

# Ball Australia

# Prioritising reuse in the horticultural industry with the Trim Your Bin Program

Frankston City Council, Mornington Peninsula Shire Council and the City of Casey partnered to deliver the Trim Your Bin program, which aimed to increase circularity in the local commercial sector by supporting local businesses who were looking to reduce waste, save costs and protect the environment.

# Ball Australia — Skye Victoria

A wholesale nursery with an existing commitment to sustainable practices, including soft plastic and

#### Benefits and results

30% reduction in waste going to landfill representing 156.24 tonnes annually. This is equivalent to approximately 26 seedling pots yearly. 36% increase in organics and recycling representing 9.45 tonnes annually.

cardboard recycling, Ball signed up to the Trim Your Bin Program with a focus on minimising the amount of waste that is generated by the nursery site and reducing, recycling or reusing materials where possible.

### How Trim Your Bin helped

A Trim Your Bin assessor visited Ball Australia to estimate the volumes of material in their bins and waste being produced and provided a tailored action plan to achieve a reduction in waste going to landfill and increase recycling.

#### Actions taken

- Installation of new signage and colour coordinated bins to help staff separate general waste and organics correctly
- Introduction of Container Deposit Scheme bins in kitchens to support collection of eligible containers for a 10cent discount
- Introduction of an organics collection for material such as dirt and plant matter
- Development and installation of bin skip attachment to remove all remaining dirt from pots so they can be recycled
- Partnership with Garden City Plastics to recycle plant pots and trays

## Ready for your business to take action?

Learn how your business can save on waste and increase resource recovery by reaching out to your local council for more information.

The Trim Your Bin Program improved our knowledge about recycling and reusing of our nursery waste, and it inspired us to use more environmentally friendly waste management solutions. Through this program, we have managed to reduce our landfill waste even further and to improve our green practices.

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