

## COUNCILS, KIMBRIKI AND THE COMMUNITY GET IT SORTED FOR NATIONAL RECYCLING WEEK

7 November 2014

The SHOROC councils and Kimbriki congratulate the residents of Manly, Mosman, Pittwater and Warringah on being great recyclers. However, with garbage bins containing about 20% recyclables, there's still room for improvement and National Recycling Week from 10-16 November, is a great time to get your recycling sorted.

As landfill space decreases and costs increase, it's important to improve our recycling and the four councils and Kimbriki Resource Recovery Centre are holding a range of activities to help residents waste less and recycle more.

Kimbriki will be holding an open day on 15 November with information about what happens at Kimbriki, plans for the future, mini-tours of the eco house and garden and more. Other council activities during the week include a free film night, children swap meets, composting workshops and a natural baby care workshop.

SHOROC President and Mayor of Pittwater, Cr Jacqueline Townsend says reuse and recycling are the easiest sustainable actions we can take.

"The good news is residents recycle just over half their household waste which means less rubbish to landfill. Recyclables are given a new life as plastic bottles, steel cans, polyester carpet and even clothing saving raw materials, water, energy and greenhouse gases."

"It can take up to 500 years for a plastic bottle to break down in landfill, or it can be given a new life – eg it only takes 25 two-litre plastic bottles to be recycled and repurposed to make a fleece jacket. Even garden clippings recycled in a garden organics bin are given new life as mulch and soil products," said Mayor Townsend.

Locals can also recycle their food scraps by composting or worm farming – your garden will love you and you save 40% of your garbage bin from going to landfill.

*Too Good to Waste*, the region's waste strategy, has a target of 70% of household waste being recycled by 2021.

Waste is a resource, not a burden and new infrastructure is planned to be built at Kimbriki to maximise resource recovery from household waste. Come to the open day to hear about Kimbriki's plans for the future.

For more information about recycling visit [shoroc.com](http://shoroc.com), [kimbriki.com.au](http://kimbriki.com.au) or your council website.

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## What's on...

### **Pittwater Council**

#### ***Natural baby care workshop***

This workshop gives participants a chance to explore environmentally friendly options for nappies.

11 November 10-11.30am; Pittwater Rugby Park

#### ***Children's clothing and toy swap***

11 November 12-1pm; Pittwater Rugby Park

[pittwater.nsw.gov.au](http://pittwater.nsw.gov.au)

### **Mosman Council**

#### ***Children's recycling workshop***

13 November 4-4.45pm; Mosman Library

#### ***Children's swap meet and games show***

15 November 9.15-11am; Mosman Seniors Centre

[mosman.nsw.gov.au](http://mosman.nsw.gov.au)

### **Warringah Council**

#### ***Film night - Divide in Concord***

Inspiring tale of a 84-year-old grandmother who leads a crusade to ban bottled water in small town America.

Thursday 13 November 6:30-8:45pm; Warringah Council Chambers

#### ***Free landscaping reuse workshop***

Join landscape designer behind the Warringah Creative Space renovation, Andrew O'Sullivan, and find out how you can revamp your backyard with salvaged materials.

19 November 6.30-9pm; Warringah Creative Space

[warringah.nsw.gov.au](http://warringah.nsw.gov.au)

### **Kimbriki Resource Recovery Centre**

#### ***Open day***

15 November 10am-4pm; Eco House Kimbriki

[kimbriki.com.au](http://kimbriki.com.au)

### **Manly Council**

#### ***Composting workshop***

20 November 6-8pm

#### ***Sustainable kitchen workshop***

26 November 6-8.30pm

[manly.nsw.gov.au](http://manly.nsw.gov.au)

### **Top 5 reasons to recycle**

- Recycling conserves natural resources - trees, water and minerals for future generations
- Recycling reduce the need for landfills
- Recycling prevents pollution and reduces greenhouse emissions
- Recycling saves energy as don't need to extract and process raw materials
- Recycling creates jobs

### **SHOROC recycling fast facts:**

- Every year each household throws away 20% of the food they buy
- Every year each household throws away 20% of garbage that could be recycled
- Currently we recycle 54% of our waste – the target is 70% by 2021
- Our garbage bins have 40% food scraps which if recycled could make 900,500 bags of compost a year
- Recycling one glass bottle saves enough energy to run a computer for 25 minutes
- It takes 125 plastic milk bottles to make a 140 litre wheelie bin
- Paper recycling by residents in the region saves 250,000 trees each year
- 17.5 million steel cans are recycled each week in Australia – enough to build 900 new cars

# Too good to waste

A waste avoidance and resource recovery strategy for Manly, Mosman, Pittwater and Warringah

2014



Every year each household **throws away**



Every year local households **throw away**



Our household **waste** is forecast to **increase**



## THE FUTURE LESS TO LANDFILL

Councils helping community to do their part

small changes make a **BIG IMPACT**



SAVING OUR ENVIRONMENT AND MONEY



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