



RESOURCE RECOVERY & WASTE MANAGEMENT AWARD STANTHORPE QLD

STANTHORPE's Resource Recovery program has achieved important milestones that have improved waste management. These include the opening of a new Resource Recovery and Transfer Station, introduction of kerbside recycling and installation of a litter canopy.

The Resource Recovery and Transfer Station is successfully operated by staff of the Endeavour Foundation. Through extensive consultation and consideration, the facility was designed to improve and increase recycling and recovery of resources. Before the centre was operational, the only items that were recycled were green waste, scrap metal and vehicle oil.

Currently green waste, all types of metal, glass, vehicle oil, plastics, cardboard, items for resale. Recently, T-tape and plastic wrap from local farmers is recycled, which previously were sent to landfill.

In conjunction with the kerbside recycling, educational materials were introduced to educate residents for the commencement of the system on what can and cannot be recycled. In addition to this, waste educators visit local schools to educate students about recycling.

Working with a local company, a litter canopy was installed over the centre's waste disposal area, which can be moved and repaired when required. The canopy has significantly reduced the amount of litter on and off site, removed the need for litter patrols, a marked decrease in complaints and has also reduced the number of birds scavenging.