

## Waste Management Plan – Pittwater RSL, Organic Food Markets.

Organic Food Markets see waste as both an environmental and social issue which requires minimization, education and management on both counts. Organic Food Markets is currently working with various landowners to help enable the environmentally necessary economic and social transition away from single-use plastic items. The Pittwater RSL car park is regularly used by RSL patrons and must remain clean of rubbish and debris in order to ensure continued safe use.

Food markets have limited scope for recycling owing to the fact that paper waste arising on site is often contaminated by food. Even if unlined coffee cups are used the residue of the drink they contained makes them unsuitable for recycling. A certain volume of cans and glass are produced and there are recycling bins provided on site these waste streams. Strictly speaking they should be cleaned before disposal but this rarely happens even in domestic situations.

While it is accepted that the patrons of the markets, that is the customers, will dispose of their waste into the additional bins that the market will provide and deploy each market day, stallholders are instructed to take their waste away and not to use the bins provided. They are encouraged to return cardboard and poly boxes (for example boxes in which fruit and veg have been delivered) to the wholesaler for recycling, as is normal for the industry. Food waste is separate into two general streams, first 'leftovers', the remains of hot meals consumed on site and second 'greenwaste', unsold or non-saleable food 'waste'. The first of these streams usually enters the general waste stream via the relevant bins, with a limited amount destined for compost bins owned by both customer and traders. The second 'greenwaste' is collected and picked up by Ozharvest.

Coffee traders provide a discount for drinks sold in reusable containers. We have recently banned single use plastic bags. In order to facilitate this we have listed paper bags in the Equipment section on our website. In general, the markets have a history of reuse of available carry methods and it is very common to see carts and vegetable boxes being used to carry products.

We regularly undertake whole market sustainability initiatives for example, Organic Food Market managers are under a standing directive to instruct traders to 'run out' their existing stocks of plastic equipment and restock with environmentally friendly alternatives. Other examples include, instructing traders to encourage customers to bring their own bags, carts or coffee cups and traders to use biodegradable catering items, reusable bags or alternatives such as produce boxes. Further to this end, we are currently developing the methodology to add single use plastics to our managers stallholder compliance system. This addition to our compliance system is expected to go live mid 2020. To help facilitate this transition we have provided a capacity through our website that allows for convenient drop ship supply of biodegradable catering items.

Our markets have a history of early adoption of alternative customer product carry methods. It has indeed been historically common for empty produce boxes to be used by customer to enable the transport of said items. Customer also commonly use a variety of non-plastic shopping bags, reusable cups, carts and shopping trolleys. This tradition coupled with company initiatives helps to keep the levels of non-recyclable waste down to a minimum.

The markets will use Remondis as waste contractors and supplier. It is estimated that this market will require 7x 240 litre and 3x 400 litre waste and 2x 240 litre recycling. Market management will deploy these bins will be each morning and store them at the end of the market. The contract is expected to cost some \$32,250 a year.

The site management patrol the site a number of times over the course of the day (including after bump-out) during these patrols they will inspect the site for and pick up any missed litter. Managers are provided with suitable equipment to conduct this task. So far as we are aware our sites are left in a better state than when we arrive each day and there have been no complains about residual litter from our markets.

Organic Food Markets has conducted a review of the waste generated by the expected stalls at their current location and has compiled this information in the attached addendum.