



20th April 2024

**Speaker: Fiona McCuaig from Walawaani Way Conservation Burial
Eurobodalla Shire Council Public Forum, Tuesday 23rd April**

To Discuss:

[Update on the Conservation Burial & Natural Organic Reduction/Human composting](#)

[Fiona's request: A letter of support please - from the Eurobodalla Shire Council](#)

Eight years ago I walked into the Council and talked to a planner called Lauren Barnett about establishing NSW's first 100% natural burial ground on our family farm in Bodalla. It's been a long journey but we hope to open early next year once we've completed the upgrade of the Old Princes Highway as this is the Entry.

Walawaani Way Conservation Burial is the first of its kind in Australia by also being a conservation burial in which 18 ha of forest ecosystem will be protected. It is a fantastic achievement of the Eurobodalla Shire Council and it has been well recognised in the media throughout NSW, including SMH, Channel 7 and Canberra Times.

The problem it solves in the community - is that Walawaani Way offers a much needed offering of an alternate end-of-life option which is not harmful to the environment - the soil, air and waterways. People want to leave a gift to the planet, a lasting legacy, not a deathprint as their final act.

I'd now like to add another complimentary offering to Walawaani Way being;

[Natural Organic Reduction – Human Composting](#)



We would be the first place in the world outside of America to do human composting - a huge opportunity for the region, and in-line with the Council's branding of 'Nature Coast' where nature is our business.

We are partnering with Recompose (www.recompose.life) who are the first human composting company in the world, and most trusted operator in America with years of data and expertise to share with us. There is no point in reinventing the wheel when we can operate from the start with 'best practice' and professionalism.

Natural organic reduction is a simple process - a human body is converted into soil within 8-10 weeks within the vessels. Only natural components are added to the vessels such as straw and oxygen. It produces nutritious soil that has no DNA and no pharmaceuticals are present after the process. It's comparable to cremation as it's transportable and dividable - families can take all the soil or just a handful.

First of all we need NSW State approval to bring five of these vessels to Walawaani Way. **Then we need Eurobodalla Shire Council development approval.** This approval will be the approval of a Shed of around 400sqm to house the vessels and preparation rooms. I will provide the plans from Recompose in a pre-DA meeting.

[THANK YOU !! Happy to answer any questions by Council and the community at any time.](#)

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