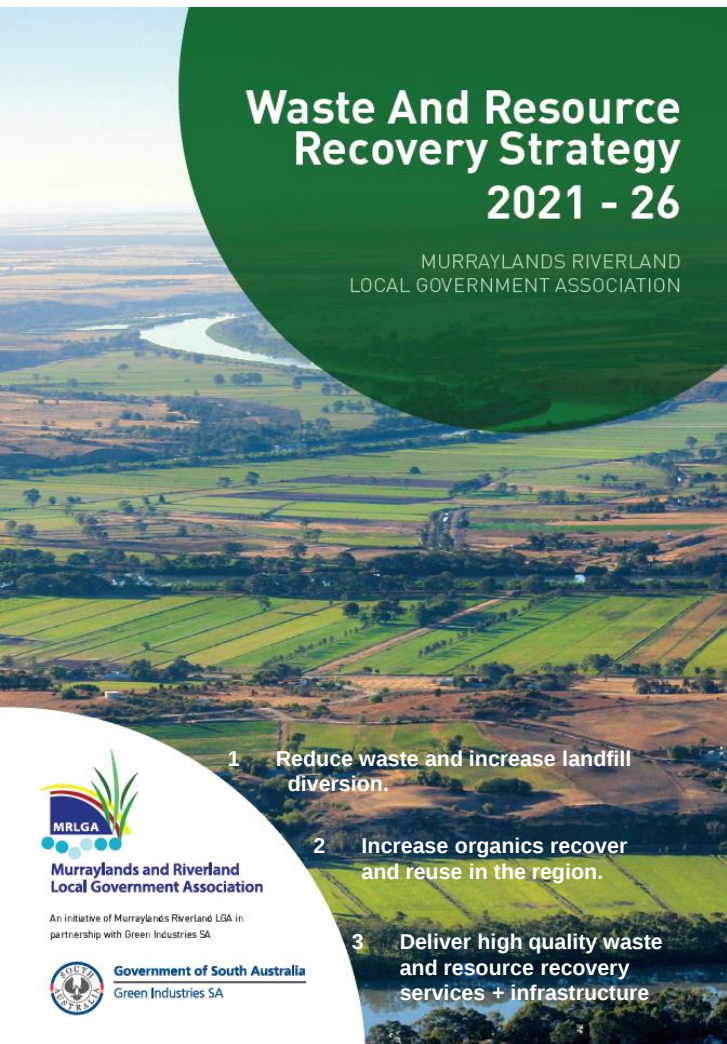
APOLOGIES

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MRLGA : Regional Waste & Resource Recovery Strategy (2021-2026) : **Regional Update**

Waste And Resource Recovery Strategy 2021 - 26

MURRAYLANDS RIVERLAND
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION





**Murraylands and Riverland
Local Government Association**

An initiative of Murraylands Riverland LGA in
partnership with Green Industries SA



Government of South Australia
Green Industries SA

- 1 Reduce waste and increase landfill diversion.
- 2 Increase organics recover and reuse in the region.
- 3 Deliver high quality waste and resource recovery services + infrastructure

Our Mission

To work together to deliver high quality, cost effective waste and resource recovery services that minimise contributions to landfill and create value through investigation, engagement, innovation and investment.

		Targets	Project Status
	Reduce per capita waste generation by 5% from '21 baseline	25.1 %	 Underway 1.1 Explore alternative and affordable kerbside collection services
	50 % diversion of materials collected from kerbside bins (regional av. based on LGA population).	35.9 %	
	65 % diversion across all materials managed by councils (kerbside + transfer stations - regional avg based on LGA pop). Data collection is pending.	TBC	 Completed 1.2 Collaborate through joint procurement to achieve increased environmental performance and financial savings.
	All councils provide a food organics and garden organics (FOGO) collection kerbside collection. 5 of 8 Councils provide food and garden organics as kerbside service.	5 / 8	
	Increase the recovery of kerbside organics and achieve a food organics recovery efficiency 50 %.	18.48 %	 To Come 1.3 Develop best practice resource recovery infrastructure. Early conversations have begun as part of the kerbside review project.
	Use education + technology to reduce and control contamination in recycling streams (Comingled recycling <12%) (FOGO <2%	Notes	
	Capture accurate data on waste and recycling services through increased technology use and report to MRLGA annually.	Notes	 Underway 1.4 Educate and engage with the community to achieve our goals.
	Develop quality infrastructure that encourages efficient and effective resource recovery and waste management.	Underway	
	Provide improved services within the current cost per household.	TBC	 Completed 1.5 1.5 Explore governance models to improve management of waste and recycling
	Establish a suitable regional or sub-regional governance structure that encourages effective and innovative waste and resource recovery services	100%	

Regional Strategic Objective 1 : Reduce waste and increase landfill diversion

Reduce per capita waste generation by 5% (from 2021 GISA baseline)											
5%	SA Metropolitan Avg.		SA Regional Avg.		MRLGA Target		MRLGA Actual				Score
	Per Person	Per Household	Per Person	Per Household	Per Person	Per Household	Total Annual Waste (kg)	Total No of Households	Per Person	Per Household	%
2021 / 2022 (Baseline)	418 kg/py	1019 kg/py	408 kg/py	937 kg/py	-	-			392.00 kg/py	886.00 kg/py	
(1% reduction) 2022	-	-	-	-	388.0 kg/py	877.1 kg/py			-	-	
(2% reduction) 2023	-	-	-	-	384.1 kg/py	868.2 kg/py	24,508,260	36,063	-	679.60 kg/py	27.75 %
(3% reduction) 2024	-	-	-	-	380.2 kg/py	859.4 kg/py	25,010,060	36,413	-	686.84 kg/py	25.12 %
(4% reduction) 2025					376.3 kg/py	850.5 kg/py					
(5% reduction) 2026					372.4 kg/py	841.7 kg/py					

Individual Council Data	2023			2024			Difference between 2023 and 2024
	Total Annual Waste (kg)	Total No of Households	Per Household	Total Annual Waste (kg)	Total No of Households	Per Household	Annual kg / Per Household / %
BBC	3,777,110	5,422	696.63 kg/py	3,773,940	5,445	693.10 kg/py	- 3,170 kg / + 23 h. / + 3 kg/ph
CDC	1,297,520	2,268	572.09 kg/py	1,655,590	2,319	713.92 kg/py	+ 358,070* kg / + 51 h. / + 141.83 kg/ph
DCKEM	212,080	298	711.67 kg/py	211,640	304	696.18 kg/py	- 440 kg / + 6 h. / - 15.49 kg/ph
DCLW	3,688,480	5,411	681.66 kg/py	3,708,280	5,457	697.54 kg/py	+ 19,800 kg / +46 h. / +15.88 kg/ph
MMC	3,221,450	6,308	510.69 kg/py	3,306,180	6,322	522.98 kg/py	+84,730 kg / +14 h. / +12.29 kg/ph
RCMB	8,297,120	11,749	706.19 kg/py	8,341,740	11,936	698.87 kg/py	+44,620 kg / +187 h. / -7.32 kg/ph
RPC	3,322,290	3,804	873.36 kg/py	3,322,240	3,826	868.33 kg/py	-50 kg / +22 h. / -5.03 kg/ph
SMDC	720,800	803	897.63 kg/yy	701,000	803	872.97 kg/py	-19,800 kg / 0 h. -24.66 kg/ph

Notes:

- SA Reg Ave is taken from GISA Kerbside Waste Performance Report 21-22 : <https://www.greenindustries.sa.gov.au/documents/GISA-StatewideKerbsideReport-2021-22.pdf>
- 2023 and 2024 figures are based on actual kerbside collection data only. Recorded weights are calculated against Service Entitled Property numbers to provide per person and per household averages .SA Outer Regional Average for number of persons per dwelling is 2.2 per household (ABS).

- MRLGA Actual - No data currently available for calendar year 2022.
- MRLGA Baseline is (24500000KG / 73000) from the Regional Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy
- GISA has not released a kerbside service report for 2023, 2024.
- CDC – Universal 3 bin system incorporating FOGO bin introduced in Oct. 2023

Regional Strategic Objective 1 : Reduce waste and increase landfill diversion

50 % diversion of materials collected from kerbside bin (regional average based on LGA population).

↑50%	SA Metropolitan Avg.		SA Regional Avg.		MRLGA Diversion Goal		MRLGA Diversion Actual		BBC	CDC	DCKEM	DCLW	MMC	RCMB	RPC	SMDC
					Tonne / Per Yr	%	Tonne / Per Yr	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
2021 / 2022 (Baseline)					-	-	8,500	35 %	39%	28%	13%	39%	10%	45%	36%	14%
2022					-	-			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2023					12,352	50	8,879	36.2	40.8	28.94	8.8	39.7	10.8	44.7	41.2	10.6
2024					12,505	50	8,971	35.9	38.9	40.6	7.9	37.2	12.5	43.9	39.9	10.4
					Differential		+92	-0.3	- 11.1%	- 9.4%	-42.1	- 12.8%	-37.5	- 6.1%	-10.10	-39.6
2025					-	-	-	-								
2026					-	50 %										

Note:

1. More data will come in the next quarterly report that will include individual breakdown of quantities for each Council against this target.

Regional Strategic Objective 1 : Reduce waste and increase landfill diversion

65% diversion across all materials managed by councils. (kerbside and transfer stations – regional average based on LGA population).																
↑ 65%	SA Metropolitan Avg.		SA Regional Avg.		MRLGA Diversion Goal		MRLGA Diversion Actual		BBC	CDC	DCKEM	DCLW	MMC	RCMB	RPC	SMDC
					Tonne / Per Yr	%	Tonne / Per Yr	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
2021 / 2022 (Baseline)					-	-										
2024					-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

UPDATE :

Reporting on this target is currently unavailable due to the following challenges:

- There are over 26 infrastructure sites across that manage and control waste streams. The method, frequency and format for reporting 'all waste' is not consistent from current inquiries.
- Some of these sites are owned and operated by commercial or external organisations/contractors.
- The requirements for reporting to EPA are only activated for sites that manage over 10,000t.
- The complexity of this reporting also relates to how long material is stored at a site (ie the year it is received may not be the year it is re-used / recovered).

To accurately report on this target, the following waste streams will need to be recorded, reported and measured. MRLGA is working with stakeholders in the 'eco-system' to see if this can be overcome.

- Bulk residual waste
- Bulk Recyclable (cardboard, drums, timber, packaging)
- Bulk Greenwaste/Organics
- Scrap metal including whitegoods
- Mattresses
- E-wastes
- Commercial and Demolition waste (concrete and rubble, soil, fill, and mixed aggregates)
- Hazardous waste (tyres, batteries, paint, waste oil, septage, household chemicals, asbestos, CCA treated products)

MRLGA Waste infrastructure	Landfills	Transfer Stations	Hardwaste Services	Compost facilities
BBC	Nil	1 (CLWY)	Yes - collection	Nil
RPC	Nil	1	Yes - drop off	Nil
LWDC	Nil	2	Yes - drop off	Nil
MMC	1	10	Yes - drop off	Nil
CDC	Nil	4	Yes - drop off	Nil
RCMB	1 (AHRWMA)	1	Yes - collection + drop off	1 (PEATS)
DCKEM	1	1	Yes - drop off	Nil
SMDC	1	1	Yes - drop off	Nil

The table above shows the early research done to gather the number infrastructure sites/points that receiving waste (that would be used to measure and report on this target).

Regional Strategic Objective 2 : Increase organics recovery and reuse in the region

All councils provide a food organics and garden organics (FOGO) collection kerbside collection.

5 / 8	General Waste (weekly)	Recycling (f)	FOGO		Township SEP's	Rural SEP's	Estimated average FOGO going to landfill (applying a rate of 41%).
			Township (f)	Rural (f)			
BBC	✓	✓	FOGO	✗	3512	1944	
CDC	✓	✓	FOGO	FOGO	2167	169	
DCKEM	✓	✓ (m)	✗	✗	304 *		79.9 t
DCLW	✓	✓	FOGO	✗	2594	2883	
MMC	✓	✓	✗	✗	2139	4212	1,205 t
RCMB	✓	✓	FOGO	✗	9956	2073	
RPC	✓	✓	FOGO	✗	2780	1043	
SMDC	✓	TBC	✗	✗	815 *		257.6 t

Total - 1,542 t

Comparison to South Australian Councils	SA Metro Councils	SA Regional Councils	Total
1 Bin System	-	2	2
2 Bin System	-	15	15
3 Bin System	16	33	49
Unknown	-	2	2
Total	16	52	68

Definitions:

SEP Service Entitled Premises (ie Dwelling)

FOGO Food Organics & Garden Organics (ie food + garden scraps can go into this bin).

(f) Fortnightly

(m) Monthly

t Tonnes

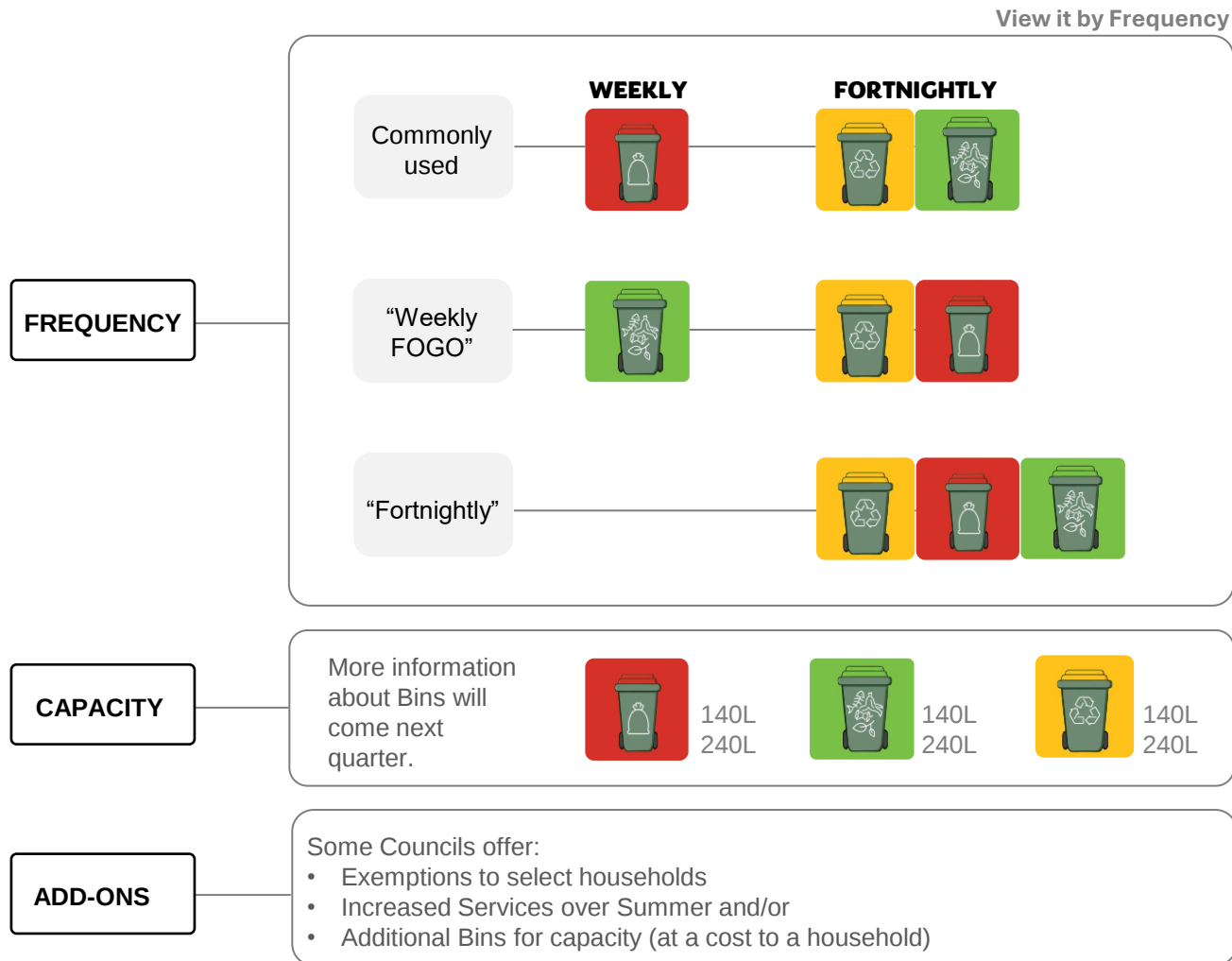
Notes:

- (*) indicates the number is not reported separately
- 3 Bin system status as of Jan 2025.
- Bin Composition audits are being conducted across 6 MRL: A Council's being in March/April 2025. The results will assist to identify further landfill diversion opportunity's, as it relates to this target.

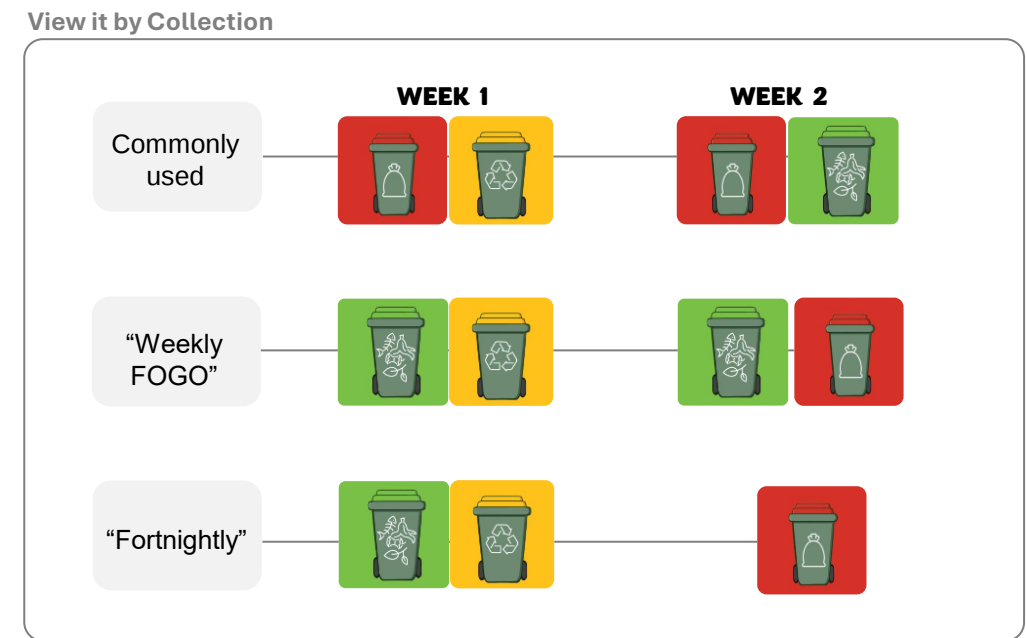
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Information about Kerbside Waste Service Models:

The table below shows the 3 common kerbside waste service models in South Australia.



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Regional Strategic Objective 2 : Increase organics recovery and reuse in the region

Background

The table below shows the different kerbside waste service models across each regional South Australian Council for 2025.

SA Regional Councils	TOWNSHIP AREAS							Comment
	Weekly			Fomightly			Monthly	
	Garbage	Recycling	FOGO	Garbage	Recycling	FOGO		
Adelaide Plains Council				✓	✓	✓		
Alexandrina Council				✓	✓	✓		
Barunga West Council				✓	✓	✓		
Berri Barmera Council	✓				✓	✓		
City of Mount Gambier	✓				✓	✓		
City of Port Lincoln	✓				✓			PILOT Underway
City of Victor Harbor				✓	✓	✓		
Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council				✓	✓	✓		
Coorong District Council	✓				✓	✓		
Copper Coast Council				✓	✓	✓		
Corporation of the City of Campbelltown	✓				✓	✓		
Corporation of the City of Port Augusta	✓				✓	✓		
Corporation of the City of Whyalla	✓				✓	✓		
Corporation of the Town of Walkerville	✓				✓	✓		
District Council of Ceduna	✓				✓			
District Council of Cleve	✓				✓			
District Council of Coober Pedy								
District Council of Elliston	✓				✓			
District Council of Franklin Harbour	✓							
District Council of Grant				✓	✓			
District Council of Karoonda East Murray	✓						✓	
District Council of Kimba	✓						✓	
District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula	✓				✓			
District Council of Loxton Waikerie	✓				✓	✓		
District Council of Mount Remarkable	✓				✓	✓		
District Council of Orroroo Carrieton	✓				✓			
District Council of Peterborough	✓				✓			
District Council of Robe	✓				✓	✓		
District Council of Streaky Bay	✓							
District Council of Tumby Bay								
District Council of Yankalilla				✓	✓	✓		
Kangaroo Island Council				✓	✓	✓		General Service Summer Time Service
Kangaroo Island Council		✓	✓	✓				
Kingston District Council	✓				✓			
Light Regional Council	✓				✓	✓		
Mid Murray Council	✓				✓			
District Council of Mount Barker	✓				✓	✓		
Municipal Council of Roxby Downs	✓				✓		✓	
Naracoorte Lucindale Council	✓				✓	✓		
Northern Areas Council	✓				✓			
Port Pirie Regional Council			✓	✓	✓			

	TOWNSHIP AREAS						
	Weekly			Fortnightly			Monthly
	Garbage	Recycling	FOGO	Garbage	Recycling	FOGO	
Regional Council of Goyder				✓	✓	✓	
Renmark Paringa Council	✓				✓	✓	
Rural City of Murray Bridge	✓				✓	✓	
Southern Mallee District Council	✓				✓		
Tatiara District Council	✓				✓	✓	
The Barossa Council	✓				✓	✓	
The Flinders Ranges Council	✓				✓		
Town of Gawler	✓				✓	✓	
Wakefield Regional Council				✓	✓	✓	
Wattle Range Council	✓				✓	✓	
Wudinna District Council	✓						
Yorke Peninsula Council	✓				✓		✓

Note:

1. Port Pirie Council has been offering weekly FOGO, fortnightly garbage, fortnightly recycling for 12 months.
2. Port Lincoln City Council & Mt Barker City Council are/about to conduct a pilot trial for weekly FOGO, fortnightly garbage, fortnightly recycling.
3. Adelaide Hills has conducted three pilot trials across three towns on varying service levels.
4. City of Holdfast Bay has run weekly FOGO, fortnightly garbage, fortnightly recycling since Sept 2020.
5. Grey cells indicate either a) no service or b) no online information about the service.

Regional Strategic Objective 2 : Increase organics recovery and reuse in the region

Increase the recovery of kerbside organics and achieve a food organics recovery efficiency 50%.																		
50%	SA <u>Metro</u> Avg.		SA <u>Regional</u> Avg.		MRLGA <u>Diversion Goal</u>		MRLGA <u>Diversion Actual</u>		BBC		CDC		DCLW		RCMB		RPC	
					t / py	%	t	%	t	%	t	%	t	%	t	%	t	%
2021 / 2022 (Baseline)							-	16.32										
2022						23.05			-		-		-		-		-	
2023						29.79			770	20.4	101	7.8	698	18.9	2261	27.3	754	22.7
2024						36.52		18.48	713	18.9	395	23.9	631	17.2	2176	26.2	706	21.3
					Differential			31.5%		31.1%		26.1		32.8		23.8		28.7
2025						43.26												
2026						50.00												

- Note:**
- The following Councils are not listed in the above table as they do not provide a 3rd waste bin for FOGO:
 - Mid Murray Council
 - District Council of Karoonda East Murray
 - Southern Mallee District Council

Regional Strategic Objective 3 : Deliver high quality waste and resource recovery services and infrastructure

Use education and technology to reduce and control contamination in recycling streams:	Education				
	MRLGA has recruited an Education (Waste) Program Lead for the five Councils (in the joint waste service contract).				
	A 2025 program is under development and a draft will be out for feedback soon.				
	Education is also being integrated with the Kerbside Service Review Project.				
	A 2025 Sustainability Calendar will be out soon for Councils.				
	New Waste Fleet Vehicles have arrived with campaigns printed on carriages.				
	A program of kerbside bin composition audits is being coordinated by our Education (Waste) Program Lead across 5/8 councils which will provide updated baseline data to accurately inform education content directly related to the MRLGA councils. A sixth council (MMC) has engaged the same auditors to carry out the process in its jurisdiction. Results will be shared.				
	MRLGA is engaging with internal and external stakeholders across the MRLGA and leveraging state waste education resource opportunities such as WHICH BIN (GISA) to provide generate resource materials, support to council agencies, collaborate and create efficiency and consistency of messaging which align with key W&RR strategies.				
	Baseline	2023	2024	2025	Notes
Comingled recycling < 12 per cent	13% Gisa Kerbside Waste Performance Report 21-22	No data available	No data available. Note - state average is est. 15%	Data Pending Audit Results.	Note: GISA and EPA will release a state wide report in April 2025 showing updated contamination rate data. MRLGA will have bin composition audit data across at least 6 member councils by June 2025.
FOGO <2 per cent	2% Gisa Kerbside Waste Performance Report 21-22	No data available.	No data available.	Data Pending Audit Results.	
Capture accurate data on waste and recycling services through increased technology use and report to MRLGA annually	Technology				
	For those councils engaging Solo Resource Recovery as their waste services contractor, waste collection vehicles deployed have installed industry standard WasteTrack In Vehicle Monitoring System (IVMS) software. WasteTrack equipment is installed by City of Onkaparinga, FRWA, and across Solo Resource Recovery operations nationally. The system utilises real time camera links from vehicle to SOLO Depot. Allows footage to be stored and reviewed for 30 days. System provides GPS monitoring of vehicle location routing, diversion requests, and productivity. Records exact time and location of bin lift and controls illegal service presentations. Allows issues such as contamination to be monitored and logged through onboard driver scrutiny of items entering truck hopper each time a lift occurs. Allows reporting of bin repair, kerbside presentation issues, and records spillage remediation. Note: This technology should not be confused with "smart bin" technologies. Smart bin technologies are available to councils in the form of purpose-built public space bin enclosures which are fitted with solar powered compaction mechanisms linked to a central control via WIFI which asset in regulating efficient servicing frequencies . RFID technologies (also not smart bin technology) are available on new bin fleet. RFID technologies primarily asset with matching a bin to a property and asset managing bin inventory.				
	Field research is occurring with City of Onkaparinga with their 2-stage residual / FOGO sorting processing.				
	Network meeting with Greenhill Energy is being scheduled to consider their place in the emerging market and processing practices.				
	Report to MRLGA				
	Quarterly Reporting to be developed for inclusion in quarterly Board Meeting Agenda's.				

Regional Strategic Objective 3 : Deliver high quality waste and resource recovery services and infrastructure

Develop quality infrastructure that encourages efficient and effective resource recovery and waste management.	Infrastructure Pursuant to the Strategy, MRLGA has commenced conversations with the three Riverland Councils operations teams in regards to regional waste infrastructure initiatives. This includes the proposed concept of a regional composting facility in the Riverland.		
Provide improved services within the current cost per household	Improved Services for Households The process to review kerbside waste services across the region has begun. (7/8 Councils are participating). MRLGA is engaging with the operations side of Councils as the review (report) progresses. SMDCC is not currently having the review done as it considers its overall waste management service model and infrastructure longevity. Extensive data on regional waste management is being compiled to provide evidence-based approaches to proposals for system changes and improvements. Bin composition audits are underway which will inform more to support the review. And we are compiling case study's that include information from other regional councils. As part of the Alternative Kerbside Waste Service Review, the MRLGA is modelling the financial impacts of proposed alternative kerbside collection that are aimed at improving landfill diversion rates. This modelling analysis includes information on the cost per household for prevailing kerbside systems, and two proposed alternative kerbside service options. This information provides a means to assist councils to drill into service cost components and charges and manage forecasting processes. At this stage calculators are under development for the five councils who participated in the joint procurement initiative for the waste services contracts. For those councils participating we have commenced our waste facility tours program which take participants through waste stream flows, highlighting issues associated with current practices and opportunities for improving the sustainability. The MRLGA has reviewed current regional waste-stream flow logistics and identified aggregation and bulk handling aspects which feed into cost per household within the waste services contracts. Investigations into alternative flows that are aimed at reducing aggregation and bulk haulage costs have commenced.		
Establish a suitable regional or sub-regional governance structure that encourages effective and innovative waste and resource recovery services	Purpose	Membership	Comment
	MRLGA Waste Management & Resource Recovery Committee <i>The Committee oversees the delivery of the Strategy.</i>	8 Regional Councils 1 x Representative from each Council (Director / General Manager)	Reports to MRLGA Board
	Joint Waste Service Contract Performance Management Working Group <i>The Working group review the quarterly performance of the contract and discuss opportunity's for innovation and improvement.</i>	5 Regional Councils(each who participated in the joint waste contract) - Berri Barmera Council - Coorong District Council - District Council of Loxton Waikerie - Renmark Paringa Council - Rural City of Murray Bridge	MRLGA has a centralised model to: - Review Claims - Performance Management Reporting and Convening - Quarterly Reporting (coming soon) - Waste Audits - Waste Education

Kerbside Collections Waste-Stream flows



Average distance travelled by a truck load of waste from municipality to final destination (after collection). (Bulk haulage only - not including local collection routes)

Council	Residual Waste	Comingled Recycling	Organics /FOGO	Total Km
BBC	272 Km	289 Km	248 Km	809 Km
RPC	276 Km	299 Km	252 Km	827 Km
LWDC	283Km	300 Km	259 Km	842 Km
RCMB	7 Km	119 Km	31 Km	157 Km
MMC	33 Km	148 Km	-	181 Km
DCKEM	4Km	191 Km	-	195 Km
SMDC	60 Km	242 Km	-	302 Km
CDC	50 Km	154 Km	55 Km	259 Km
Estimated Annual Km's travelled	77127 Km	47596 Km	33502 Km	158225 Km

Total amount of kerbside waste transported and managed across MRLGA region in 2023 CY - 24,536.85 Tonnes

Region	Council	Residual Waste	Comingled Recycling	Organics /FOGO	Tonnes
Riverland	BBC	2234.94	772.44	769.73	3777.11
	RPC	1952.42	615.9	753.97	3322.29
	LWDC	2222.33	767.89	698.26	3688.48
	Tonnes	6409.69	2156.25	2221.96	10787.88
Murraylands	RCMB	4586	1449.87	2261.25	8297.12
	MMC	2873.58	347.87	0	3221.45
	DCKEM	193.36	18.72	0	212.08
	SMDC	644.1	76.7	0	720.8
	CDC	922.01	274.03	101.48	1297.52
Total Tonnes					24536.85

Total amount of kerbside waste transported and managed across MRLGA region in 2024 CY - 24,935.88 Tonnes

Region	Council	Residual Waste	Comingled Recycling	Organics /FOGO	Tonnes
Riverland	BBC	2304.32	756.16	713.46	3773.94
	RPC	1996.93	618.57	706.74	3322.24
	LWDC	2325.47	750.87	631.94	3708.28
	Tonnes	6626.72	2125.60	2052.14	10804.46
Murraylands	RCMB	4676.55	1488.57	2176.62	8341.74
	MMC	2873.58	347.87	0	3221.45
	DCKEM	194.83	16.81	0	211.64
	SMDC	628.30	72.70	0	701.00
	CDC	983.40	276.70	395.49	1655.59
Total Tonnes					24935.88