

Annual Education Plan 2020: Community Recycling Hero Program

SITE TOUR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FACTSHEET

An annual waste education plan has been designed to support the priorities of the Rockhampton Regional Council Waste Strategy 2020 – 2030.

The Community Recycling Hero Program features as one of the campaigns to educate and engage groups within our community on waste management practices in the region. To deliver this, Rockhampton Regional Waste and Recycling offers free one-hour guided site tours of our local waste management facilities; Lakes Creek Road waste and recycling precinct or the Materials Recovery Facility for yellow-lid wheelie bin recyclables. Guest speaking at your venue is also an option.

Standard educational content within tours and presentations includes identifying general waste items and recoverable resources, and how to dispose of them correctly either at a waste transfer station or through the kerbside wheelie bin collection service. Recycling right is a key message - video's or site tours are used to explain what is recyclable and how these items are sorted locally and why we need to improve recycling practices to reduce contamination of recycled items.

These educational tours or presentations are available to all primary and high schools, plus community groups within the Rockhampton Region. We recommend our content to align with sustainability curriculum from year 4 and to be of relevance to community members who are responsible for a kerbside wheelie bin collection service.

We wish to advise that bookings are now open (Friday 31 January 2020) and we encourage you to get in quick for Term 1 and 2. Bookings will close at 4pm on Thursday 27 February 2020.

You can book ahead for future terms this year, but another booking period will be advertised later in the year for Terms 3 and 4.

There are limited booking spaces, your preferences will be taken into consideration - once spaces fill, you will be offered an available alternative or go on a wait list.

Please note that Material Recovery Facility tours only take place on Thursday mornings and Lakes Creek Road Facility tours only take place on Tuesday mornings, Wednesday afternoons and Fridays – details on request form.

To book a site visit or guest speaker, go to the Events and Educational Resources tile on Council Service's Rockhampton Regional Waste and Recycling webpage, and fill in the Waste and Recycling Education Presentation Request Form and email to enquiries@rrc.qld.gov.au.

Each booking will be managed directly by the Education Officer for Waste and Recycling to ensure your desired content focus or assessment questions are addressed.

Site safety requirements, risk assessment documentation, site map and photo release forms are all provided by email in the lead up to a site visit.

Please note everyone needs to wear closed-in shoes suitable for walking, hats and supervising adults should be in high-vis vests.

Be aware the facility is an active workplace - loud noises, moving vehicles, general public and smells are present! Adequate adult supervision will be needed and any students that may be unsettled by these interactions should be informed beforehand for appropriate management on the day.

Please discuss with us prior to the day, of any participants with mobility assistance needs – the tour involves getting in and out of the bus a couple of times and walking across uneven ground.

Site tours of Lakes Creek Road precinct can cater up to one standard length coach seating approximately 55 participants - longer articulated coaches are not suited onsite. Site visits of the Materials Recovery Facility can cater up to 25 participants.

Multiple tours on one day can be organised, there are other local organisations and facilities that offer a venue and program to create a rotation.

Transport to, from and around a facility is arranged by the school/ community group – please advise your bus company of your intention of a site tour on dirt roads.

Rockhampton Regional Council does have a 20 seater bus available, its availability is limited, advance notice is required to organise a driver.

In preparation for your booking, you can access our Recycling Hero resources plus set up your own waste and recycling bin system in your venue or classroom with labels available on our web page;

<https://www.rockhamptonregion.qld.gov.au/CouncilServices/Rockhampton-Regional-Waste-and-Recycling/Events-and-Educational-Resources>

Please note all bookings are subject to changes in weather, availability of staff and on site operations, as much notice will be given as possible to either change venue or postpone.

Rockhampton Regional Waste and Recycling look forward to engaging your group in the management of waste and resource recovery to become a “zero-waste” community.