

## **Public Question Time and Submissions**

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### **Questions from Stephen Pennells:**

With current compost bins nearing capacity, would Council like to trial a 245 litre Eco Tumbler dual compartment, easy turn(allegedly!) rotating compost bin at Centenary Reserve Unfenced Community Gardens please?

### **Response:**

The community garden at Centenary Reserve is not licensed through Council and is independently managed by members of the community, and as such, we are unable to support the inclusion of an additional composting system.

Successful community composting sites require ongoing management from a community group or dedicated member of the community, so officers reached out to the South Melbourne Sustainability Group who currently manage two of the beds at the southern end of the garden to understand how the current compost bins are operating. They informed us that compost bins have been installed by members of the community who are not actively maintaining them. This is leading to a variety of issues for the gardens, including the presence of vermin.

To assist with providing food waste diversion options for the community Council are currently trialing a communal food organics recycling hub at Lagoon Reserve which is a short walk from Centenary Reserve. We are encouraging all residents within the area to take the food scraps and leftovers to the hub. More information on the recycling hub can be found on the City of Port Phillip website.

*\*Please note: answers to any questions in Public Question Time and Councillor Question Time which were answered at the meeting are included in the minutes of that meeting.*