WHAT'S THE FOGO FOGO TRIAL NEWSLETTER // NOVEMBER 2022



FOGO Update

Great news. Another productive and growth month from our rock star FOGOers, our bin presentations are now up from 57% to 58%, and even better news, contamination rates have dropped from 3% down to an even more digestible level of 2.4% So, if you can't reach round far enough to pat yourself on the back, ask your partner or a mate to, because you all deserve another.

Bowerbird update

Our dedicated and hardworking team at the Bowerbird have been busy and continue to see a great increase in customers walking in the door and newly loved products walking out. They have now miraculously salvaged over 62,000 products from landfill and said G'day to over 22,000 good folk. If you're looking for something old or something new, take a while to browse the freshly organised Bowerbird and say G'day to Nat, Corryne and Raye.



Even the wildlife enjoys dropping in for a bargain!

The Monthly motto for Movember?

"Waste isn't waste until it's wasted"

Have a great FOGOing and recycling month.

(Top) dress to impress!

The FOGO Bro's have now completed, without a single complaint of arm, neck or back pain (WOW!) the delivery of all 500 + bags of FOGO compost to our incredible FOGOers. We would love to hear some stories and even see a picture of what you have used it for. We'll choose the best story/pic for December's edition and the winner will receive a \$100 Buy Local gift card. Send stories before 30 November to <u>neilc@cgg.wa.gov.au</u>. And remember FOGOing is great for the environment and reduces waste to landfill...



Who won the \$100 Buy Local Gift card?



Congratulations to Leticia from Spalding. A big thanks to everyone who registered to receive your newsletter electronically. We have another gift card for November so send in your name, address, contact number and email address by 25 November to <u>neilc@cgg.wa.gov.au</u> to be in the draw and good luck!



WHAT'S THE GO?

Single-use plastics

The West Australian government has brought forward a plan to abolish single-use plastics, vowing to ban a range of items — including plastic plates, bowls, cups, cutlery and takeaway polystyrene food containers — by the end of the year! Wow - Great news!



Boomerang Bags

A big shout out and congratulations to our local Geraldton Boomerang Bags volunteers for the milestone of having created 6,530 (our postcode) reusable bags for the community, helping folk say no to plastic alternatives. We can all help make a difference in some small way. Boomerang Bags are found all over our fine City!



The Gero Boomerang Bags volunteers celebrating 6530 + Bags. Source: https://www.facebook.com/Boomerangbagsgero

Meet the bottle crusher

Here's a terrific Melbourne invention that reduces glass to landfill and makes hospitality venues more efficient. It's a glass bottle crusher that sits quietly in the corner and can chew through 80 bottles a minute and stores up to 300 of them. The glass is then recycled and turned into new bottles. As an example, 8000 kilograms of recycled glass is the equivalent to saving 5 tonnes of carbon dioxide, 19,500 litres of water and there's around 19 cubic metres of landfill.



Bottle crusher in action. Source: https://bottlecycler.com

Collection points

To help find where our recycling drop off points are, we've collated a table for easy reference. Please, take care when dropping off your recyclables to make sure separation is correct. We don't have any room for error with these bins, which means if there is any cross contamination then ALL contents of the bin will go to landfill... such a waste of everyope's energy and material!

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| Plastic Bins | Bluff Point Primary School Beachlands Primary School CGG Civic Centre Foreshore Carpark Drum- mond Cove - Smugglers Cove Roundabout Geraldton Primary School Geraldton Surf Life Saving Club Carpark Greenough Museum and Gardens Leaning Tree Community School Mt Tarcoola Primary School Paringa Park Mt Tarcoola PCYC Pass Street Wonthella QEII Carpark Strathalbyn Christian College Sunset Pony Club Waggrakine Primary School Wandina Primary School |
| Cardboard Bins | Geraldton Surf Life Saving Club Carpark CGG Civic Centre |
| Battery Bins | Geraldton Aquarena CGG Civic Centre QEll Centre Geraldton Regional Library |

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