FACTSHEET #3
#RECYCLERIGHT
REUSING, RECYCLING AND REPURPOSING

Did you know that, according to Planet Ark, Australians throw out approximately 60,000kg of clothes every 10 minutes?
Many of us fall into the trap of wanting new things, which creates a cycle of supporting industries that generate waste and are sometimes unethical. This practice can potentially have a serious environmental impact.

Reusing and buying second-hand saves resources from being wasted, while being creative with used items and upcycling, repairing, or repurposing can breathe new life into pre-loved items.

WHY NOT DONATE, SWAP OR SELL?

• Contact local animal shelters and vets to see if they need donations of used bedding, blankets, and towels.

• Responsibly donate items in good condition to local charity shops.

• Sell or swap on social media platforms.

CONSIDER SECOND HAND AS AN OPTION

• Ultimately shopping second-hand, creates a circular economy of using 'would be' discarded products and giving them a new lease on life.

• Utilise your Buy Back Shop at the local waste transfer station.

• Attend local garage sales to shop second-hand direct from people in your community.

• Local radio stations may have a 'buy, swap, sell' hour where you can offer your unwanted items to others in the local area.

RECYCLING AT THE MAREEBA SHIRE TRANSFER STATIONS
SCRAP METAL
• Car Bodies with fluids and / or tyres (without fluids and tyres FREE).

• Motor bikes, ride on mowers with fluids and / or tyres (without fluids and tyres FREE)

• Fridge, freezers, air conditioners, contains gas (if degassed FREE).

• Gas bottles contaning gas (if no gas FREE).

DOMESTIC RECYCLABLES - NO CHARGE:
• HDPE 1 to 5 (plastics).

• Cans, tins and milk bottles no lids (clean).

• DrumMuster or chemical drums (clean).

• Lead acid batteries and household batteries.

• Glass bottles/glass jars no lids (clean and not broken).

• Aluminium Cans/Steel Cans/Aerosols (clean, remove lid and nozzle off aerosols).

• E-Waste (monitors, keyboards, TV's, computers, tablets, printers, faxes, scanners etc).

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