

Chris - So when I first came to Australia in the early '70s the state government policy was to progressively fill in Bibra Lake with rubbish. It was just seen as a swamp, and we just got rid of all of our rubbish there. Everything just went in the one bin, so we've come a long way in 40 years. We now have the three bins.

Penny Musgrove - I'm Penny, and I live in Hamilton Hill. Having the three bin system now really makes people think about what they're actually putting into the bins, and where things are going after the bins are taken away.

Chris - So the green top bin is really about saying, "This is a dedicated resource, and we need to treat it with respect, in terms of what we put into there." So here's the green top bin in all its glory, bulging at the seams, and you can see it's full of my green waste. And the most important thing is you gotta be careful about what you put into here. So no light bulbs, no broken glass, all that kind of thing. And if it's just green material Cockburn will take it, they'll chip it up, and then it goes to a composting facility, and they turn it into the most wonderful compost. This is what we need to turn our horrible sandy soils into life giving landscapes. And it can all start from this process with the green top bin. So much of it comes down to our behaviour, and what we do with the product that we're putting into those bins.

Penny - So the yellow top bin, which has stayed the same. Plastics, cans, glass, cardboard, and paper. The new light green lidded bin takes just garden waste. And the red lidded bin, which is now a small bin - food scraps, nappies, waste from my dogs. The Council is providing us with tools to, to be more friendly to the environment and reduce our waste.

Chris - So being able to get people to take these steps, to make meaningful decisions in terms of what they put into their bins. Cockburn is saying, "This is a precious resource." And remember now with landfill rates being so high, it actually would cost Cockburn a lot of money to dump it. But now turning it into a world class product, they're saving you money, and they're turning it into one of the best additives for the worst soil in the world.