



NATIONAL RECYCLING WEEK 2013



REUSE, RECYCLE, CLEAN UP!

Shoalhaven residents join recycling revolution

SHOALHAVEN residents are being encouraged to join the recycling revolution during Planet Ark's National Recycling Week, by ensuring they recycle everything they possibly can.

This means putting the right things in the yellow lid recycling bin as well as taking advantage of all the free recycling opportunities at the council recycling and waste depots.

Residents can recycle all their bottles, paper, cardboard, steel and aluminium cans in their household recycling bin, but should avoid putting in plastic bags, mirror glass, ceramics and food and garden waste.

Council recommends residents return plastic bags to the supermarkets (or avoid them altogether) and to compost food and garden waste where possible.

Why not join one of council's home sustainability workshops to find out how?

A new Recycling Revolution report, commissioned by Planet Ark ahead of National Recycling Week, illustrates that recycling has begun a revolution in Australia and there are now options to recycle a growing variety of items.

For example, the recycling of electronic waste (e-waste) is growing three times faster than any other type of waste in the country, driven by Australians' addiction to technology.

In 2011-12, an estimated 29 million televisions and computers across Australia reached their end-of-life, with only around 10 per cent of these recycled, and this figure is growing.

Yet a whopping 95-98 per cent of the materials in computers and televisions, including plastics, metals and glass, can be fully recycled for future use.

The disposal of cathode ray tube (CRT) televisions is a particular issue, with the progressive closure of the analogue signal across Australia.

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Now, manufacturers that make and/or import televisions and computers are required to pay for the recycling of these products through the delivery of recycling drop-off points around Australia.

Shoalhaven residents can recycle their unwanted TVs, computers and computer products such as printers, keyboards and mice under this scheme. "Drop Zone" collection points are located at all of council's recycling and waste depots as well as at TSR E-Waste at South Nowra.

"There's a recycling revolution going on right around you and there are many actions you can take to be part of it," Planet Ark recycling programs manager Janet Sparrow said.

Visit the RecyclingWeek.PlanetArk.org website or call the National Recycling Hotline on 1300 733 712 for further information about any of Planet Ark's National Recycling Week initiatives.

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Some of the works St Georges Basin Creative Craft Group and Nowra Quilters have created using recycled materials.

Landscapes interpreted in recycled textiles

CREATED by Shoalhaven City Council Waste Services, this project highlights the concern around the 1000 tonnes of textiles disposed of each year in the Shoalhaven.

The St Georges Basin Creative Craft Group and Nowra Quilters have worked on interpreting a number of landscapes which are part of the Lloyd Rees exhibition.

Over a period of more than 40 years, Rees sought retreat and inspiration in the landscape of the NSW South Coast.

Some of his best-known landscapes reflect his close association with the local countryside and will be exhibited in the Shoalhaven City Arts Centre exhibition, Lloyd Rees: Works from the South Coast, until December 14.

Textiles are found in commercial and domestic waste, with waste in red-lidded bins going directly to landfill, and textiles that are put in the yellow-lidded recycling bins

ending up at the Materials Recovery Facility in Bomaderry.

Usually, these materials are not clean and have no value for recyclers of textiles who want a clean product.

This project reflects an alternative way of thinking, with Waste Services focusing on what can be created by recycling textiles, rather than what ends up in landfill.

Using a variety of techniques and skills, members of the St Georges Basin Creative Craft Group and Nowra Quilters, applied recycled textiles to discarded fabrics, including sheets to interpret in their own distinctive styles, several of Rees' landscape paintings.

Techniques included painting, quilting, chenilling, applique, embroidery, crochet and many more.

The works will be on display in the Shoalhaven Arts Centre meeting room during the Lloyd Rees exhibition.



Recycling Get it Sorted.

You CAN recycle... ✓

- Glass Beer bottles and jars
- Glass Wine bottles
- Milk and Juice Cartons
- Paper
- Flattened Cardboard
- Aluminium Cans
- Steel Cans
- Aerosol Cans
- Plastic bottles & containers

You CANNOT put in the recycle bin... ✗

- Garden waste of ANY kind
- Food Waste
- General garbage of any kind (eg: disposable nappies)
- Plastic shopping bags & foam (expanded polystyrene)
- Food Contaminated paper or cardboard
- Plate or window glass or mirrors
- Ceramics
- Syringes
- Scrap Metal
- Batteries
- Electrical items

YES! You can recycle the items below in your yellow top bin... ✓



For more information on recycling in the Shoalhaven, please visit www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au or contact the Waste Hotline:

Ph: 4429 3374

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