

Win up to \$5,000 for a garden or environmental project



Get ready to nominate when the Back to Earth Initiative Victorian Garden Competition opens in March 2020

The Back to Earth Initiative is a campaign run by Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Group and councils to show how the green waste we put in our green bins at home is turned into something valuable — compost. This compost is used to help local parks, farms and gardens bloom. We don't want plastic, glass and other rubbish ending up on our farms and parks which is why it's important we all know what can go in our green bins.

Could your kindergarten use some fresh compost and up to \$5,000 for a veggie patch? Or perhaps your school could benefit from some new fruit trees? What about that languishing community garden in need of a refresh? Then get ready to enter the Back to Earth Initiative Victorian Garden Competition 2020.

The community then votes for the winner who receives up to \$5,000 and a truckload of compost made from the green waste we put in our green bins at home.

Here's how the competition will unfold:

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| 2 March | • | • | Nominations open |
| 27 March | • | • | Nominations close |
| 16 April | • | • | Voting open |
| 11 May | • | • | Voting closes |
| June TBC | • | • | Announce winners |

To enter, you'll need to answer a series of questions (with short answers under 100 words each) in an online form (available in March 2020).

Keep your eyes peeled for more information in March 2020 but if you've got any questions before then we'd love to hear from you: backtoearth@mwrrg.vic.gov.au.

Lesson plans to explore waste and build questioning skills

We've also teamed up with Cool Australia, a not for profit organisation that provides curriculum linked resources for teachers and students, to produce a series of lesson plans for grades 5-8.

These lesson plans are an ideal way for students to tune in to what happens to green waste once it is collected in a kerbside bin. Learning goals enable students to explore the relationship between waste and landfill as well as build their thinking and questioning skills.

These lessons can be used with all the learning areas of the Australian Curriculum that relate to energy and climate change.

Find out if your council is participating:

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