



ROUND-UP

The very latest news & reviews from Kurrajong Recyclers



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Each year around 50,000 Tonnes of waste is sent to the Gregadoo Landfill. Each cell of the landfill costs over \$1m to build and holds close to 200,000 Tonnes of waste.

10,000 Tonne Mile Stone



This financial year Kurrajong Recyclers have processed 1,000 Tonnes more product than last year.

Our final result at 30th June was just under 10,300 Tonnes.

This is the largest amount of recycling in one year since Kurrajong Recyclers first started recycling in 1962 and represents 435 semi trailers loads of recyclables for the year.

This is a fantastic result not just for Kurrajong Recyclers but also the Wagga Wagga and surrounding community.

Manager of Engineering

Assets and Services for Wagga Wagga City Council, Colin Earnshaw, said the current recycling system had enabled the city to achieve "one of the highest, if not the highest, rate of recycling in Australia."

Tonnes recycled July 2004 - June 2005	
Cardboard	7629
White Paper	218
Glass	1155
Binder Glass	623
Aluminium	53
Steel	128
HDPE Milk	89
HDPE Col.	82
PET	150
PVC	9
LPB	16
LDPE	147



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From Geoff's desk



The recent Waste Management Association Conference was held in Sydney. Of interest was the emerging agenda of **waste avoidance** – for a **waste management association** this is an interesting cultural shift.

Other strategies being developed nationally are Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) programs. These are being developed by the industries concerned in a co-operative manner rather than relying on legislation to force the process totally. Current programs about to be signed off are for televisions and tyres. The successful implementation will rely on some consumer legislation where point of sale bounties are agreed to. Issues then arise about how to deal with existing products and grey imports.

The keynote speaker related the current situation in Ireland regarding waste disposal and current programs to reduce waste to landfill. Ten years ago the cost of waste to landfill was 5 euros plus a 15 euro waste levy. The levy today is still 15 euro but the disposal cost has risen to 200 euros per tonne. This has created real opportunities in resource recovery.

An initiative currently being funded is a program to support Design for the Environment. Scholarships and assistance is being provided to young designers to create the culture of designs that reduce resource inputs, reduce manufacturing cost, reduce waste in manufacturing, allow product repair and ultimate ease of recycling through ease of dis-assembly to recover resources.

A presentation by the Australian Insurance Industry Council (AIIC) reported on a recent pilot to demonstrate recycling of resources (waste) to the automotive repair industry. Of interest also was the dept of knowledge of the AIIC on the impacts of global warming, as climate changes mean more destructive climatic events and potentially more insurance claims. Reducing greenhouse gases is good business for the Insurance Industry.

A new waste contract has been let in Coffs Harbour where three local shires have combined resources to let a 20 year collection and processing contract that will ensure that waste to landfill is reduced to 13% of that currently landfilled. The cost to ratepayers will be \$270 - \$340 annually for the three bin system.



Since 1950, we have consumed as much as all the generations before us combined

Depot News

Congratulations
Jeremy
our Production Manager is celebrating his 10th year at Kurrajong Recyclers Hasn't he come a long way!

Kurrajong Waratah's Supported Employees Workplace Agreement was passed through the Industrial Commission in July and will be in place for the next three years.

A total of 89 employees voted on the agreement in June.

79 voted YES and 10 voted NO

RECYCLE ME NOT! - NAPPIES

Contrary to popular belief disposable does not mean recyclable but tell that to the residents who continue to place nappies in their household recycle bin.

However, a Melbourne company MyPlanet have started a nappy recycling service. The wood pulp is separated from the plastic and then sent to Amcor Paper and plastic recyclers for further processing. Unfortunately this service is only available to limited Melbourne residents.

Kurrajong Recyclers receive between 20 to 30 nappies a day on our sorting belt. I'm sure you can imagine how disgusting that is after up to 2 weeks in the recycling bin.

Australians send more than 800 million nappies to landfill each year. Nappies in landfill can take up to 500 years to decompose.

It is unfortunate that as a new comer and future stakeholder on the Earth a child contributes up to 1 Tonne to landfill before they reach the

age of three in disposable nappies alone.

Many claim that cloth nappies are just as bad for the environment as disposables, however, a UK study showed that the environmental footprint based on raw materials and energy used is greater for disposables than for washable nappies.

We can only hope that given our consumer, throw-away society services such as those offered by MyPlanet can be implemented around Australia in the near future.

For more Nappy info:



www.myplanet.com.au

www.eenee.com

www.natureschild.com.au

Meet your friendly recycler – Cameron Hall

- How long have you worked at Recyclers

Since 1986

- What do you like best about your job?

Working in the cardboard section

- What don't you like?

Working in the trucks

- What do you like to do in your spare time?

Watching the footy and working in my office writing and



using my computer

- What's your favourite movie?

I like watching Westerns

- What's your favourite footy team?

Sydney Swans

New Linde Forklift

At the end of June we finally received our new Linde Forklift.

Glen Taylor from Linde spent some time with the drivers explaining the operation procedures.

The new forklift features a hydro-static drive, which


means that unlike our other forklifts there is no gearbox or drive line. This enables superior driver control using both feet to operate the pedals.

This feature combined with optimal driver comfort enables our new Linde

forklift to significantly reduce loading time and operator fatigue.

The forklift also has an easy load system for replacing the gas bottle.

Jeremy was pleased with his new hat!

The first plastic, celluloid, was invented in 1869 as a substitute for ivory in billiard balls

We're back in Tumut



Kurrajong Recyclers has returned to provide quality recycling services to Tumut Shire Council (TSC).

Following the dismissal of

Aussie Junk from the landfill supervision contract TSC have closed the Tumut landfill, taken over the supervision and reintroduced our system of skip bins to collect the recyclable containers.

We have now placed skips at Adelong and Batlow and will shortly place a new one at Talbingo.

TSC will be fully reviewing their waste strategy with a

view to introducing kerbside recycling collections in eleven months time.

TSC have received great community support for this move with many comments from rate payers supporting Kurrajong's return to provide a quality service. There will be a period of time to clean up the sites to the standard that we had previously achieved when we were in control of the contract. We look forward to a successful, long term partnership with TSC.

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Disability Information - Cerebral Palsy

Cerebral palsy describes a range of disabilities associated with movement and posture. Cerebral palsy affects more than 20,000 Australians. The symptoms range from very mild to quite severe. There are four main types of cerebral palsy.

Spastic (the most common type) the muscles become stiff and permanently contracted.

Athetoid (or dyskinetic), involves uncontrolled, slow, writhing movements.

Ataxic, the least common form affecting balance and depth coordination.

Mixed form, which has varying combinations of the first three types.

Around one third of kids with cerebral palsy are intellectually normal, one third have mild intellectual

impairment, while the remaining third have moderate or severe impairment. One half of kids with cerebral palsy have seizures.

Cerebral palsy is not a disease, it is a condition. It is not contagious and is not hereditary.

Other disabilities sometimes occur with cerebral palsy such as hearing, sight or speech disorders, epilepsy or an intellectual disability. However, having cerebral palsy does not mean they will have other disabilities.

Causes of cerebral palsy include infections during pregnancy (probably the main cause), chronic oxygen deprivation during pregnancy, developmental or metabolic abnormalities while in the

uterus, autoimmune or coagulation defects in the mother, jaundice and Rh incompatibility in the newborn - a few per cent are probably caused by oxygen shortage in the brain or damage to the head during labour and delivery.

Damage to the brain does not worsen, however, the effect on the body can become more obvious with age and physical deformities can develop. Early intervention and treatment can reduce the severity of the effects of the disability.

Cerebral palsy may affect a person's mobility, their ability to talk, or their outward appearance. People with Cerebral palsy have abilities and their goals in life are much the same as everybody else's.

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