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Mount Hotham Resort Management Board

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Dear Stakeholder,

**Re: Outstanding efforts in waste management and recycling**

Mount Hotham Alpine Resort Management Board would like to thank everyone for their amazing combined efforts in waste management and recycling during the 2017 winter season. It has been a record breaking year for our waste and recycling program with some fantastic results with a significant improvement in organics recycling across the resort. Our cardboard and co-mingled recyclables reached a total of 120 tonnes for the winter season, resulting in a total reclamation rate of 52%. A total of 500kg of polystyrene was collected and taken to be recycled. Our most remarkable result for the winter 2017 season was the achievement of a total of 52 tonnes of organic waste, up from previous years. That is 52 tonnes of waste that has not gone to landfill and is now being converted into reusable compost at the MHARMB green waste recycling facility at Cobungra.



Our Cobungra Waste Facility Open Day held in July 2017 showcased the facility and final recycled product. This community day is planned again for 2018.

We would like to recognise the combined overall improvements to recycling and organics by the Mount Hotham community. In particular we would like to thank Mount Hotham Waste Services for their continued efforts in making this possible and the efforts of all stakeholders within Davenport Village. The increase in the amount of organic recycling from lodges within the village was possible due to the fantastic commitment of the onsite Lodge managers that educate guests about the importance of recycling to reduce our landfill.

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There have been improved recycling rates by all the commercial kitchens. Commercial kitchens are crucial for the success of the organics recycling initiative due to the large amount of food waste produced. We would like to thank the General and Swindlers for their huge increase in commitment to organic recycling. We would like to commend the Snowbird for their long-term commitment to organics recycling.

Thank you to all accommodation providers, particularly those servicing the apartments, for their efforts and working with the challenges of a transient population. A trial of improved signage to collection areas at the Arlberg resulted in some outstanding benefits to their overall separation of rubbish and recycling. This huge improvement in sorting waste because of signage shows the importance of educating our transient population to manage their own waste.

Solid waste staff did collect an increased amount of hard waste left in hutches during winter this year. This is problematic due to a lack of adequate storage. MHRMB would like to remind stakeholders and visitors that at this stage we offer two free hard waste collections during the summer months only when skip infrastructure is available. Please check the website for further details of collection dates and suitable hard waste types.

To continue this great effort, we would like to ask the community for assistance with maintaining our organic collection and infrastructure over the summer months. Our recycling and organics operations will continue during summer. It is important that visitors know to empty the organics bag from accommodation and to place the bag out for collection if used after each occupancy to avoid any nasty surprises for the next visitors. Please remember that supermarket plastic bags are best taken back to the supermarket and are not accepted by our recycler. This summer we will be attaching new signage to hutches in the theme of what was provided to stakeholders during winter. We look forward to this increase in signage helping to achieve an even greater recycling effort next winter.

Yours sincerely,



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