

Stotts Creek Resource Recovery Centre Tip Shop closed for upgrade *Plans for new facility include repair workshops, tool library and art classes*

The Stotts Creek Resource Recovery Centre ‘Tip Shop’ will be closed for at least the next six weeks from today (Tuesday 23 July) while renovations are carried out to provide an improved service focusing on less to landfill.

Earlier this month, Council resolved to take over operations of the facility to better manage the site during major upgrades to infrastructure and roads at the site over the next few years as part of the Stotts Creek Resource Recovery Master Plan.

Council’s Director Sustainable Communities and Environment Tracey Stinson said the upgraded tip shop would have a greater focus on building awareness and giving people more opportunities for ‘less to landfill’.

“Within the short term, we want to expand its operations into other ‘less to landfill’ initiatives such as a tool library, repair workshops and art from rubbish,” Ms Stinson said.

“It’s all about ‘less to landfill’ and looking for innovative ways for repairing, upcycling and giving items a longer life.”

“We know customers love the salvaged items available at the shop and we will continue to offer that service when we reopen in approximately six weeks,” she said.

“We will still be collecting items which can be reused, recycled or upcycled from landfill while the tip shop is closed.

“In the longer term, we will upgrade the facility substantially with better storage, more undercover areas and improved parking.”

Executive Officer of St Vincent de Paul Society NSW, Lismore Diocesan Central Council, Michael Timbrell, offered support for Council’s decision.

“The St Vincent de Paul Society fully supports any initiatives that reduces the amount of waste that ends in landfill. Therefore we understand and support the decision by Tweed Council to restructure their tip services,” Mr Timbrell said.

“We acknowledge the requirement for Council to have full control of their tip site during this period and therefore have agreed to close our Vinnies Buy Back shop indefinitely.

“Vinnies continues to have a positive working relationship with Tweed Council and will work towards future collaborations that benefit the Council and the people Vinnies supports in the local community,” he said.

Ms Stinson said St Vincent de Paul had done a great job and thanked them for their service.

“We want to build on their good work and give people the opportunities to reuse, recycle and upcycle,” she said.

For more information on the Stotts Creek Resource Recovery Centre see www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/WasteDepots