

EVENTS GUIDE



National Recycling Week, established by Planet Ark in 1996, is held every year during the second week of November - **7th to 13th of November 2022.**

This year, National Recycling Week explores the idea that

WASTE ISN'T WASTE UNTIL IT'S WASTED

We invite you to get involved and join your community with events on how you use resources by giving them a second life, reducing the need for newly produced resources, and recycling, this year it is all about quality over quantity, it is not about recycling more, but recycling better.

This National Recycling Week, we are inviting individuals, government, workplaces and schools to get involved! Whether that is by hosting a community recycling or repair workshop, a swap party among friends or setting up a recycling station at work.

The purpose of this guide is to provide you with a range of ideas for events and activities. We have included links to make it as easy as possible for you to host and create an event for National Recycling Week.

Ideas for events have been organised in two categories:

- **HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES**
- **EDUCATION SESSIONS**

HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES

Ideas for practical activities to teach people how to save resources from landfill by reusing, selling, swapping and reducing consumption of new products.

REGISTER YOUR EVENT

UPCYCLING WORKSHOP

Use whatever skills you have to hold an upcycling workshop. You could paint cans and turn them into plant pots, use leftover fabric to make cushion filling, make art out of broken items or coffee tables from old tyres, the sky is the limit! A quick google search of 'upcycling ideas' will inspire you to upcycle things you didn't know you could.

What's better than buying second-hand? Swapping things you don't want anymore for other people's treasures! You only need a table (or a couple) where people can place the things they would like to swap and pick something in return.

SWAP PARTY

FURNITURE RECYCLING

A great way to keep furniture out of landfill is to 'flip' pieces you either have at home, or get from online marketplaces for very cheap or even free! With some TLC, it will look brand new! There are many tutorials on YouTube on how to flip many pieces of furniture.

Repair cafés are becoming more and more popular. They can help you fix broken items such as bikes, electrical appliances and electronics. Consider creating your own pop-up repair café during National Recycling Week, or google search for one near you to fix any broken items you might have. Don't toss it, fix it!

REPAIR CAFE

ZERO/LOW WASTE HACKS

Host a zero/low waste workshop to provide people with easy solutions to common problems or wasteful products. You could explain the benefits of reusable alternatives to single-use items such as beeswax reusable wraps, and reusable coffee cups and cutlery. If you're a good cook, a cooking lesson with leftovers is a great way to reduce food waste.

Are you good at composting or worm farming? Why not share your knowledge? These solutions to food waste are one of the best ways people can reduce their carbon footprint. This can be delivered as a workshop or if you want to learn, look for a community garden!

COMPOSTING AND WORM FARMING

EDUCATION SESSIONS

Webinars, tours, panel discussions, quizzes and Q&As are great ways to inform, educate and deliver behaviour change messages tailored to your community. These can be delivered face-to-face or online.

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COMMUNITY RECYCLING CENTRE TOURS

If you're a council or community group, organise a tour of your local community recycling centre to engage your community in recycling education. Learn about the value of resources and the jobs that are created by doing the right thing at the bin. It is also a great way for people to understand the processes for recycling non-packaging items such as mattresses, paint, and masonry.

Find out how your waste is sorted! Material Recovery Facility (MRF) tours will teach people why it's important to focus on quality rather than quantity when it comes to recycling. Go behind-the-scenes to see the journey your recycling takes beyond the bin, and what happens when we put non-recyclable items like soft plastics in the recycling bin. Check our events guide to see if any MRF in your area are hosting a site tour, or ask your local council if they have any planned.

MATERIAL RECOVERY FACILITY TOURS

RECYCLING PRESENTATIONS

In recent years, recycling opportunities and item recyclability have changed and not all councils accept the same items for recycling. Our ready-to-go recycling presentations cover the basics of recycling education and will help people understand what solutions are available for common household waste items that can't go in their home recycling bin. To make it a bit more fun, you can also download our Recycling Trivia [here](#).

People love doing the right thing by recycling instead of sending their waste to landfill. What better way to channel their goodwill than providing information on all the recycling schemes available to them for non-packaging items such as mobile phones, electronics, printer cartridges, mattresses, batteries and more! Recycling Near You will provide recycling options in their area.

TRICKY ITEMS RECYCLING SESSIONS

SHARING ECONOMY SERVICES IN THE AREA

Australia's sharing economy is estimated to be worth \$15B per annum! It's also great for the environment. Buying second-hand, whether that be clothing, tools, or furniture, is a great way to help the environment and keep valuable resources out of landfill. Promote any services in your area that can help your community share more, such as Op shops, repair cafés and tool libraries.