



# ROUND-UP

The very latest news & reviews from Kurrajong Recyclers

## STOP PRESS

Green Diesel update from Issue Two (Round-Up June 2004):

Axiom Energy has had to halt plans to float their biodiesel project on the market next week due to concerns raised by the federal Treasury with regards to the non-inclusion of the fuel excise in their prospectus. To date all calculations in the Axiom Energy prospectus have been based on the current excise-free status of diesel from plastic waste. It has been reported in the press on the 8<sup>th</sup> October that the Treasury is investigating changes to the Excise Tariff Act. Their decision may change the viability of the project given that the diesel fuel excise is 38.143c/litre.

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## Farewell old mate!

Last month we farwelled one of our very favourite recyclers.

Peter Rose retired after a massive 20 years in paid employment with Kurrajong Waratah. Peter worked at both Waratah Industries and Clippings before moving to Recyclers in 1989. Peter was one of our original recyclers having volunteered with the early paper drives of the 1960's (as shown in the photo below).

Peter is well known by our customers having worked on the compactor truck with Jim Payne and Jeffery Doherty doing our business house collections for cardboard for many years. For the last few years Peter had been working in the back shed processing cardboard.

Peter is now living at Teloca House in



Narrandera. By all reports he's having a great time having made many friends and having regular visits with his family who live in Narrandera.

Kurrajong Recyclers put on a great retirement lunch for Pete catered for by Culinary Capers. We took time out for the afternoon to tell some tales and wish him all the best. We presented him

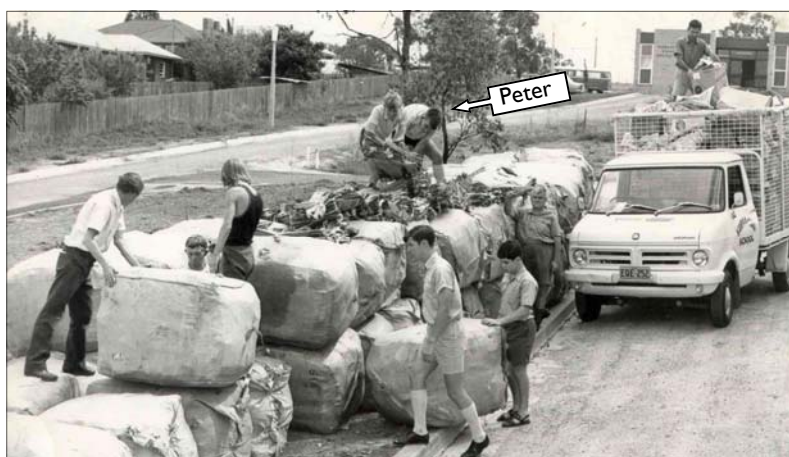
with a CD/Tape player for his new place. A farewell was also held at the Tarcutta Senior Citizens Centre for all of his other mates at Kurrajong Waratah last month.

We wish Pete all the best and hope he'll visit often especially for our Christmas Party.

We miss you ol' mate!

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## From Geoff's desk



Kurrajong Recyclers have been working on expanding recycling outside of Wagga Wagga for many years. To date we have established cardboard presses with the Coolamon Lions Club, the Junee Lions Club, Junee Jail, Lockhart Lions Club and the

Holbrook Youth Group. In addition we have collection skips at Gundagai, Holbrook, Adelong, Batlow, Talbingo and Yerong Creek.

With the recent mergers with regional disability services we have been looking at ways to extend our model of waste avoidance, employment creation and wealth creation within these communities.

Recently we purchased a cardboard press and forklift for use in West Wyalong by SPINS. We have also placed a press at Hay with the Hay Lions Club who will shortly commence processing of cardboard and paper. With the merger with the Cypress Centre in Narrandera we have looked at commencing

recycling as a further employment option for their staff. To this end we have been advised that our offer to purchase a site with land and a shed has been accepted.

All these facilities will now contribute to reduce the amount of recyclable waste going to landfill – particularly cardboard and paper. Over time this may be expanded to include other materials.

By engaging local staff and applying local equipment this means that “the buck stops here”. The income from the activity remains with the community that has created the “resources”.

### RECYCLING TIP

Wagga Wagga does not have recycling facilities around the main street - so when you go out think about taking your drink bottles and cans home to put in your recycling bin so that they can be recycled instead of going to landfill

## Depot News

### WELCOME TO RECYCLERS

OFFICE ASSISTANT

Shelley Kennedy

VTO (Maternity Leave)

Cathy Boyton

RECYCLING ASSISTANTS

Daniel Gilbert

Ben Demmery



### Recyclers first Kittens!

**This beautiful cat chose our depot to have her four kittens on Friday 17th Sept.**

**We were unable to find her owner so if you're interested in a great friendly cat or a cute kitten you'll find them at the animal shelter awaiting a nice home.**

## RECYCLE ME - New Orleans

With more than 55 million tonnes of debris scattered across southeast Louisiana the clean up task from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita will be a huge undertaking.

Over 300,000 cars have been abandoned and more than 160,000 houses are damaged beyond repair.

US Army Corps Engineers are working with local community groups to clear the debris. Given that the wreckage was drenched in what environmentalists call 'septic stew' or 'bacterial soup' - a putrid mix

of floodwater and raw sewerage from more than two dozen treatment plants knocked out of commission, their task ahead is not an enviable one.

Each home once officially declared condemned must be taken down bit by bit. Households commonly contain between 1 to 3 kilograms of hazardous substances like bleach, drain cleaners and pesticides. It is important for these substances to be safely removed before further demolition work be carried out.

This week they started

removing white goods and appliances from houses. For those able to return to their homes, sadly most found nothing of any value or sentiment to salvage.

Contractors are removing between 400 and 500 cars each day. These are stripped of pollutants like freon gas from air conditioners, petrol, oil and mercury found in switches. The tyres are shredded, parts salvaged then the bodies are scrapped for steel recycling.

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

# Meet your friendly recycler – Kane Meyers

- How long have you worked at Recyclers

**3 Years**

- What do you like best about your job?

**Working on the belt sorting the glass**

- What don't you like?

**The smell can be bad sometimes**

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

**Go to the movies, relax at home or with my**

**playstation or just watch some TV**

- What's your favourite TV show?

**When I was younger I used to like watching Knightrider**

- Who's your favourite footy team?

**Canterbury Bulldogs and Geelong Cats or Port Adelaide in the AFL**



## Christmas Party

The Recycling Social Club Christmas function will be held on Friday 16th December 2005.

We will be taking the afternoon off to congratulate ourselves on a great year at Recyclers and relax a bit before the usual Christmas/summer rush is upon us.

This year we have booked a function room at The Australian Rules Club.

Closer to the date we will be sending home an invitation with information relating to work on that day and letting people know the cost involved.

The Recyclers Social Club

end of year function is proudly sponsored again this year by Roltons Road Express.



## Farewell Lauren

After two years at Kurrajong Recyclers and upon completing her Certificate II and III in Business Administration Lauren has left Wagga to work in Sydney.

We took time out to celebrate with a huge cake and wished her all the best for her future.



**SHOPPING TIP**

Do you really need to put your fruit & veg in plastic bags to get to the checkout? NO! - just stick them in your 'green' bag at the checkout and reduce the use of plastic bags and help save the environment



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## Rip Out Your Labels

What a great show!

Rip Out Your Labels was the latest work by The Dirt Bones ensemble. Kane Meyers, Daniel Smith and James Kitney who were part of the show work at Kurrajong Recyclers.

The show was held in a huge marquee which looked fantastic complete with artworks and a great plastic sheet maze decorated with themes relating to the production.

Recyclers featured in the performance with Kane Meyers

presenting a video production of our sorting process and interviews with some of our employees.

Daniel as co-compere told some great jokes and kept the show running smoothly and James showed us some groovy dance steps.

Everyone in the audience had a wonderful time clapping to the music and dancing in the aisles.

Congratulations guys - what a brilliant show!

## Farewell Linda

Recently we lost one of our fellow recyclers.

Linda Reynolds will be fondly remembered by all of her Kurrajong Recyclers work mates.

Linda worked at Kurrajong Recyclers for 18 months between July 97 and Dec 98.

We send our thoughts and best wishes to her family.

## 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

Drawn 2WG Offices, Lake Albert Road, Wagga Wagga

## Disability Information - Epilepsy

Epilepsy is a disruption of the normal electrical activity of the brain that results in seizures. Although anyone can have a seizure, epilepsy is diagnosed where there is a tendency to have recurrent seizures.

Seizures occur when an abnormal amount of electrochemical activity is discharged in the brain. This can result in a disturbance of consciousness perception, sensation, behaviour and/or body movement. Seizures can last from a few seconds to a few minutes.

It can be difficult to determine the cause of seizures, some cases are caused by a head injury, stroke, brain infections, brain tumours or genetic factors.

Three of the most common types of seizures are;

**Tonic-clonic** which can last between 1-3 minutes and involve a loss of consciousness, stiffening of the body and muscle jerking. The seizure is followed by a period of confusion and tiredness.

**Complex Partial** seizures vary widely. There is often a loss or distorted awareness of surroundings. Inappropriate actions such as chewing movements and fiddling with clothing or aimless wandering may also occur. The seizure is often followed by a period of confusion.

**Absence** seizures usually occur in school aged children and consist of brief losses of awareness occurring a number of times during the day for a

period of 10 to 30 seconds duration. The child appears to stare vacantly or their eyes can flutter or turn upwards. The child is unaware of their surroundings during this time. Absence seizures are often mistaken for daydreaming or lack of concentration and can disrupt learning due to gaps in the information received during class.

Generally people with epilepsy cope very well. Factors such as stress, lack of sleep, alcohol or drug abuse, general ill-health, physical fatigue or missed medication are common triggers for seizures.

For more information about epilepsy visit:

[www.epilepsy.org.au](http://www.epilepsy.org.au)

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