

## PLASTIC FREE JULY COMPETITION WINNERS

In the June edition of our E-newsletter, we asked you to explain in 25 words or less, what you'll be doing this Plastic Free July, and why. Throughout the month we had lots of fantastic entries but there can only be 5 winners.

The Lucky winners of both a set of Onya produce bags and reusable shopping bag are: Rosanne McWilliam, Sara Leddin, Rebecca Brown, Nicki Gentre and Sharon Tan.



## PLASTIC FREE JULY MOVIE NIGHT

On the 5th of July, the Darius Wells Library and Resources Centre screened 'bag it' in conjunction with Kwinana Community Share.

Attendees were provided with popcorn served in paper bags, drinks served in china and each person who pledged towards Plastic Free July received a home sewn produce bag, made by the Kwinana Community Share group.

A total of 62 residents attended and those who completed surveys received a free upgrade to a 360L recycling bin. Spot door prizes of reusable Coffee Cups, Kitchen Caddies and City of Kwinana reusable shopping bags were also handed out to a number of lucky winners.

The night was well received by all who attended, with many people finding the film informative, thought provoking and eye opening.



## PLASTIC FREE AT PINEY

**On Saturday 15th July, Piney Lakes Environmental Education Centre held a Plastic Free Morning Tea community event in support of Plastic Free July! The event was facilitated by waste-free living advocate and professional speaker Lindsay Miles, who delivered an inspiring and informative presentation promoting plastic free living.**

This workshop was delivered as a part of Piney Lakes' ongoing efforts to promote behavioural changes towards sustainable living practices within the local community. By raising general awareness and enhancing residents understanding of their individual or households' environmental impact, it is hoped that they will gravitate towards more eco-friendly consumer options and behaviours.

The plastic-free morning tea menu was catered for by local business 'Eco Eats', utilising locally sourced, native and seasonal produce. Any

associated waste production was also minimised through the use of compostable packaging.

All attendees were offered a small gift on behalf of City of Melville to assist with their plastic free journey, in the form of a Piney Lakes branded calico re-usable shopping bag and a stainless-steel water bottle.

If you are interested in finding out more about sustainable living community events held at Piney Lakes, please contact Sarah Jane:

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### DO YOU LOVE RECYCLING?



The Waste Recycling Education Network is an independent group, made up of community volunteers who raise public awareness about recycling.

If you live in the City of Cockburn, Town of East Fremantle, City of Fremantle, City of Melville or the City of Kwinana and you're passionate about waste and recycling, email Patrick Hay at [phay@smrc.com.au](mailto:phay@smrc.com.au) or write to: SMRC Waste Recycling Education Network, PO Box 1501, Booragoon WA 6154



# Did You Know?

## How to line your Rubbish Bin without a Plastic Bag

With plastic taking hundreds of years to break down, many people are looking for alternative ways to line their rubbish bin.

### Newspaper

It doesn't take long, and all you need is a few sheets of old newspaper. Depending on the shape of your bin, you can simply use two or three sheets of newspaper, wrap each sheet around the rim of the bin and simply fold them flat at the bottom of your bin. If you layer each piece over each other you get a sturdy and sealed bin liner, simple!

Source: [treadingmyownpath.com](http://treadingmyownpath.com)

[treadingmyownpath.com/2013/04/20/how-toline-your-rubbish-bin-without-a-plastic-bag/](http://treadingmyownpath.com/2013/04/20/how-toline-your-rubbish-bin-without-a-plastic-bag/)



### Compostable liners

Another alternative to using plastic bags or lining your bin with newspaper is to use compostable liners. Compostable liners are made from starch based renewable materials such as corn, which will break down in a composting environment. Compostable liners are a great alternative to traditional plastic bin liners and can be sourced from local retailers and online.



## TWO HANDS BEACH CLEAN UP

On Friday 21 of July, 15 staff members from the City of Kwinana attended a Two Hands Clean Up as part of Plastic Free July. In around half an hour and in challenging windy, drizzly conditions the team collected more than 250 items. Most of the items collected were cans, plastic bags and bottles, with a range of other items including fishing line, rope, straws and glow sticks.





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## Responsible Cafés

Every year Australians consume over 3 billion takeaway coffee cups, many of which end up rotting away in landfills. A reusable coffee cup is a great way to reduce your impact on the environment and there are a large range of cafés throughout Australia providing a discount for bringing your own cup as part of the Responsible Cafés Program.

For more information, including a map of your local responsible café, check out [responsiblecafes.org/](http://responsiblecafes.org/)



GET INVOLVED [WWW.GARAGESALETRAIL.COM.AU](http://WWW.GARAGESALETRAIL.COM.AU)

This year's Garage Sale Trail is now only a few months away, so now is the perfect time to get involved in Australia's biggest reuse event! Visit [garagesaletrail.com.au](http://garagesaletrail.com.au) to register.

## SOLAR RECYCLING BINS

The City of Kwinana is trailing the use of two solar powered compacting recycle bins at the Kwinana Adventure Park. The new bins use solar power to charge an internal 12-volt battery and as the materials fill up, special sensors compact the materials, resulting in up to five times more storage space. The trial is part of a wider effort in the City of Kwinana to increase awareness and recycling across the community.



## NATIONAL OP SHOP WEEK

Op Shops are a fantastic way to reuse clothes whilst giving back to the community. The event runs from the 21st to the 27th of August, and you can get involved by donating unwanted clothes to a local op shop, or finding yourself a bargain at a local store.



For more information on how you can take part, visit [dosomethingnearyou.com.au/national-op-shop-week](http://dosomethingnearyou.com.au/national-op-shop-week).



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