




# ROUND-UP

The very latest news & reviews from Kurrajong Recyclers



Kurrajong Recyclers wish our readers all the very best for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**REMINDER** - For those who party hard or have some extra house guests over the break Recyclers have a 24 hour drop-off facility at 57 Chaston Street for all of your excess recyclables over the Christmas/New Year period

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## Government Waste Levy

The NSW Government has announced increases in the Waste Levy.

Over the next five years, \$26 million will be added to Environmental Trust grant programs from funds collected from the levy.

Funding will also be allocated to statewide programs to reduce waste through recycling and waste avoidance. This will support household chemical collections, increased use of renewable and recovered materials, industry and business waste reduction programs, green purchasing programs and community education.

Currently the waste levy is applied to the Sydney Metropolitan Area (SMA) and the Extended Regulatory Area. Essentially the fund is a

financial instrument to deter waste to landfill by increasing the cost of landfilling. The levy creates an income stream that the State Government can then use to support projects of benefit to the community.

The proposed increases will take the levy from the current \$22.70 in the SMA to \$56.70 in five years time. This is in addition to the actual dumping costs for each facility.

The NSW Government plans to apply the extra funds across a range of areas. One goal is to increase the sustainability of local councils by actions to:

- ensure that emerging waste recovery industries can compete with landfill
- helping councils and their ratepayers improve waste reduction and

resource recovery and rewarding local government achievements.

The new Waste and Environment Levy will:

- drive further reductions in waste disposal to landfill
- increase sustainable reuse, resource recovery, recycling and waste avoidance
- support councils who provide high quality waste collection and recycling services for ratepayers.

While the levy funds are collected from the greater Sydney metropolitan area some funds will apparently be used for statewide programs. If the cost of local landfilling increased there would be heightened interest in recycling initiatives in our area.

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## New Arrival

Kurrajong Recyclers welcomes

**Owen Jeremy Whalan**

Born 19th November 2005

8lb 12oz

Best Wishes & Congratulations to his proud parents Nadine and Jeremy



## From Geoff's desk



Slowly we are increasing the availability of recycling in the region. Some time ago we purchased a cardboard press and forklift from Bland Recycling in West Wyalong. We have now relocated the press to a yard

owned by Anderson's Transport. The press has been modified to provide for our safety requirements and is ready for operation. Two staff at SPINS have also recently gained their forklift tickets, ready to be the operators of the press.

What we now have to do is have a development approval passed by Bland Shire Council to allow us to commence pressing cardboard and paper, keeping it out of the landfill. Long term we plan to have the operation relocated to the landfill itself as the best location to capture all cardboard and paper that comes from the West Wyalong area.

We are also planning to develop cardboard and paper recycling in Narrandera. Narrandera had a recycler many years ago. The business

was family run and the operator had a number of bouts of illness that disrupted his ability to process the cardboard and paper. Unfortunately this experience is long remembered by the residents of Narrandera.

Kurrajong have identified a block that would be suitable for the processing of cardboard and paper. The block is located on the Barellan Road on the way to the Narrandera landfill.

Geoff and Alan Larcombe have been negotiating with Narrandera Shire and have also made a presentation to a public meeting involving the local residents. Council have just approved the development application, so this facility will now progress. Visy Recycling have provided us with a press to locate in Narrandera to supply material to their cardboard recycling operation.

## Depot News

### WELCOME TO RECYCLERS

Chad Porritt \* Trent Laws \* Dennis Adams \* Brent Staggs

Ben Demmery \* Leonie McLean \* Heather Dawson

## Planet Ark - Media Release (7 Nov 2005)

Over the past decade, Australia's recycling performance has been a mixture of 'the good, the bad and the ugly'. That's the conclusion of a new Planet Ark report compiled for the tenth anniversary of **National Recycling Week (Nov 7-13)**.

The report analysed recycling statistics and municipal waste figures over the past ten years and found recycling rates overall are increasing but too much material is still ending up in landfill. In some areas our recycling results are shockingly poor.

"Over the past decade, there have been some very good results," says Planet Ark Founder Jon Dee. "Newspaper recycling has gone up from 52.7% in 1995 to 74.5% today and we're now recycling almost 2 billion newspapers a year."

"We're also recycling 600 million more aluminium cans today than we were ten years ago," says Dee. "2.3 billion aluminium cans are now being recycled every year and each can that gets recycled will save enough energy to power a TV set for 3 hours."

New Roy Morgan research commissioned for the report shows

that 42% of Australians now compost or use worm farms to recycle their food and green waste. This has been helped by national retailers like Bunnings, who promote these recycling practices in all their stores.

While it's encouraging to see good recycling activities, there is also 'the bad' – talk rather than action. On the bad side, only 11% of Australia's office paper is being recycled. Nearly 9 out of every ten sheets of office paper are being thrown away despite the fact that 68% of Australians told Roy Morgan that they want to recycle more paper at the office.

Too few mobile phones are being recycled and 18 million printer cartridges are being thrown into landfill every year. This is a huge waste. However, 9,000 businesses and 2,000 retail outlets have recently recycled 1.5 million printer cartridges via 'Cartridges 4 Planet Ark'.

"48% of Australians told Roy Morgan they are confused about what can and can't be recycled," said Dee. "As a result, rubbish

like drinking glasses and plastic bags are wrongly being put into our recycling bins causing real problems for recycling companies," he said.

The report also showed the ugly side of Australian society. Though we're recycling more, each Australian is still responsible for generating 2.25kg of waste every day.

"We've come a long way with recycling in the past decade," says Dee. "Back in 1995, toilet tissue made from recycled paper was poor quality and didn't work well for consumers. Today, 8,000 tonnes of office paper waste is turned into 'SAFE' toilet tissue every year and the softness and strength of recycled toilet tissue has improved considerably."

"Each of us can do a lot more to recycle better and waste less," says Dee. "It's a moral responsibility that we owe to our kids as well as to future generations of Australians."

[www.planetark.com.au](http://www.planetark.com.au)

## Meet your friendly recycler – Todd Thierry



• How long have you worked at Recyclers

**Since February this year**

• What do you like best about your job?

**I like working on the front sorting belt**

• What don't you like?

**Working in the back shed**

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

**Hanging around with my mates & partying**

• What's your favourite TV show?

**Futurama & The Simpsons**

• Who's your favourite footy team?

**Newcastle Knights**

• What do you want Santa to bring you for Christmas

**Play Station 2**

## Dust Extractor

Kurrajong Recyclers has installed a new dust collector on our new security shredding machine. By increasing the size and capacity of the shredder we had also increased the paper dust generated in the shredding area. The dust was being generated

in the enclosed shed and was a hazard to the workers in the area and was settling on all the equipment.

At the suggestion of one of our supervisors, Ross Seymour, we investigated a number of dust collector

suppliers and were able to obtain a suitably sized unit very quickly from Timbecon in Western Australia.

This is now set up to trap all the paper dust coming from the new paper shredder.



## Strapping Lifter

The steel strapping that we use to hold the one tonne blocks of cardboard together are quite heavy. In fact each roll weighs at least 42Kg. These rolls have to be manually picked up off the pallet at various heights as the pallet of strapping is used up. The strapping rolls are placed on the

cardboard press at various heights. The strapping then feeds around the bales as they are produced.

Geoff produced a basic design of a lifting device that was then given to one of our engineering suppliers. With much thought, discussion and modifications a prototype "strapping lifter"

has been produced to eliminate the risk of strains and injury to press operators when loading the strapping.

The prototype has gone back for what we hope is a final modification which will allow it to be used for all strapping rolls when being fitted to the cardboard press.

## Hello from Woomera



While on leave Geoff Pym ran into an old friend of ours - Ellen Ingold.

Ellen was the inaugural manager of Work Solutions. Since leaving Wagga Wagga Ellen has worked at the Woomera Detention Centre and now as Operations Manager for BAE Systems at Woomera.

## Recycling at Hay



After a slow start Hay Lions Club are now off the ground and recycling cardboard from their region.

Kurrajong Recyclers made a formal offer to the Hay Lions Club in August 2004. Amcor Paper Recycling agreed to provide the press in December 2004. Following a visit by Lions Club members and Hay Shire councilors to Coolamon in June 2005 the

Hay Shire Council agreed to provide the Hay Lions Club with the shed, shift the fence to provide a drop-off area and purchase a forklift for the exclusive use of the club.

On the 24th of October 2005 Kurrajong Recyclers staff trained Lions Club members in the safe operation of the press and commissioned the press producing their first bale of cardboard.

### KURRAJONG WARATAH ART UNION

## YOU WIN - YOU CHOOSE

**TOTAL VALUE OF PRIZES - \$61,500**

**1st Prize – Your choice of Toyota and/or Mitsubishi vehicle/s to the value of \$50,000**

**2nd Prize – Home Entertainment package valued \$5,000**

**3rd Prize – Home heating and cooling package valued \$3,500**

**4th Prize – Home Entertainment Package valued \$3,000**

## \$5 TICKET

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## Disability Information - Prader-Willi Syndrome

Prader-Willi Syndrome is a rare genetic disorder affecting growth and development. Research indicates that it is caused due to missing genes on chromosome 15. The incidence is somewhere between 1 in every 10,000 to 20,000 births with females being slightly more prone than males.

Children born with the syndrome are small and unusually floppy, with abnormal limb development and disproportionately small hands and feet. The child will reach developmental milestones like sitting, crawling and walking, but at a much later stage than normal. The average IQ is 70 however the degree of intellectual disability will differ from one individual to the next.

Due to poor muscle tone the infant will have difficulty sucking, this later contributes to speech development problems. Characteristics of Prader-Willi include short stature, skeletal abnormalities, eye problems and intellectual disability.

Another feature of this syndrome is the child's voracious and insatiable appetite, which, coupled with a slow metabolism often leads to obesity.

Prader-Willi is diagnosed by physical examination and through blood tests to check for problems with chromosome 15.

There is no known cure for Prader-Willi syndrome and no means of prevention. There are

a number of treatment options which may include, dietary supervision incorporating physical activity, hormone therapy to overcome the child's short stature and increase muscle mass and medication for help control any obsessive-compulsive behaviours.

For more information:  
[www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au)

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