



# Palliative Care Southeast

## Taking the Whole Organisation on the Waste Reduction Journey 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.

### Palliative Care Southeast — Narre Warren Victoria

Palliative Care Southeast offers compassionate palliative care services throughout Melbourne's southeast metropolitan region. With a strong commitment to implementing sustainability throughout their facility, and their onsite social enterprise café, 80VC the team signed up to the Trim Your Bin Program to find out where else they could improve.

#### Benefits and results

**41%** reduction in waste going to landfill representing **3.120** tonnes annually. This is roughly equivalent to **156,00** takeaway coffee cups a year.  
**57%** increase in recycling representing **3.120** tonnes annually.

## How Trim Your Bin helped

A Trim Your Bin assessor visited Palliative Care South East to estimate the volumes of material in their bins and provided a tailored action plan to achieve a reduction in waste going to landfill and increase recycling output.

### Actions taken

- Implementation of new bins and improved signage to address specific issues, including contamination in internal recycling bins and the incorrect disposal of garbage bags in external commingled skip bins
- Delivery of waste and recycling training for staff and cleaners on correct separation of waste, emphasising that items should always be placed loose, without being bagged
- Introduction of collection for food waste and coffee grounds for composting onsite to feed garden beds and offering free coffee grounds for local home composters

### 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 gave us an opportunity to review our processes to ensure we were maximising the opportunities to reduce our waste and improve our impact and through the program we have managed to maximise recycling and composting and reduce our waste.*

*We provided some feedback to our cleaners and supported their understanding of the impact and correct separation of our waste, and our team has been very willing to support the process. Overall, we are very grateful to the environmental team for their support in improving our environmental impact.”*

