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It's proving to be a bumper year for Adelaide-based bin manufacturing and distribution specialists MASTEC Australia Pty Ltd, with the company recently completing yet another successful bin roll-out for a major new kerbside contract – this time for the City of Holdfast Bay in suburban Adelaide. The Holdfast Bay contract comes hot on the heels of a number of other successful major bin roll-outs for councils in Tasmania, Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia.

Forming part of an innovative three-council 'co-operative contract' for kerbside collection services with the neighbouring cities of Marion and West Torrens, the new City of Holdfast Bay contract incorporates a 3-bin service, comprising a weekly garbage collection and an alternating fortnightly co-mingled recyclables and green organics collection. The new services are being provided for the councils by Solo Resource Recovery.

MASTEC was awarded the contract for the manufacture and delivery of 19,000 bins for Holdfast Bay's new weekly garbage service, together with a further 19,000 for the City's new fortnightly recyclables service. The new garbage and recycling services are being provided to both residential and commercial ratepayers throughout the City.

The new weekly garbage service utilises a MASTEC® 140-litre 'squat' MGB fitted with a bright red lid for easy identification. Although to the untrained eye the difference is barely discernable, as the name suggests, the MASTEC® 140-litre 'squat' bin is slightly shorter and slightly wider than a traditional 140-litre bin. This not



only provides a very well balanced and easy to manoeuvre bin, it also helps to improve collection flexibility. MASTEC Australia Pty Ltd's Managing Director, Michael Brixton, explained:

"The main catalyst behind the MASTEC® 140-litre 'squat' design was to assist councils and contractors with services where a single vehicle collects a range of bin sizes."

"In some instances, the physical size differential between a 240-litre MGB and the smaller size bins may cause a problem for some grab arms. By having a slightly wider girth, the MASTEC® 140-litre 'squat' design reduces the size differential between the large and small bin, and as such, can play a major role in helping to optimise grab arm settings so that the one vehicle can collect both large and small bins without any problems," he added.

The City of Holdfast Bay's new fortnightly co-mingled recyclables service utilises a 240-litre MASTEC® MGB featuring a bright yellow lid for ease of identification.

The new bins also feature an easy-to-read graphic usage guide, which has been hot-stamped into the top of the lid to provide information as to the contents that can be placed in the bin.

Together with the contract for the manufacture of the new bins, MASTEC Australia Pty Ltd was also awarded the contract to assemble and distribute the bins throughout the City of Holdfast Bay. For the roll-out, the bins and components were transported in bulk to Solo Resource Recovery's *Adelaide Waste and Recycling Centre* (AWRC) in North Plympton, where the 'depot team' attached the lids. The bins were then loaded, together with the wheels and

axles, onto MASTEC's fleet of local delivery trucks.

The local delivery teams were responsible for fitting the axle and wheels (an extremely fast and easy process thanks to MASTEC's quick-lock wheel design), logging the bin serial numbers against the addresses, and delivering the bins and information booklet to each of the households and commercial properties within the City.

Speaking about the bin roll-out, Steve Hodge, Manager, Technical Services with the City of Holdfast Bay, commented:

"We're very pleased with the results of the bin roll-out. MASTEC managed the process extremely well - everything went smoothly and ran to schedule, despite the added complexities of having to roll-out to both residents and businesses."

"Importantly, when it comes to a new waste or recycling service, the quality and efficiency of the bin roll-out process can have a major impact on public perceptions - even before the new service has started."

"With that in mind, I believe that the efficiency of the bin roll-out process, the professionalism demonstrated by the MASTEC crews, and the fact that the roll-out ran so smoothly helped to contribute to the outstanding public response that we've had to the new service," Steve Hodge added.

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