



COMPETITION WIN A SET OF ONYA RE-USABLE BAGS

If you've decided to accept the challenge this July, tell us in 25 words or less, what you'll be doing and why you've decided to take part in Plastic Free July and you'll go in the draw to win 1 of 5 sets of Onya produce weigh bags, as well as a large Onya reusable shopping bag.

To enter, simply visit recycleright.wa.gov.au/plasticfreejuly and submit your answer!



PLASTIC FREE JULY

July is finally upon us and joining the challenge is simple – choose to refuse single-use plastic during July. Plastic Free July is about replacing single use items, such as plastic bottles, bags and takeaway containers with reusable solutions.

Plastic free July sees over a million people from 130 countries worldwide, join together to make a difference. To accept the challenge, visit plasticfreejuly.org.

PLASTIC FREE MORNING TEA

It is estimated that 95% of plastic packaging is considered single-use. Join the movement and the team at Piney Lakes by taking part in the Plastic Free July Challenge.

Join guest speaker and waste-free living activist Lindsey Miles, enjoy a delicious eco-catered morning tea and be inspired to start your own Plastic Free July journey!

Date: Saturday 15th July 2017

Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm

Venue: Piney Lakes Environmental Education Centre

To register for this event, visit

<https://goo.gl/cLnk4G>

A PLASTIC OCEAN MOVIE SCREENING

'A Plastic Ocean' is an award-winning film about the impact of plastic on our oceans and has been described by Sir David Attenborough as 'one of the most important films of our time'. There are a number of screenings taking place throughout July:

Venue: Coogee Beach WA Surf Life Saving Club, Coogee

Date: Saturday 1st of July, 2017

Time: 6:00pm – 9:00pm

Tickets cost \$10 and include soup and drink on arrival. For more information contact the City of Cockburn on **9411 3444** or visit events.ticketbooth.com.au/events/24045.

Venue: Fremantle Sailing Club, South Fremantle

Date: Thursday 20th of July 2017

Time: 7:00pm – 10:00pm

Admission is free and there will be a Q & A following the screening.

To find out more information about these events, and plenty of others, visit plasticfreejuly.org



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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 or write to: SMRC Waste Recycling Education Network, PO Box 1501, Booragoon WA 6154



Can you believe...

...what some people put into their bins?

During June, the Regional Resource Recovery Centre received this large trolley jack, which was delivered to the Waste Composting Facility having been collected from someone's general waste bin. The jack ended up causing problems with the machinery, resulting in damage and downtime at the facility.

The incident acts as a reminder to make sure you carefully consider what sort of items you are placing into your bins, as many items shouldn't be placed into either of your bins as they are dangerous to collect, transport and process.

For information about what you can and can't put into your household bins, visit recycleright.wa.gov.au or download the Recycle Right app from the App store or Google Play.



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Problem Waste

Batteries

Batteries should never be placed in your kerbside bins, as they contain toxic chemicals and heavy metals that leach into the environment when they go into landfill. All batteries can be disposed of at your nearest battery disposal centre.



Car batteries can usually be taken back to the retailer or mechanic that sold you a new battery. Returned car batteries are collected and processed through specialist battery recycling centres. Car batteries are 98 per cent recyclable and can be used to build more batteries and household products such as detergents and plastic bins.

Visit m.recycleright.wa.gov.au or download the recycle right app from your app store, to find your nearest battery disposal centre.

GARAGE SALE TRAIL

With the second half of the year upon us, now is the time to start planning for the Garage Sale Trail!

Australia's biggest reuse event returns **Saturday 21 - Sunday 22 October 2017**. Pencil the dates into your calendar and register at garagesaletrail.com.au/ for what promises to be a fun weekend for sellers and buyers alike.



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.



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