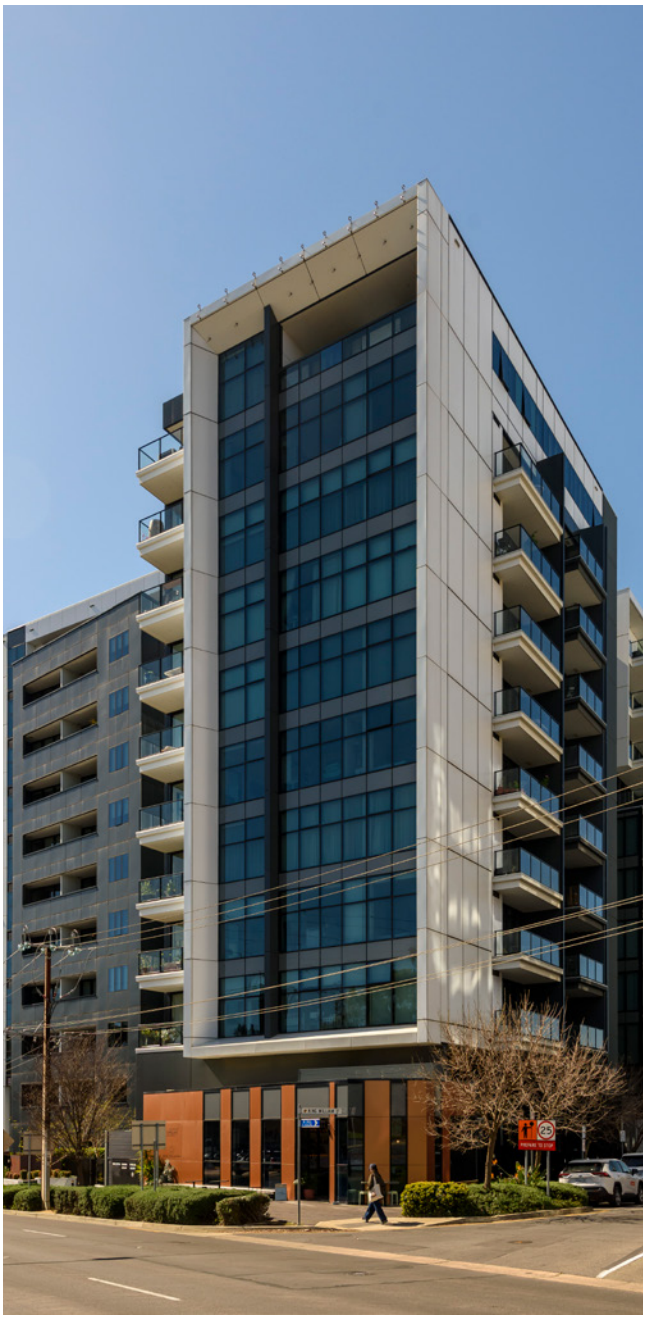
EAST PARK APARTMENTS

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East Park in Kent Town provides an example of how a building can transition from expensive private waste collections to cost effective council collection services. Revisiting and refining the waste management system has delivered more recycling options, lower overall costs and a big increase in landfill diversion and food recycling performance.



Development profile

- 107 apartments – mix of one, two and three bedrooms.
- A small coffee shop tenancy on ground floor.
- Managed day-to-day by Property Maintenance Plus
- The bins are serviced by the City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters collection contractor.

Overview of the waste system

A chute room on each level of the building provides residents convenient access to:

- A chute for **food organics and garden organics** (FOGO).
- A chute for **general waste**
- 240 litre **comingled recycling** bins

The ground floor waste room is also accessible for residents and has:

- 10 cent bottle and can recycling bins.
- Residents can coordinate with the Caretaker for a scheduled collection by Council.



Switching to Council collection services

East Park residents were paying $30,000 a year for private waste collection and only had general waste and comingled recycling streams.

The City of Norwood Payneham and St Peters offer a bulk bin service, but with strict service requirements and requires a minimum of general waste, comingled recycling and FOGO. East Park worked with Council and a waste management consultant to refine the waste system to suit Council services:

- One of the chutes was previously used for comingled recycling. This was switched to manage FOGO material contained in compostable bags.
- New 240L comingled recycling bins were provided for each level and managed by the caretaker.
- Residents were offered a kitchen caddy, compostable bags and information pack to support the separation of food waste and adjust to the new system.
- New signage was installed on all levels.

Bin audits soon after introducing FOGO and switching to Council services revealed East Park:

- Increased diversion of material from landfill increased from 23% to 45%.
- Began recycling 48% of all food disposed (from a baseline of zero).[1]

The building management committee was key to the building successfully transitioning to the new waste management system, as they championed the changes and helped communicate them to the residents.



1 Based on physical audits completed in 2022 and 2023