



# ROUND-UP

The very latest news & reviews from Kurrajong Recyclers



## Kurrajong Recyclers

- Recycling since 1962
- Employing 38 people with a disability
- Meeting the recycling needs of over 500 customers each month
- Servicing over 250 frontlift recycling bins
- Sorting recyclables from Wagga Wagga, Gundagai, Tarcutta & Holbrook

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## Cardboard Recycling Made Easier

Kurrajong Recyclers have introduced a new 720 Litre black MGB.

These bins will be phased in over time replacing the old wool-pack and frame set-up.

These new bins look clean and tidy, the lid reduces the risk of fire damage and can be locked to prevent misuse.

We started with an initial 15 bins at the end of June last year and now have 90 bins in the system with more on the way.

Collections are made

by the cardboard compactor truck having made alterations to the bin lifting device on the truck.



This new system reduces the risk of injury to our employees such as cuts from bale clips, strain due to lifting and loading of

the cardboard into the collection vehicle and needle stick injuries.

The bins are supplied by Economy Waste in Canberra and then have special steel plate fitted to the side by McAuliffe Engineering here in Wagga Wagga to protect the bin while being lifted by the collection vehicle.

If you require a 720Lt bin or if you can advise us of someone who should have one please contact our office.

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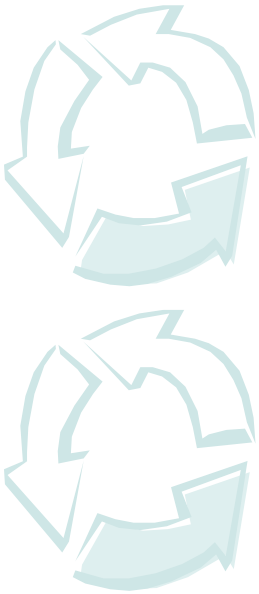
## Computer Recycling

Started as a small venture to provide computer skills to two interested clients computer recycling has blossomed. Now run in association with Mission Employment our ew@ste@wagga

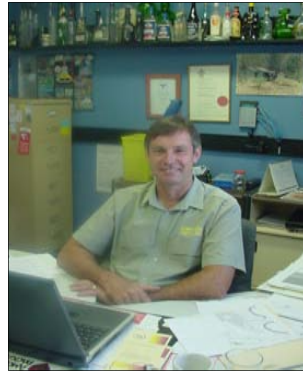
team provides working computers into disadvantaged homes in the community, strips components into their base materials of copper, aluminium, steel and plastics and recovers working

subassemblies.





## From Geoff's desk



Welcome to our inaugural Recycling newsletter — we hope you enjoy it.

We get so much enjoyment reading about what's happening in other sections of Kurrajong Waratah that we decided you might like to hear some of the great things that happen here at Kurrajong Recyclers.

Our newsletter will bring you news of what's happening here at our depot as well as interesting stories both nationally and from around the world.

Of interest to all at Recyclers is our planning for relocating to a bigger site. Arranging the equipment to provide a safer and more efficient processing facility has been long overdue and Jeremy is getting on with the finer details of the plant layout.

**Did you know that nearly 9000 tonnes of recyclables were diverted from landfill by Kurrajong Recyclers last year !**

## Depot News

### Congratulations

Steven Davis and Brendan Cowell who gained both their forklift and bobcat licenses at the end of February.

Also Lynne Lugton who gained her forklift license and Greg Nolan who gained his bobcat license.

### Election Results

Jeff Potts

and

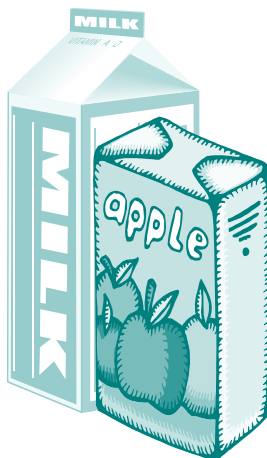
Michael Eggelton

were voted by the Recyclers employees to represent them this year on the Worker's Committee.

### Business Planning Meeting

Kurrajong Recyclers staff will meet at the end of this month for their annual planning meeting. This year we're using the facilities at Work Solutions and are looking forward to another successful year.

## RECYCLE ME— LPB Liquidpaperboard



After over 40 years the LPB carton is still one of the most versatile forms of packaging.

In addition to packaging milk and juice they are also used for custards, cream, soups and stock, laundry detergents and pet foods.

LPB cartons are the only containers made from renewable resources. Trees grown in

sustainably managed forests are harvested for timber, the waste timber is used to make the paperboard that goes into cartons. They are made using long fibred pulp which gives the carton strength and rigidity.

The cartons are degradable and can be composted. They have a low environmental impact both in production and

recycling process.

Kurrajong Recyclers accept both gable top and brick form cartons for recycling. The best way to recycle them is to rinse and squash flat saving room in your bin and the collection vehicle.

LPB cartons are sent to VISY in Sydney for recycling into white paper.

## Meet your friendly recycler– Dave Chalmers

- How long have you worked at Recyclers?

Four years

- What do you like best about your job?

Sorting the milk bottles on the front belt

- What don't you like?

Smelly rubbish

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

Go to the movies and play golf with my dad

- What's your favourite movie?

Anything with Kurt Russell in it

- What's your favourite TV shows?

Wheel Of Fortune and Deal Or No Deal

- What's your favourite footy team?

Newcastle Knights

- Do you have any pets?

A Mini Fox Terrier called 'Oscar' and a tabby cat named 'Sticks'



## Clean Up Australia Day

Clean Up Australia Day was held on Sunday 7th March.

677,000 Clean Up volunteers from 7,000 sites around Australia collected an estimated 8,383 tones of rubbish, enough to fill 1,676 skip bins.

The most common

rubbish items were plastic items (the major source of rubbish found for the past 10 years), cigarette butts, glass bottles and cans.

Clean Up volunteers cleaned up 1,628 roadsides, 753 parks and 1,682 waterways and coastal areas.

Local schools in Wagga also took part in the Schools Clean Up day on Friday 5th march. Groups of children took to the streets and parks around their school collecting rubbish to 'Make Australia Shine'.

Article sourced from [www.cleanup.com.au](http://www.cleanup.com.au)

### Recycling Tip

**Rinse your containers before placing them in your recycle bin - your bin will smell better and you'll be helping to reduce odours at our depot**

## Sharps—Reducing The Hazard



Needle stick injuries are potentially life threatening. We have had a few cases in the last couple of years, fortunately without incident.

Each day we receive numerous needles over

our sorting belt and while you may think that they come from illegal drug users it's just not the case.

Geoff has been instrumental in pushing for Council to support sharps awareness issues. Last year a brochure was developed by REROC to be used by pharmacies and doctors surgeries to

educate people in the correct disposal of sharps. A committee was formed and are now developing stickers to be placed on all residential and Kurrajong Recyclers bins.

Other activities include a permanent hotline number, a poster for appropriate locations and 'hot spot' disposal facilities.



## Marvel Glass

So what happened to Marvel Glass?

The EPA sponsored market research revealed a potential annual domestic market for \$9 to \$24 million of product annually into

the architectural uses.

Marvel Glass are now using this data to attract venture capital to start commercial production.

While there have been many enquiries the

launch process takes a long time.

Kurrajong Recyclers expect to supply glass to the new venture when it starts in Wagga Wagga.

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### Cash-for-Cans

Kurrajong Recyclers are the regional recycling centre for ALCOA Aluminium Products

Recycle your cans



and get

**\$0.85/kg**

### MOVING??



Kurrajong Recyclers

Sell packing cartons from as little as 50 cents each

They're flat packed and ready to help you make the big move easier for you

### 24 Hour Drop-Off

Recycling made even easier with our drop-off area at 57 Chaston St



Just pack up your camel car and bring down all your excess recycling

## Disability Information—Asperger's Syndrome

Also known as Asperger's Disease or Austistic Psychopathy, is a Pervasive Developmental Disorder (PDD) characterized by severe and sustained impairment in social interaction, development of restricted and repetitive patterns of behaviour, interests, and activities. These characteristics result in clinically significant impairment in social, occupational, or other important areas of functioning.

In contrast to Austistic

Disorder (Autism) there are no clinically significant delays in language precognition or self help skills or in adaptive behaviour, other than social interaction.

Prevalence is limited but it appears to be more common in males. Onset is later than what is seen in Autism, or at least recognized later. A large number of children are diagnosed between the ages of 5 and 9. Motor delays, clumsiness, social interaction problems,

and idiosyncratic behaviours are reported. Adults with Asperger's have trouble with empathy and modulation of social interaction — the disorder follows a continuous course and is usually lifelong.

### Visitor to KR

Last month we entertained a visitor from Invercargill in New Zealand.

Ian Bekker was sponsored by the New Zealand government to come to Wagga Wagga to see Kurrajong Recyclers.

We are well known in New Zealand!

Ian was impressed by our hard working team and the friendly welcome from all employees. He took a lot of new ideas back to NZ with him.

Please dispose of this newsletter thoughtfully

After you've read it of course.

