

Media Release

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Cockburn's Verge Collection Service to be revamped for 2024

The City of Cockburn's Verge Collection Service will be improved and converted to a pre-booked system commencing July 2024, following a decision by Cockburn Council at the 9 June Ordinary Council Meeting.

The current service schedules collections on set dates throughout the year. Under the new model, residents will be able to book their collections when it is convenient for them.

It will take the City two years to make the necessary preparations to transition to this system, with an implementation date of July 2024. Until then, collections will continue to occur on their normal dates.

Chief of Operations, Anton Lees, said that the City's verge collections were a critical service, but improvements were necessary.

"We know that the verge collection service is highly valued by our community. It is important we continue to offer this service to our residents, while adapting it to be more environmentally sustainable and convenient," Mr Lees said.

"Other Local Governments which have implemented pre-booked collections have seen their waste recovery rate rise. This means more waste is reused or recycled, instead of going to landfill.

"As our population has increased, the current scheduled system has been stretched to its limit – resulting in increased wait times and delays to pick-ups. The bookable system will reduce the amount of time that waste is out on the verge in our neighbourhoods.

"It will also provide much greater flexibility for residents. Allowing them to book a collection when they need it, rather than being tied to the City's pick-up schedule."

This model was designed following community consultation in June-July 2021 in which more than a thousand residents participated in an online survey, community workshops, Facebook Live pop-up sessions and face-to-face discussions.

The new system will provide two collections – one green waste and one bulk waste – for households to book per year.



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