



ROUND-UP

The very latest news & reviews from Kurrajong Recyclers

SPOT A TOSSER

1. Man seen at the Best Street lights lean out of his ute to place a plastic bottle on the median strip!

2. Corporate Tossers

We can't name names but should we as 'green-minded' consumers support businesses who make a conscious decision NOT to recycle instead sending precious resources to landfill?

REPORT A TOSSER

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Making A Stand Against Litter

Kurrajong Recyclers care about our environment, our recycling saves many tonnes of valuable resources from ending up in landfill each year, but we'd like to do more.

Following on from the great work done each week by the Skills Options crew on Willans Hill, Kurrajong Recyclers have decided to put their own team together to go out each week and clean up areas of Wagga Wagga where discarded recyclables and litter are proving an eye sore for the community.

As reported previously in

Round-Up the issue of litter is a continuing and expensive problem for every community in Australia. Clean Up Australia Day is a yearly event providing fantastic results for the environment, Kurrajong Recyclers want to make each week our own clean up Wagga Wagga event.

Every week we will identify an area of Wagga Wagga looking a little untidy and come Friday morning we'll take a team out to collect litter and recyclables.

Our inaugural event was held on Friday 22nd September with a team

tackling an area on Lake Albert Road near the new traffic lights at the top of Copland Street. Drivers and pedestrians see this area as a lovely open space away from houses to dump litter out their car windows on the way past. The litter is then blown across the nature reserve. Our task netted an amazing 11kg of waste.

We all have a chance to make a positive impact on our environment and reduce our 'eco footprint' perhaps our clean up crews can highlight for the community how easy it is to make a difference.

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Picture: James Kitney, Cameron Hall, Lynne Lugton and Leila Sly

From Geoff's desk



On September 25th Visy officially opened their new recycling facility at Smithfield. Ray Carroll and myself were invited to be present for the occasion and joined about 200 others at the event. Also on the guest list was Dick Pratt himself, ex premier Bob Carr and Ian Kiernan.

While this was an opening for a MRF to sort large volumes of recyclables a common theme of the official speakers was the impact of global warming and the steps we all need to take to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The state environment minister Bob Debus was quick to congratulate Visy's recycling manager for stealing his "thunder" and drawing attention to the apparent shift in weather patterns. A timely warning to increase recycling and avoid waste.

Regional Recycling

Kurrajong Recyclers tender to Greater Hume Shire for kerbside recycling and garbage collections was one of four placed with council. Our tender was placed second after that of Cleanaway from Wodonga. When Council commence the

kerbside contract it is their intention to cease the employment of staff to press cardboard and paper in Holbrook and remove the dropoff skip. We will now look to a service club to take up the recycling challenge in Holbrook.

Narranderra

Cypress Centre Recycling in Narranderra has now approached businesses to take on facilities to improve their environmental credentials. With an arrangement agreed to with the local waste company we will be able to collect bins of cardboard and paper and recycle them through our new facility. The support from the local council has been great and further activities may result in further reduction of waste to landfill and the creation of more jobs.

OFFICE WATER UNITS

Still using the little white cups with your water unit?

Think again!

These cups are a No.6 plastic which cannot be recycled in Wagga.

Ask your supplier about No.5 plastic cups and recycle!



Depot News

WELCOME TO NEW EMPLOYEES

John Newans
Nathan Clarke
Brian Scott
Christopher Douglass
Adam Staggs

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Recyclers Social Club has booked
The Union Hotel
Friday 15th December 12 - 4pm
for the
2006 Christmas Party



Where's the new site up to?

On the 21st and 22nd of September representatives of the consulting firm Connell Wagner were in Wagga Wagga to inspect the site proposed for our new recycling facility – the Recycling Business Park.

Connell Wagner's job is to develop the overall plan for the site and to look at all the approvals and permissions

that we need to address in order to lodge a Development Application (DA) with Council. While the consultants were here we had a number of meetings with Council staff to clarify their requirements. Once we have had the DA approved we will purchase the site from Council at the already agreed price and commence the detailed design and construction – sounds easy!



Picture: Geoff Thompson from Connell Wagner looks over the site plans for the new depot with Geoff Pym

Meet Your Friendly Recycler – Steven Foy

- How long have you worked at Recyclers

Since February 2003

- What do you like best about your job?

Working with everyone

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

I'm a water runner for the Wagga Tigers which keeps me fit and I get to travel around to places like Hay,

Sydney, Dubbo and Canberra

- What's your favourite TV show?

The Drew Carey Show

- What sort of music do you listen to?

All kinds like Hip Hop, Jazz and Pop music, I really like The Rogue Traders



Cypress Centre Recycling Update

The Cypress Centre has had a great start with their new recycling venture sending cardboard loads to Visy in Tumut during August and September.

The drop-off area is looking fantastic and receiving regular visits by both businesses and residents wishing to recycling their cardboard waste.

The Cypress Centre have started business house collections and will shortly be placing frontlift bins at businesses. This follows a visit by Tracey and Jeremy to team up with the Cypress Centre Co-ordinator Nicole Steele to discuss recycling needs with various businesses.



Picture: Cypress Centre Drop-Off

The Packaging Dilemma

As a consumer we now have more choices when we go to the supermarket, we can choose not to use a plastic bag at the checkout, we can decide which food we buy based on the least amount of packaging and whether the container is recyclable, however, we are still faced with the endless use of styrofoam trays.

Even if we don't choose the ready packed meat in the refrigerator section at the supermarket our local butcher and deli shops now like to make everything 'neat' by placing your order on a styrofoam tray and to make matters worse they plant the price stickers on the plastic wrap making it non-recyclable as well.

Britain's third biggest grocer J Sainsbury are introducing compostable packaging for 500 of it's products including organic produce and ready-made meals in an effort to reduce waste. This represents 80% of their current packaging needs and will increase to 100% by September 2007.

Reacting to feedback from customers who are becoming increasingly interested in organic foods with an emphasis on environmentally friendly packaging, J Sainsbury envisage a saving of 3,500 Tonnes of plastic each year.

Food scares, spiralling obesity and environmental damage is behind a consumer push for organic food and drink product

availability. The global market reached US\$36.7 billion in 2005 with Europe accounting for the majority of that figure.

With consumers demanding environmentally friendly packaging for these products, retailers are being forced to change with the market or lose their customers.

This is an excellent example of how consumers have the power to change things for the better. It gives us a voice for change.

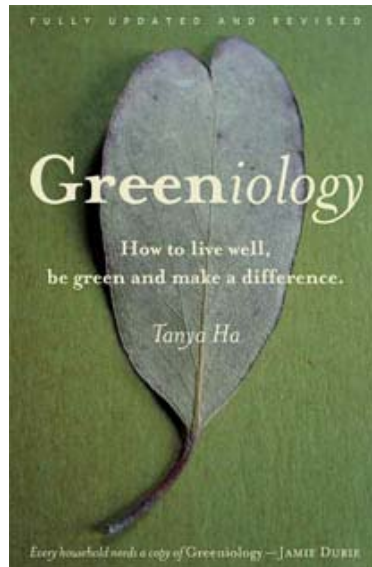
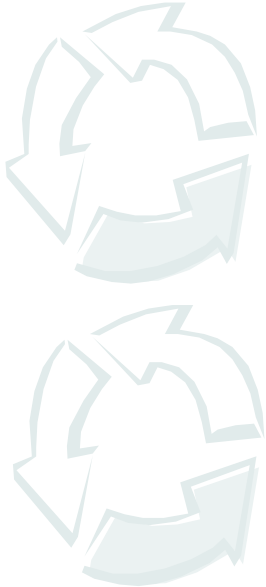
The compostable packaging made from maize, sugar-cane or starch will breakdown at around the same rate as a banana skin, ideal in the home compost bin.

RECYCLING FACT

Australia recycles only 48% of packaging waste. Close to 2 million tonnes of packaging is dumped in landfill every year

Source: www.evict.org.au

Greeniology Book



The new Australian version of 'Greeniology— How to live well, be green and make a difference' is now available.

Author Tanya Ha was a campaigner for Planet Ark for many years.

The book is the definitive 'how to help the environment guide'. It offers fun, practical and accessible information to guide readers towards greener living.

Greener living is all about reducing your impact on the planet.

The book contains information about making your

home a healthier place to live in and how to save money on water and energy bills.

Thinking green these days isn't just about your garden or Kermit the Frog it's about living a sustainable life with conscious thought towards the environment and your 'eco-footprint'.

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Disability Information - Rett Syndrome

Rett syndrome severely affects speech and movement. Rett syndrome affects 1 in 15,000 females aged 5 to 18 years. Development is usually normal until the age of 6 to 18 months. Diagnosis is based on certain sets of symptoms within the first 3 of 4 years of age. These include:

- Period of normal early development
- Slowed head growth
- Severe impairment of expressive language
- Loss of purposeful hand use, followed by repetitive hand movements such as clapping, tapping and wringing
- Shakiness of the upper body which may extend to the legs and arms
- If able to walk they are unsteady, walking on stiff legs with the feet apart.

Other effects which may be present are:

- Breath holding, hyperventilation and air swallowing
- Spinal curvature, rigid muscles and contracted joints
- Seizures
- Bluish-red feet and legs due to poor circulation
- Teeth grinding and difficulty swallowing

There are four different stages of Rett Syndrome ranging from **Early Onset** (between 6 to 18 months), **Rapid Deconstructive Phase** (occurring between the ages of 1 and 4 years), **Plateau Stage** (where the symptoms get no worse or there is a lessening of intensity) and **Late Motor Deterioration** (this occurs between 5 and 25 years and can last decades).

Therapy such as physiotherapy, occupational therapy, horseback riding, music therapy or hydrotherapy can assist to slow the progress of movement loss.

People with Rett syndrome benefit from exposure to toys and music, age appropriate activities and a school environment providing strong motivation.

Assistance with communication can be gained through the use of touch, pictures and letters, word boards and switch operated voice output devices.

Due to their communication difficulties it is hard to know how much a person with Rett syndrome understands or how intelligent they are.

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