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WATCH WHERE YOUR WASTE GOES - National Recycling Week

Australian households and businesses are sending almost 22 million tonnes of waste to landfill each year, the equivalent of 416 Sydney Harbour Bridges. Much of this waste is recyclable, so there is room for improvement to better recycle paper, packaging and food and garden scraps, and to move beyond kerbside recycling to tackle complex techno-trash.

A new recycling report from Planet Ark shows that Australians are generally great recyclers with 90% of people reusing or recycling materials at home. However, our laid back, 'good enough' attitude may mean many useful materials are still languishing as lost opportunities in landfill rather than finding new lives in recycled products.

To mark National Recycling Week (12-18 November) the City of Ryde is calling on householders and businesses to:

- Make use of the e-waste collection day, Sunday 18 November at Meadowbank Netball Carpark
- Book into the Watch Your Waste Tour on Wednesday 14 November (9952 8222)
- Book into the LOMO (Left Over Make Over) workshop at Shepherds Bay Community Hall on Saturday 24 November (9952 8222)
- Ensure plastic bags are kept out of the recycling bins (find another method for storing and transporting your recyclables to the bin, eg reusable bags or plastic crates are a good option for storage, then empty the material and start again.)

City of Ryde Waste Manager, Jude Colechin, is hoping all residents think about where their waste ends up. "We can all help reduce waste going to landfill, by recycling right, composting at home, or taking part in Secondhand Saturday garage sales," she said.

For local recycling options go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/waste or Planet Ark's website www.RecyclingNearYou.com.au a service which provides reuse, recycling and safe disposal information for more than 32 different materials.

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