

Upgrading the Awaba Waste Management Facility

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Organics processing facility at the Awaba officially open

Lake Macquarie's state-of-the-art Organics Resource Recovery Facility was officially opened on 19 July, signalling the start of a new era of recycling for the City and region.

Lake Macquarie residents will be the first in the Hunter to have access to a designated food and garden waste processing service capable of producing high-quality compost for reuse on City grounds.

The facility was opened by the Parliamentary Secretary for Planning, the Central Coast and the Hunter, Scot MacDonald MLC, with the Mayor of Lake Macquarie, Cr Kay Fraser, and Norbert Rethmann, Honorary Chairman of the REMONDIS parent company, the RETHMANN Group.

Council is proud to collaborate on this project with REMONDIS, which has a reputation for innovation in the waste-management sector. The facility will revolutionise the way people think about the disposal of household waste, resulting in significant financial and environmental benefits.

This project is supported by the Environmental Trust and the Environment Protection Authority as part of the Waste Less, Recycle More initiative, funded from the NSW waste levy.

Construction update

In addition to the new organics waste processing facility, the landfill expansion construction, led by Daracon, is progressing well.

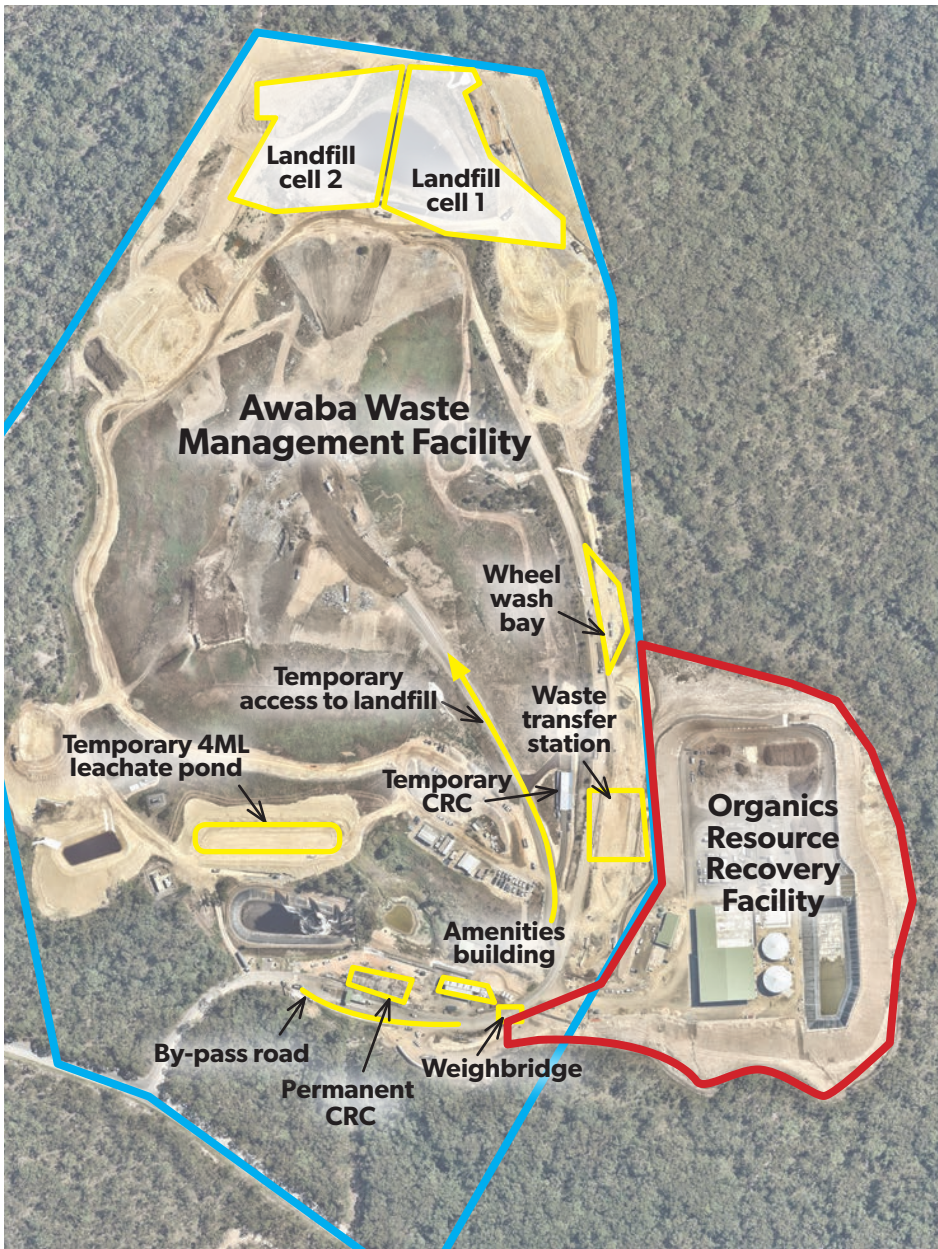
Excavation work is continuing on the new landfill cells.

Cladding is currently being installed on the new Community Recycling Centre (CRC), located near the entrance to the site. A temporary CRC is in operation until this new facility is completed. Work has started on the new administration building and weighbridge, adjacent to the new CRC, and is well progressed on the waste transfer station and wheel wash.

The current weighbridge is scheduled for demolition in October, which is likely to cause traffic delays entering and leaving the site. The new weighbridge will be commissioned prior to this demolition work.

Standard construction hours differ slightly from the operation of the waste facility. Hours for construction activity are from 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, and 8am to 1pm on Saturday, excluding public holidays. Hours for waste operations are 8 am to 4 pm every day of the year except for Christmas Day.





Project timeline

March 2017

Organics Resource Recovery Facility construction contract awarded



May 2017

Organics Resource Recovery Facility construction commenced



October 2017

Landfill expansion construction commenced



May 2018

Organics Resource Recovery Facility completed



30 July 2018

Food+garden=green service start



2019

Landfill construction completed



Minimising construction impacts

Our crews will be doing their best to minimise odours during excavation into waste by covering the exposed areas every day, and minimising dust generation.

Visitors to the landfill may also experience minor delays due to changes in traffic movements. Please follow directional signage and traffic controllers when accessing the site for waste disposal.

There are also changes to the drop off locations for waste, to accommodate construction activity. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Council and our contractors are making every effort to minimise impacts during construction. If you are experiencing any adverse impacts, please let us know.

More questions? Contact us

If you have any concerns about construction activity, please contact Daracon's Project Manager in the first instance:

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