

# Media Statement

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## **Surf Coast Shire Council and Borough of Queenscliffe have awarded their green waste acceptance and processing contract to local firm, Corio Waste Management**

*<Direct quotes to be attributed to Corio Waste Management, CEO, Mat Dickens>*

“Large volumes of methane are generated from the decomposition of organics in landfill and is a significant contributor to greenhouse gas emissions. Our ability to accept and process garden waste and food waste provides both Council’s an opportunity to divert food waste from landfill, an option not available in our region, and reduce their carbon footprint.

“These new contracts with Surf Coast Shire and the Borough of Queenscliffe will allow us to build a new organic waste sorting and pre-processing facility in Moolap to accept kerbside and solid commercial food wastes, and expand our capabilities as a diversified waste services business offering organic waste collection services to restaurants, cafes, fast-food outlets and hotels in Geelong and the region.

“We own an alternative waste treatment facility in Shepparton where this material will be transported with our fleet of fuel-efficient Scania G480 trucks. Using tunnel technology, the composting process takes only six to eight weeks. More traditional processes can take up to 20 weeks

“Corio Waste Management has long-term contracts from Greater Shepparton City Council, Moira Shire Council, Benalla Rural City Council, Strathbogie Shire Council and Wangaratta Rural City Council to process food and garden organics.

“Looking ahead we plan to tender for the operation of the open windrow facility in Anakie currently being constructed by the Greater Geelong City Council but in the long term we want to build, own and operate alternative waste treatment facilities in this region to process food and garden organics and other higher risk feedstocks, particularly food wastes.

### **About Corio Waste Management Pty. Ltd.**

Corio Waste Management was established in Geelong in 1996. Ken and his children Mathew, Nathan and Anthea are all employees of the company and work with a management team including some of the most consistent, experienced, knowledgeable and experts in the waste management industry.

Corio Waste Management is engaged in the collection, treatment and disposal of solid, liquid and other waste types (including hazardous waste). Primary activities and major products and services are container/receptacle/bin/skip hiring, solid and recyclable waste collection and short-distance hauling, sludge, liquid, oil, grease trap, septic tank and other liquid waste pumping and cleaning services, hazardous waste collection, medical, clinical, cytotoxic, anatomical, pharmaceutical and sharps waste collection and disposal, sanitary disposal services and washroom supplies wholesaling and servicing.

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Corio Waste Management employs more than 60 people, have a fleet of 50 vehicles and perform 10,000 waste and recycling collections each week. The company serves around 2,000 commercial and industrial and local government customers across the Surf Coast, Corio Bay area, and Melbourne's west and south-eastern suburbs from depots in Geelong, Altona and Dandenong.

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