



ROUND-UP

The very latest news & reviews from Kurrajong Recyclers



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After a leisurely float down the Murrumbidgee recently it was disturbing to pull in to the Riverside Reserve at Forest Hill to find it littered with discarded nappies, waste, bottles and cans. Enough to fill the boot of the car!



Full Steam Ahead

Santa Claus granted our wish at the end of December with SITA Environmental Solutions being awarded the Wagga Wagga Kerbside Waste Collection Services contract for the next 10 years.

SITA have nominated Kurrajong Recyclers as their preferred MRF for all recycling materials collected in Wagga Wagga.

Kurrajong Recyclers were awarded the Bulky Goods Collection contract. This involves collecting bulky goods from residents on a regular basis. These items include prunings, household goods, furniture and items too large for the household waste MGB.

Our new depot will include a Revolve Centre where collected goods can be sold to the public.

The Bulky Goods collection service will commence April 1st this year. The service will require two collection vehicles operating two days per week from February through to November each year.

The contract for the sorting of materials will provide the opportunity to include previously unacceptable materials such as rigid polystyrene. These have a number '6' recycle-triangle symbol on them. However, this will not include expanded polystyrene which is recognised as the white

foam commonly used for packaging.

With the new contract comes the urgency of building our new facility. (See Geoff's story on page two for more details on where the site is up to).

Recyclers current sorting methods have been causing issues with our neighbours for quite some time with regards to issues such as noise and litter. Traffic congestion has also become a major safety issue on site over the last two years, this makes our move to new premises most welcome but long overdue.

Recyclers are now moving full steam ahead to make up for valuable lost time!

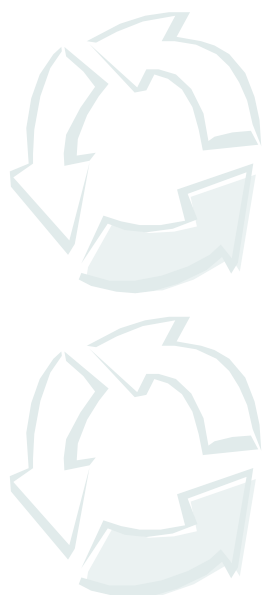
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Photo: Geoff Pym and Steve Jaques got some inspiration from the new MRF at Coffs Harbour recently.

From Geoff's desk



Two weeks before Christmas we took delivery of a new cardboard press to enable us to efficiently process the growing volumes of paper and cardboard that we are collecting in Wagga Wagga.

Over the weekend of the 9th, 10th, 11th December 2006 we removed the old press and installed a new 8 tonne per hour press manufactured

by the Australian Bale Press Company. This was a bit of a family affair as the old press was manufactured by the father of the current company owner.

In the last two months the press has processed 1077 bales with no maintenance issues. Our old press had a capacity of 3 tonnes per hour. The new press records its hourly production in the computerised controller and we have logged over 8 bales per hour at times.

As an indication, in the week before Christmas we processed 228 bales from Monday to Saturday in 25 hours of operation of the press. To produce the same output with the old press would have required over 12 hours of continuous operation each day for the same six days.

We now have the capacity to look for new customers and more cardboard to increase our business without additional overtime.

Another critical purchase confirmed in January has been the placing of an order for a replacement frontlift truck. Our current frontlift truck performs the majority of all our collections from businesses, schools and Council facilities.

We have purchased a style of truck now used exclusively by Visy and Amcor for cardboard and paper collections.

Kurrajong Recyclers are awaiting the outcome of the RIVROC tender. While we did not place a tender in our own right we were able to offer processing services to a number of the other tenderers which could then supply additional materials to our new processing plant.

Kurrajong Recyclers have also responded to a request for expressions of interest from the Tumbarumba Shire for transfer station supervision and recycling services. This may mean that we will have a recycling presence in Tumbarumba some time soon.

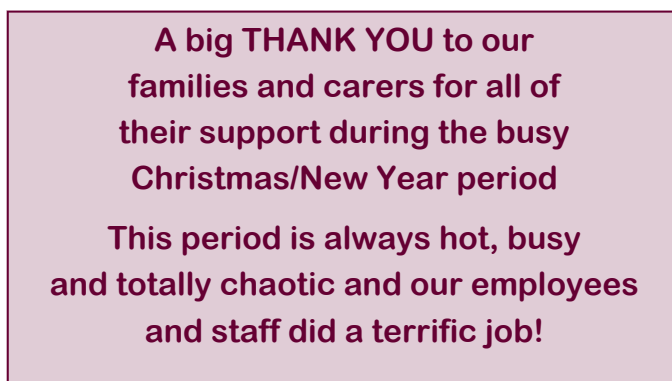
Search online & save the environment!

Sensis is promising to donate funds to Greening Australia for every search on sensis.com.au

Sensis claims each search will help remove 100 grams of CO2 from the air by funding tree planting.

October searches funded a mix of local tree and shrub species in WA cancelling out the annual greenhouse emissions of 21 average cars.

Depot News



Where's the new site up to?

With confirmation that we have the job for the next ten years—at least, it is now full steam ahead.

The process now is to confirm an overall design for use of the old gasworks site. This will be a staged development with the first stage being the essential sorting plant.

Once we confirm a master plan we will lodge a Development Application to Wagga Wagga City Council for

approval to conduct this sort of activity on the site.

Once the DA approval is confirmed we will buy the site from Council, fence the area, install a weighbridge, build a sorting plant, amenities and offices and then start the next ten years of sorting!

The new site provides us with just over 10 acres of usable land plus almost one acre in the contaminated soil repository. Our current site is 1.25 acres.

Meet Your Friendly Recycler – Ron Salan

• How long have you worked at Recyclers

Since 1994

• What do you like best about your job?

I like working on the trucks and talking to my mates

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

Going up the main street and going to guitar practice

• What's your favourite TV show?

Home & Away and the local news

• What sort of music do you listen to?

Big Heavy Metal music like Slayer and Megadeath. I also listen to the local radio sometimes.



Cardboard Packer at Gregadoo Landfill

After opening the new transfer station at Gregadoo Landfill recently Council made a request to Kurrajong Recyclers to provide an efficient cardboard recycling service .

With the assistance of Visy Recycling, Kurrajong Recyclers were able to acquire a cardboard packer

capable of holding 4 to 6 tonnes of cardboard before being emptied by SITA Environmental.

The cardboard packer greatly reduces transport costs to council and enables them to recycle the maximum amount of cardboard being dropped off by the Wagga Wagga public.



New Cardboard Press

In December Kurrajong Recyclers installed a new cardboard press.

The press was supplied by The Australian Bale Press Company and replaced our aging cardboard press that was installed over 15 years ago.

To process all incoming cardboard it became necessary to do overtime every week day and extended hours on weekends.

The new cardboard press has more than twice the capacity of the previous one and has the ability to process up to nine tonne per hour of cardboard. The press also has a self tying mechanism that greatly reduces manual labour

and down time. This also means that overtime hours are no longer necessary.

Other features include a push button computer display that tells the operator how many bales have been produced in any shift, the bale length, stage of operation and total

machine hours. The user screen also identifies any machine failures and details them for the operator.

As you can see from the photo the new colour scheme of the press was a bonus for all the Parramatta fans at Kurrajong Recyclers.



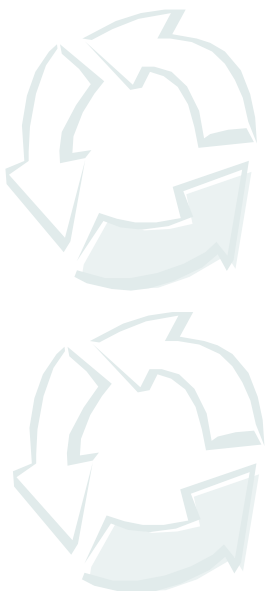
Special Award for Barbara

Each year at our end of year function we award certificates to employees recognising their achievements throughout the year.

This year Steve Rolton from SR Rolton Transport suggested handing out a special award to an employee who the Supervisors at Kurrajong Recyclers thought deserved a special mention.

The inaugural SR Rolton Transport Award was presented to Barbara Grigg. Barbara has been with us for over two years and has earned the respect of all at Recyclers. Congratulations Barbara!

Pictured: Barbara Grigg & Steve Rolton



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Kurrajong Waratah Art Union

★ ★ FINAL DAYS ★ ★

Drawn Friday 23rd February at 4.30pm!

\$5.00 Ticket

TOTAL VALUE OF PRIZES — \$58,000

Security Breached!

Operators in our Security Shredding enclosure were more than a little alarmed during January to find a snake curled around the wheel of one of the MGBs.

A quick call to the 'Snake Man' put us onto Daniel from Bobs Birds and Pets who came out to assist.

Daniel identified the snake as a spotted python, he was able to show us her teeth although adding that she was not venomous. Spotted pythons such as this are usually found in Queensland, she obviously had quite a trip to reach us here in Wagga Wagga.



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