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## Improvements to glass crushing operations

The Waste Management Centre has recently improved its glass crushing operations. At the end of January, the new AFS Mini glass pulveriser, manufactured by Expleco, was commissioned and put into operation. The 2-tonne machine is operated by one person and processes up to 2 tonnes per hour. Operations are made simple using a bin lifter, which safely tips glass bottles and containers into a hopper, with an elevator conveyor delivering the glass to a crushing component.

Importantly, this now means there is more crushed glass for the community to use. This can be used on driveways, and in construction including pipe-bedding for underground services. The AFS Mini also makes glass crushing operations more efficient, allowing WMC staff to work on other waste streams.

By utilising the new machine, this now effectively means Headstone will no longer be used as a Waste Disposal Facility. This is huge achievement for Norfolk Island Regional Council and the culmination of a concerted effort by past and present staff members to achieve this goal.

With agreement from Parks Australia, NIRC will continue to allow the disposal of some butcher's waste for research purposes. NIRC is working closely with Flinders University to understand what impacts the disposal of butcher's waste has on shark behaviour in the marine park.

A huge thank you to Expleco, Revolve Your World and NIRC Waste Management, Services and Electricity staff who assisted in having the machine put into operation. Revolve Your World will utilise the glass crusher and screen when their operations commence at the Waste Management Centre. NIRC and RYW will keep the community informed of the commencement date, with the remaining waste processing equipment scheduled for delivery to island in March.

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