

Final FOGO Trial Progress Report

We would like to thank you all again for your contributions throughout the trial, your efforts have gone a long way towards improving recycling rates and generating a high-quality compost while significantly reducing landfill disposal costs and community rates.

Diversion from landfill

82 tonnes of organic material have been diverted from landfill.



Participation Rates

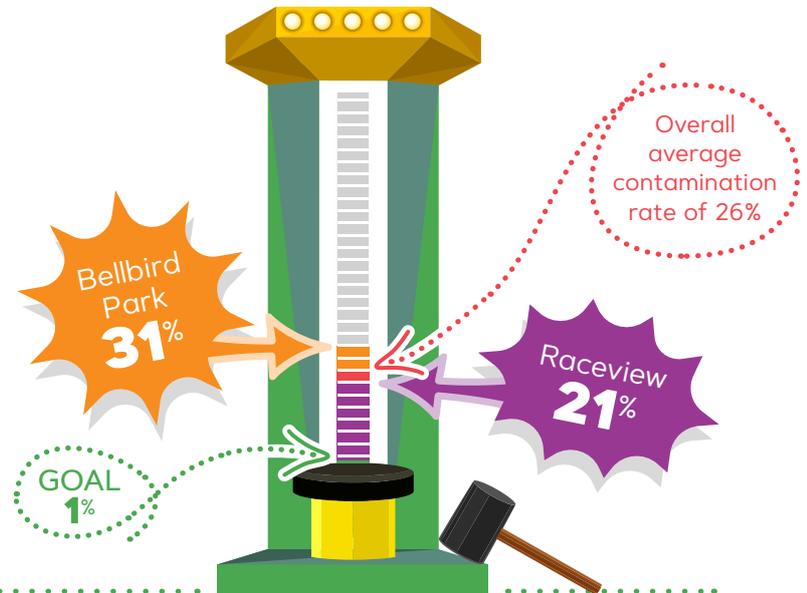
Weekly participation rates increased steadily over the course of the trial indicating you were using your FOGO bin much more.



Contamination

The most challenging aspect of the trial was managing contamination to achieve acceptable levels for the proper processing of materials. Unfortunately, high contamination can result in FOGO loads being rejected by the processor which can lead to increased disposal costs being passed on to the community.

To help build better community waste practices, a Bin Tagging Program commenced mid September 2022.



April 2022 Bin Tagging Program

KEY FINDINGS

2,642 tags were issued over the course of the program, of which 803 were contamination tags.

Approximately 10% of Bellbird Park residents continued to contaminate their FOGO bin each week over the 4-week period.

Some users did not use the bin for FOGO material and were using it as a general waste bin. These were generally repeat-offenders and were observed in both suburbs.

In both suburbs there were users who were 'top performers' and did not contaminate the FOGO bin throughout the tagging period.

FOGO contamination consisted primarily of hard and soft plastics (predominantly plastic bags, packaging and containers with organic material inside).

Approximately 24% of Raceview residents and 38% of Bellbird Park residents contaminated their FOGO bins at least once during the program.



Congratulations and a big THANK YOU to our best FOGO performers who each received one of our goodie bags for having the best presented FOGO bins for the duration of the bin tagging program. Your efforts certainly did not go unnoticed!

ONE OF OUR BEST PERFORMERS



Thank you
Your efforts help make high quality compost.

What **CAN** go in your FOGO bin:

- Garden waste
- Food scraps and leftovers
- Meat scraps and bones
- Clay products
- Australian Certified Compostable products only
- Used paper towel and toilet paper
- Shredded and sorted paper
- Pat waste and animal manure

Using your FOGO bin correctly:

- ✓ Makes great compost
- ✓ Reduces harmful greenhouse gases
- ✓ Reduces waste to landfill

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ONE OF OUR REPEAT CONTAMINATORS



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Please **DO NOT** place these contaminants in your FOGO bin:

- Plastic pots and gardening tools
- Dirt, rocks and building materials
- Large logs, branches and stumps
- Treated timber
- Nappies
- Plastic bags
- Plastics, glass and metals
- Hot ashes
- Liquids, oils and chemicals
- e-waste

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QUICK TIPS

Types of FOGO bags/liners that your FOGO bin likes:

- ✓ Compostable bag
- ✗ Biodegradable bag
- ✗ Plastic
- ✗ Fabric



Remember - Remove all food, such as bread and crumpets, from its plastic packaging before placing your left over or outdated food into your FOGO bin.

Where to get more compostable bags

If you run out of compostable bags, they're available at a number of locations including **Woolworths, Coles** and **Bunnings**.

Remember - You should only put food and garden organics in your FOGO bin.



Trial Feedback

We welcome your feedback and therefore encourage you to share your feedback and ask questions at [Shapeyouripswich.com.au/fogotrial](https://www.shapeyouripswich.com.au/fogotrial) or you can email the Resource Recovery team at: resourcerecovery@ipswich.qld.gov.au