



ROUND-UP

The very latest news & reviews from Kurrajong Recyclers



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New Regional Cardboard Recycling Ventures

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY - June 5th



DON'T DESERT DRYLANDS!

This year's events based in Algiers highlighted a year-long focus by the United Nations on drylands and desertification.

Drylands and desert ecosystems are found on every continent and account for approximately 40 percent of the world's land area. Drylands are inhabited by over 2 billion people.

For more information: www.earthtrends.wri.org



Picture: Jeremy loading the cardboard hopper at West Wyalong for the first SPINS cardboard bale

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Narrandera

A leading news item for all Narrandera readers of the Narrandera Argus on Tuesday the 6th of June was the launch of Cypress Centre Recycling at 1 Dalgetty St.

With help from Visy Recycling we have placed a cardboard press in Narrandera for use by the Cypress Centre staff. The site was purchased at the beginning of the year following a process of community consultation and representations made to the Narrandera Shire Council. We then spent time cleaning up the site and making alterations to meet the requirements of our Development Application, we

are now up and running.

By the time you read this the depot will have its own forklift and will have pressed a number of bales of cardboard and paper prepared for dispatch to the Visy Mill at Tumut. The depot has been resourced with our familiar drop off bins for 24 hour access by the general public.

West Wyalong

Spins have also been active in the cardboard and paper recycling arena. With the recent commissioning of the Lake Cowell Gold Mine various services also had to commence - including recycling.

Last year we purchased a

press and forklift operated by Bland Recycling. We had relocated this to rented facilities and had pursued a Development Application to commence operations from Bland Shire Council. With all conditions met at the last minute we were ready for the first delivery of cardboard and paper from the mine site.

Now that the supply of material has started we have had a number of maintenance issues with the press. Hopefully these have now diminished and we can commence to approach other customers to source more cardboard and paper to build the business of Spins Recycling.

From Geoff's desk



Waste management needs to be refocused if it is to achieve the best outcomes for the community, according to a draft inquiry report released by the Productivity Commission.

The draft report has expanded on their findings in this regard. The tone of the report is what we

would expect from an economists standpoint.

Clearly the report is attempting to remove a number of measures that councils and state governments see as desirable in their management of waste disposal facilities.

The report points to measures such as levies and taxes over wastes as being an inefficient way of achieving the stated goals. They advocate the use of regulation not disposal penalties.

The report points out that newer high tech landfills such as that operated by Wagga Wagga City Council have reduced future environmental risks to minimal levels, the report has calculated the "externalities" of waste to be \$5 per tonne. This is an extremely low number and not a

level that most other commentators advocate. The report justifies a low number by its stance that issues such as greenhouse gas should not be included in landfill analysis alone but should be part of a national strategy to address greenhouse gases.

In any case this draft report should create some robust discussion in the public meetings prior to the final report later this year.

The end result for recycling ?

Whether the motivations are from regulation, waste levies, cleaner production incentives or just plain "feel good" we will continue to grow our business and create more jobs around resource recovery.

Depot News

Farewell Herbie Fisher

A fond farewell to a lovely man who touched us all with his smile and spirit



Congratulations
Kane and Jacqui
wishing you both
the very best

Welcome back Nadine

Our VTO Nadine has returned to work for three days a week following the birth of Owen

Voice Survey Results

We have now received the results of the Voice Survey of the carers of our employees. A number of the respondents have mentioned that they would like to know more about what is happening at Recyclers. To address this we will now send out our Round Up to carers in addition to making copies available at the Recyclers office.

Last year Kurrajong Waratah put a lot of effort into developing a new web site. While this may not be able

to be accessed by everyone the new site has a wealth of information about Recyclers and the process of recycling. In addition there are all the old copies of Round Up for people to look at and print out in their own time.

The address of the site for all "surfers" is:

www.kurrajongwaratah.org.au

then follow the link to Kurrajong

Recyclers and News to see all the back copies of Round Up.

The web site has also enabled other sections to place their information in one place that is accessible 24 hours a day 7 days a week. So if you or a friend need information about any of Kurrajong's services it can be obtained readily from the web and you will be saving paper if you don't print it all out.

Meet your friendly recycler – John Gledhill

- How long have you worked at Recyclers

Just over two years

- What do you like best about your job?

Using my muscles

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

Play video games, build transformers, pick up giant blocks of concrete to

work-out my muscles

- What's your favourite TV show?

The original Transformers

- What sort of music do you listen to?

Transformer music



New Linde Forklift

Recyclers added another Linde to our forklift fleet this month with Glen Taylor making the trip up from Sydney to present the machine (and give us some goodies).

With the benefits already gained from our first Linde it was only a matter of time before we were chomping at the bit for another of these brilliantly designed forklifts. Once again it brings 30% reduced

gas usage and emissions plus superior driver comfort and control. With the Linde's inbuilt computer we are able to reduce the operating speed of the forklift making it as safe as it is comfortable.

Our Samsung Forklift has found a home at the newly started Cypress Centre cardboard operations at Narrandera.



Picture: Glen Taylor from Linde with Jeremy & Geoff in their new hats

Quickbins

Kurrajong Recyclers purchased a computer program called Quickbins last year in an attempt to assist our drivers to maintain the most efficient daily run lists, ie: least amount of distance travelled to service customers and site specific information.

Although the initial entering of information into the system was very time consuming due to our extensive customer base and product range, it is now up and running and proving it's value.

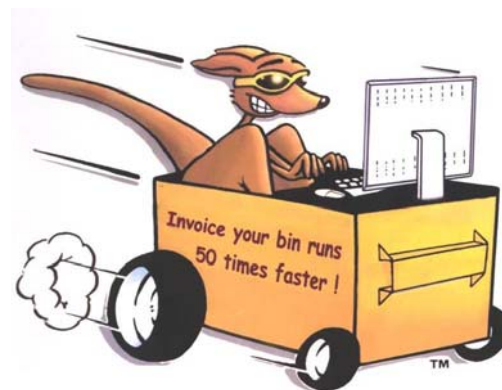
Other features of the software include automatic invoicing (capable of 1,000 invoices per minute), one minute auto-repricing, pricing per bin per customer and automatic bank deposit slips. Although this feature is not utilised at the moment it may be of great assistance in the future.

Quickbins also has an optional integrated feature enabling you to place radio tags on all bins for automatic bin lift tracking.

All these features make not only the drivers job easier but also provides our admin staff with an easier and almost foolproof system of ensuring all call-in customers are serviced efficiently. As you will read in our Bin Audit story on the back page Kurrajong Recyclers now service over 650 customers a month with nearly 1300 hundred differing types of bins being collected making the task of tracking and accounting for all services performed and assets owned by our team nearly impossible. However, Quickbins is able to complete these tasks with only one person spending around 1 hour per day entering the necessary information.

The Australian designed program is also very user friendly with even someone as computer illiterate as myself being able to navigate comfortably all the Quickbins many features.

(Article by Jeremy Kelleher)



Bin Audit

Kurrajong Recyclers has grown over 100 per cent in the last 10 years. We have over 650 customers each month - now that's a lot of recycling bins and information to keep track of!

During May, for the first time ever, Recyclers conducted a full bin audit. Jeremy and Tracey spent a whole month visiting each customer site to record bin serial numbers, replace information and identification stickers and monitor the use of the bins - not to mention replace broken lids and damaged bins.

With the introduction of the new Quickbins (story page 3) system we can now record and maintain our bin and customer records in a more efficient manner than previously.

Kurrajong Recyclers have in place;

214 x 4.0Mt bins & 110 x 2.2Mt bins used for cardboard & plastic film recycling

140 x 720Lt MGBs for cardboard recycling

555 x Blue MGBs for office paper recycling



256 x Red MGBs for mixed container recycling, and

120 x Lockable bins for security shredding.

Of course, our goal at Kurrajong Recyclers is to have every single business in Wagga Wagga recycling so keep your eyes peeled for a business in need of saving the world and we'll help them out with a first rate recycling service!

Together we can make the world a better place.



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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

Disability Information - Tourette Syndrome

Tourette Syndrome (TS) is an inherited neurological disorder which most often begins between the ages of 2 and 21, TS lasts throughout life.

TS is characterised by rapid, repetitive and involuntary muscle movements and vocalizations called "tics". Symptoms range from very mild to quite severe. The variety and complexity of the symptoms of TS are enormous. Tics can be motor or vocal and are categorised as simple or complex.

Simple tics include; eye blinking, head jerking, gulping, shoulder shrugging, facial grimacing, throat clearing, barking noises, squealing, grunting, sniffing, tongue clicking. Complex tics include; jumping, inappropriate touching of people and things, twirling about, repetitive

movements of the torso or limbs, pulling at clothing and self injurious actions including hitting or biting oneself, uttering words or phrases, utterances of obscene or inappropriate words, repeating a sound, word or phrase just heard or repeating one's own words.

TS can be accompanied by other behavioural or emotional problems such as ADHD, OCD, learning difficulties, sleep abnormalities, depression and anxiety.

There is no cure for TS, however many individuals improve as they reach maturity, in a few cases remission has occurred after adolescence. Although TS is generally lifelong and chronic, individuals can expect to live a normal lifespan. TS is not degenerative. Medication can

be used when TS symptoms interfere with functioning, however, medication can only reduce specific symptoms, most sufferers do not require medication. Tics are experienced as a build up of tension, they are irresistible and eventually must be performed. Relaxation techniques can assist in alleviating stress and anxiety.

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