



ROUND-UP

The very latest news & reviews from Kurrajong Recyclers

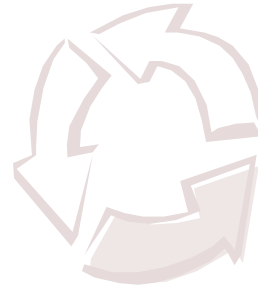


REDUCE When shopping choose products that can be productively recycled in your area and have minimal packaging.

REUSE Containers and packaging. Packaging accounts for up to one third of waste delivered to landfill.

RECYCLE Materials into useable products.

RETHINK As a consumer be aware of waste generated and how you can reduce this in your home or work place.



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Your Environmental Impact

Recycling is one small part of valuing the waste that we generate every day in living.

The materials we recycle are used to contain everyday products that come from all the houses in Wagga Wagga.

When we make decisions about what to buy we don't always consider what impact that purchase will have on the environment.

We all know the cost of a Television, a refrigerator, a Commodore or a new house. What we don't know the value of is that tree, grass area or mine site that we have had to destroy to create our new device.

When confronted with a choice regarding things that have no value to our frame

of reference we will obviously ignore that impact.

By manufacturing better,

extending the useful life of products and keeping them longer and recycling we do not have to win more resources from nature.

Companies such as Fuji Xerox continue to research ways of extending the useful life of their products by reverse engineering. Their research team finds ways to reduce maintenance costs and increase efficiency on existing machines. The same

way we refurbish our trucks by only replacing or changing part of the truck.



As an aside, the Mars Rovers were "guaranteed" to perform for 90 days from the time they landed on Mars. They have now completed over 190 days of Martian roving and continue to beam back photos of a very different landscape.

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Vandalism Costs Dearly

The last two months have seen an unfortunate increase in the number of arson attacks involving our recycling bins.

At one location where one of the new black 720Lt bins was burnt in May we then had 3 bins burnt during July. The cost to replace

these bins was nearly \$1500.

We also had a number of our 2 and 4 metre bins set on fire. Fortunately there was no damage to surrounding buildings. After each incident the bins need to be stripped and

primed with the lids often needing replacement.

The weekends and school holidays are prime times for these costly attacks. Most at risk are bins located at schools and those in the rear lanes behind the main street.



From Geoff's desk



The new Federal Member for the Environment is Senator the Hon. Ian Campbell. The minister's other duties include Manager of Government

to gather funding and assistance to have the best facility possible for Wagga Wagga.

With a federal election looming, opportunities for funding by the Federal Government may present themselves in the near future.

Funding of various parts of our new factory will be one of our projects later this year.

By finding every opportunity to broaden the groups and companies involved in the construction we broaden our supporters and reduce our costs.

We have also had discussions with other equipment suppliers. We are presenting a case for them to take the opportunity to demonstrate their companies equipment in a state of the art facility.

Contacts have also been made with Landcare with a view to having their input into landscaping and buffer area design at our new site.

Lining your kitchen bin with newspaper instead of a plastic bag can drastically reduce the number of plastic bags going to landfill. Sure the plastic bag makes it easier but consider how a small amount of time and effort on your part can benefit the environment.

Depot News

Congratulations

Steve Davis



Steve is now a full time Supervisor at Kurrajong Recyclers

Break - In

This month we suffered a break-in at our depot.

The Training Office was trashed with a number of items stolen. The door had to be replaced.

Unfortunately, forensic testing failed to find any useable prints.

WELCOME



Hello and welcome to our newest Recyclers team members

Jason Post

Leila Sly

&

Barbara Grigg

RECYCLE ME - Plastic Bags LDPE



Everyone now knows that plastic bags are a problem when left to litter the environment and endanger marine life.

Here in Wagga there's no excuse because plastic bags can be placed in your recycling bin or dropped off at Kurrajong Recycler's or at most supermarkets.

Last year KR recycled 119 Tonnes of LDPE however

you only have to look around to see that we could be doing better job at reducing our use of plastic bags and disposing of them more responsibly.

Say NO to plastic bags, keep one scrunched up in your bag so that when shopping you can reuse it for your purchases. A number of supermarkets have special bags for sale

that are easy to store in the boot of your car and take with you when doing your grocery shopping.

Given that plastic is sourced from petroleum which has a detrimental impact on the environment due to mining, it is always a good idea to reduce our use of all plastic items and purchase products with minimal packaging.

Meet Your Friendly Recycler – Paul Duck

- How long have you worked at Recyclers?
19 years
- What do you like best about your job?
Sorting the rubbish out of the white paper
- What don't you like?
The shed's too cold in winter
- What do you like to do in your spare time?
Going on outings, watching footy on TV, going in to town to do the shopping and have lunch
- What's your favourite movie?
Spiderman
- What's are your favourite TV shows?
Home & Away, McLeod's Daughters, Get Away and Footy shows
- What's are your favourite footy teams?
Brisbane Lions & Melbourne Storm
- What's your favourite food?
Roast lamb or chicken



Paul is looking forward to his holidays in September.

He's travelling to Brisbane to see the mighty Lions play.

He can't wait!



Industry Visit To Melbourne

Jeremy and Ian visited the Encore Tissue Mill & Visy Glass Recycling in Melbourne during July.

Encore Tissue is where Kurrajong Recyclers send all of the white paper collected for recycling.

Encore Tissue process the white paper into tissue products for hand towel, toilet paper and facial tissues.

Encore Tissue don't use any bleaches during the recycling

process so it is important that the product they receive from recyclers such as ourselves is clean white paper without any contamination.

Contaminants such as cardboard, coloured paper or plastic can affect the quality of the finished product and delay manufacture.

Ian is our rear shed supervisor in charge of our white paper recycling so a visit to the Encore Mill was a great chance

to see what happens and how we can better supply the mill with a high quality product.

Kurrajong Recyclers send Amber and Binder glass to Visy Recycling in Melbourne.

Contamination is also a big problem with glass recycling a small piece of ceramic or a stone can ruin an entire batch of glass bottles causing costly delays in the manufacturing process.

Recycling Tip

The following products

- Drinking glasses
- Light bulbs
- Ceramics like plates and mugs
- Ovenproof glass like pyrex

should **NOT** be placed in your recycling bin

These materials are contaminants in the glass recycling process and can result in the rejection of our loads if present when delivered to the place of manufacture.

Terrorisms' Impact On The Environment

When Greece won their bid to host the 2004 Games in Athens they promised to address air and water quality, fragile nature and cultural areas, traffic and waste management. Green groups are claiming that Athens, the IOC and the government have all failed in this promise.

Head of the UN Environment Programme, Kalus Toepfer has said that "much more needed to be done to ensure that the environment is even

more central in future Olympic Games".

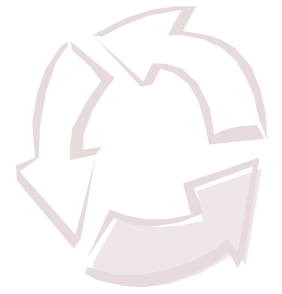
He said that Athens organisers had been forced to put their primary focus on security because of fears of terrorist attacks, perhaps at the expense of the environment.

He went on to say that the organisers have taken this issue seriously to ensure a safe and secure Olympics but that this has come at a cost with many parts of their

environmental programme falling short of their initial aspirations.

Critics say that basic environmental standards such as the use of solar power, non-toxic building materials, recycling and waste management had not been implemented in large complexes such as the Olympic Village.

Story sourced from Reuters via the Planet Ark website



Recycling at Yerong Creek

Following an enquiry from the staff at the Yerong Creek Primary School Geoff attended a meeting to plan ways that a recycling service could be extended to the greater community at Yerong Creek.

Geoff put a proposal before Lockhart Shire and the school community canvassed the local

community for support.

In a unique arrangement the Lockhart Shire Council has agreed to pay the transportation costs for 2 skips back to Kurrajong Recyclers depot at Wagga Wagga. One skip is used for paper and cardboard and the other for mixed bottles and cans.

The local community has committed to pay the costs for rental of the skips and the processing costs for the skip containing bottles and cans. The school newsletter contains information on the materials recycled and will be used for new requests for funds to support the service.

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Disability Information - Manic Depression

Manic Depression is now also called bipolar mood disorder. It is a serious mood disorder characterized by large mood swings of elation and depression.

The disorder affects about one percent of the population and normally begins between the ages of 14 and 40.

The majority of sufferers can recover after severe episodes but 20 to 30 percent will experience ongoing problems.

It is not known what causes bipolar disorder. There is a genetic link in some cases. People with a family member with the condition have a slightly higher than average risk of developing the condition.

The condition may be caused by changes in the chemical messenger in the brain.

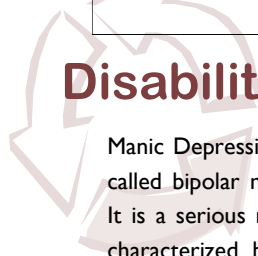
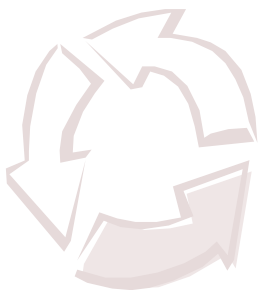
Stressful life events such as poverty, unemployment and relationship problems can trigger manic or depressive episodes.

Diagnosis is made when there has been a distinct period of abnormally and persistently elevated mood and some of the following symptoms may have been present to a significant degree: Irritable mood swings between feelings of elation, rapidly changing emotions from laughter to tears, reduced need for sleep, boundless energy, loud and fast talking, racing thoughts and loss of awareness of their

behaviour. Symptoms of depression include: persistent low or sad feelings, loss of interest in activities normally enjoyed, irritable mood changes, problems with sleeping or sleeping too much, change in appetite, tiredness or fatigue, slower movement and problems thinking clearly.

Treatment involves medication with anti-depressants and mood stabilising drugs, such as lithium carbonate, epilim or tegretol which are used long-term to maintain wellness.

There is no known way to prevent bipolar disorder but sustained use of mood stabilisers can prevent episodes of mania or depression.



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