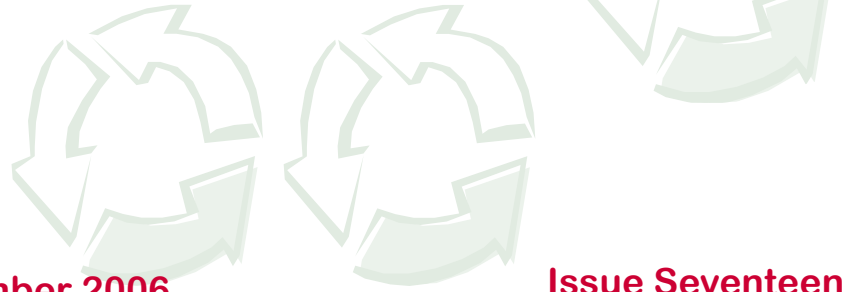




ROUND-UP

The very latest news & reviews from Kurrajong Recyclers



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Wishing our readers a
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year

Dear Santa

*All we want for Christmas is to... win
the Wagga Wagga Kerbside
Recyclables Sorting Services contract!*

Signed

Kurrajong Recyclers

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The tender for the Wagga Wagga Kerbside Waste Collection Services was released during November. The tender result will be announced just before Christmas.

Kurrajong Recyclers were outbid on the current contract which was won by a Shepparton operation. The contract then changed hands to Theiss Services before ending up with the current operator SITA Environmental Solutions.

Winning this contract would cement our position as major players in the waste and recycling market for the next ten years. Since being unsuccessful for the full collection and processing

contract in 1997 our focus has always been on positioning ourselves for securing the next one.

This new contract has been changed to separate the recyclables processing from the collection part of the services.

Kurrajong Recyclers is the largest business within Kurrajong Waratah with spin off recycling operations in Narrandera and West Wyalong along with the Computer Recycling operation at Bomen plus a number of regional community recycling setups.

We have the knowledge, expertise and dedicated workforce to provide a quality service to our fellow

Wagga Wagga residents.

Most importantly we are local. Being local means profits from the business stay in the Riverina instead of being syphoned away from the region.

The Wagga Wagga City Council tender places urgency upon the development of our new site, but rest assured we are putting everything into winning the tender and securing a solid future for Kurrajong Recyclers, the Organisation and for our employees.

So when you're thinking about what you want for Christmas perhaps you could put in a good word for us with Santa too!

From Geoff's desk



While this is the season to be jolly it is also the season to be jolly busy. As with all festive seasons our workload increases as the shops stock up for the Christmas rush and the celebrations begin.

This sees an increase in all the packaging materials that

enclose and protect those shiny new Christmas toys. It also means an increase in the bottles and cans that are consumed at work parties, family gatherings and the various social and sporting functions held at the end of the year.

This year in an effort to reduce the weekend overflow we are rostering staff and employees for Saturday and Sunday work.

The overflow of a weekend affects our Monday operations when a big cleanup effort is required simply to get to the bins, let alone get the trucks out and start the days work. All this happens while the general public continue to arrive with their recyclables.

With a heightened awareness of the risks that this congestion

causes we will be installing a new cardboard press on the weekend of the 8th, 9th & 10th of December.

This new press will double our capacity to press cardboard, significantly reducing the build up that occurs at this time of the year. Processing the material quicker will mean that we will use less electricity, save on working overtime and allow us to look at new contracts and expansion of our collections in a logical manner.

Purchasing a new cardboard press will mean that the old press can be redirected to office paper and plastic film pressing. The existing white paper press will be stored awaiting construction of our new recycling plant.

Wishing a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all.



WWF reported in October that Australians soak up more scarce resources than almost any other nation and produce so much waste on average that their mark on the world's ecology exceeds China.

"If the rest of the world led the kind of lifestyles we do here in Australia, we would require three-and-a-half planets to provide the resources we use and to absorb the waste," said Greg Bourne, WWF Australia chief executive officer.

Depot News

WELCOME TO NEW EMPLOYEES

Graham Phillips
Daniel Nixon
Jamie Watson
Jason Nixon
Tony Crawford
Tim Whitley

BOXING DAY

Recyclers are operating on Boxing Day Tuesday between 7.30am & 4.00pm

As with other years we will be supplying a BBQ lunch with salad and a great leg of ham kindly donated by the Ashmont Meat Centre, our preferred Social Club butcher

Where's the new site up to?

Connell Wagner have provided us with their Development Application Strategy for our Wagga Recycling Park.

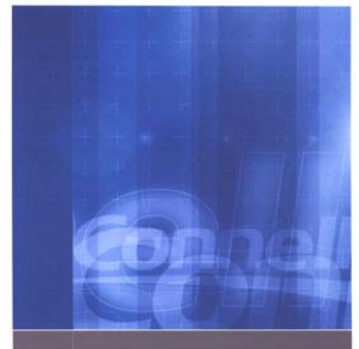
This strategy has addressed the way that we present information to Council for the Development Application and how we assist them in working through the approval process.

Connell Wagner are now working up development approval documents.

In addition to other items this will involve a traffic study and background noise monitoring.

A concept plan is now being drawn up, as is work on the draft layout of the processing facility.

We have also been given access to the audit report on the gasworks site, so it's all full steam ahead.



Development Application Strategy
Wagga Recycling Park
Kurrajong Recyclers
23 October 2006
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Meet Your Friendly Recycler – Maggie O’Kane

• How long have you worked at Recyclers

Since April 2001

• What do you like best about your job?

I like working on the little shredder the best

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

I like going out for tea, dancing and having bubble baths

• What’s your favourite TV show?

The Bold & The Beautiful

• What sort of music do you listen to?

Abba, Glenn Campbell and other Country music



National Recycling Hotline & Website

Planet Ark has set up a National Recycling Hotline and website providing recycling information on all 672 council areas.

By punching in your postcode or a product name you can get relevant recycling information for your area.

If you’re planning a holiday

this summer why not access the site and get information on the recycling available at your holiday destination.

With an estimated 48% of the Australian public still confused about what can and cannot be recycled it is hoped the hotline and website will increase awareness in all parts of the country.

Recycling
Near **YOU**

Website:

recyclingnearyou.com.au

Hotline:

1300 733 712

Jeremy’s Sydney Trip

Recently I attended the annual NSW Waste Management Conference & Expo held at Sydney’s Bicentennial Park.

The three day conference was attended by numerous dignitaries from across Australia and some key note speakers from Italy and Canada. The conference also included a tour of a number of Waste Facilities in Sydney.

Topics covered during the three days included sustainability in the waste industry, community education, alternate waste technologies and the benefits of waste auditing.

Everyone attending also had the chance to see the equipment displays with a 30 tonne CAT landfill compaction unit taking centre stage.

The main goal of attending the conference was to get an update on the latest technologies in the waste sector and to initiate new partnerships within the waste industry.

During the technical tour we visited Sims E-Waste, Sydney Concrete Recyclers and Earthpower.

Sims E-Waste currently strip 100 tonnes of computer equipment a month and I picked up on a few ideas to increase our E-Waste throughput.

Sydney Concrete Recyclers take demolished waste like concrete and bricks and process it into roadbase. They are currently processing 100 tonnes per hour.



Monitor tubes at Sims E-Waste ready for shipment to Holland

Earthpower convert food wastes into power. They are producing enough electricity per year to power over 3000 homes.

Capping off the trip was a Gala Dinner held in the Mirage room at Telstra Stadium. Entertainment was provided by Carlotta and The Get Wasted band who rocked the night away.

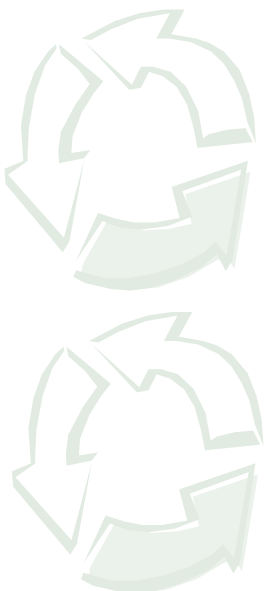
Christmas & New Year Recycling

Dilema:

Christmas and Boxing Day are over and the New Years Eve party beckons — what on earth are you going to do with all of those excess recyclables that just won't fit in the wheelie bin?

Solution:

Kurrajong Recyclers have a drop-off area for all of your household recyclables. Load up the car with all of your Christmas wrapping and cardboard boxes, not to mention those bottles and cans, and come down to 57 Chaston Street!



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exhibition06

An exhibition of artworks from Skills Options
Willans Hill School &
The Leisure Company
Wagga Wagga Art Gallery - Art Education Room
Wagga Wagga Civic Centre
Wednesday 6th - Friday 8th December 2006
► Items available for sale between 10am and 2.30pm ◀

Kurrajong Waratah Art Union

A great Christmas gift idea for the whole family

\$5.00 Ticket

TOTAL VALUE OF PRIZES — \$58,000

Christmas Shopping



Ever wondered how to not just buy great Christmas presents but to lower your impact on the environment at the same time?

Here's some tips for a greener Christmas filled with the love of giving without taking from our environment.

- Choose paper wrapping over shiny cellophanes
- Remember to take a bag shopping to cut down on all those plastic bags

- Buy someone special a book about worm farms, composting, organic gardening or paper making
- Invest in rechargeable batteries instead of disposable ones for children's toys and gadgets
- Buy paper plates for picnics and BBQs instead of non-recyclable plastic
- Buy presents with minimal packaging
- Give gift vouchers or tickets to something special instead of packaged goods
- Buy a plant, herb or native shrub
- Save fuel by shopping online

using conservation, eco-friendly or community aid websites like;
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www.australianwildlife.org.au
www.amnesty.org.au
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