



# Wipe Out Waste



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## Upcoming WOW PDs

- Port Lincoln
- Northern Adelaide Holiday Field Trip

Visit [www.wow.sa.gov.au](http://www.wow.sa.gov.au) for more information.

## Salvage and Save - NEW store opened at NAWMA

Salvage and Save is a great initiative saving re-usable products from landfill, creating jobs, and saving you on landfill fees.

A new Salvage and Save shop (like an Op Shop) is located at the NAWMA site - Cnr of Peachey Rd Elizabeth West.

The shop is open on Tues-Friday 9am-3:30pm, and Saturday & Sunday 9am-2:30pm.

## TV and Computer

## Term 2, 2013

Term 2 is off and jam-packed (as always) including a trip to [Port Lincoln](#). Our new website is live and information will be added to it as we can. Some exciting new programs are under development and will be released next term, and we are re-vamping the Less to Landfill challenge.

We were thrilled that students at Edwardstown Primary School had been collecting their Easter alfoil after reading about it in the newsletter - so send in your stories and pictures so we can share them around!

## Less to Landfill (L2L) is Coming!

The Less to Landfill Challenge is back in Term 3. Registrations for the challenge will open mid- late Term 2. The aim is to replace your classroom landfill bin with a Wipe Out Waste mini-bin and reduce what your class sends to landfill to just 300ML a day - or less!

The challenge requires creative thinking and problem solving, and ultimately a change in behaviour. The challenge is a perfect way to kick off nude food or wasteless lunch days at your school?

Food and drink packaging from school lunchboxes or the canteen/orders accounts for around 31% of the volume of materials in school bins.



## Holiday Field Trip a big Success



The April Field Trip had 28 staff from sites across the state visiting Jefferies, Adelaide Resource Recovery, Transpacific Industries, VISY recycling, SITA, E-cycle and ROSES. Thanks to all the staff that hop on the WOW bus to share their knowledge.

They also learnt about waste and recycling systems in schools and varies ideas and strategies to implement at their sites to improve the management of materials, and ultimately reduce the amount of waste to landfill.

All sites who attended now have access to a \$200 grant to help get things reducing at their sites.

The next WOW Workshop events are:

28th May: Port Lincoln & 17th July: Holiday Field Trip - Northern Metro Focus

## Recycling Drop Off Points

Remember that there are 14 FREE sites to drop off TVs and Computers for recycling. It is illegal to dump these or send them to landfill - they need to be disposed of appropriately.

Information on the drop off locations and other e-recycling can be found on the [ZWSA website](#) -

## FREE Composting and Worm Farm Workshop



The City of Tea Tree Gully workshop to celebrate International Composting Awareness Week is at Banksia Park Kindergarten and Banksia Park Community Garden on Saturday 11th May 2013 from 10am.

## Cloth Nappy Program - an alternative to 'disposable' nappies



KESAB *environmental solutions*, Eco Bums and Zero Waste SA are subsidising the hire of a cloth nappy library which allows you to trial the use of modern cloth nappies to see what works best for parents and baby.

For more information, visit the Cloth Nappy Program page on KESAB's website

## WOW website - please be patient!

Recent visitors may notice the WOW website has changed. It is still full of resources and information, with better usability and some new features as well. New and old information will be added over the rest of the year, so you might see something new each time you visit [www.wow.sa.gov.au](http://www.wow.sa.gov.au)

If you have any queries or concerns please contact Jo - [jo@kesab.asn.au](mailto:jo@kesab.asn.au), or Cally - [cally@kesab.asn.au](mailto:cally@kesab.asn.au), or speak to a member of the WOW team on 8234 7255.



## Easter Alfoil Balls at Edwardstown Primary



Edwardstown Primary School took up the challenge from the last newsletter to collect the alfoil from Easter eggs and any household alfoil to make into balls to be recycled.

They held a competition between the classes. The winning class collected 331g of alfoil for recycling, and the school

collected 1.9kg in total. Well done!

Alfoil can be recycled all year round, as long as it is made into balls that are the size of an adult fist. This ensures they can be picked off the sorting line at the Materials Recovery Facility - where all the yellow lidded kerbside bins go.

## Food Waste - Globally and Locally

Food Waste in Australia, and throughout the world is a huge problem. Australians throw away up to 20% of the food they purchase. Additionally 20-40% of fresh fruit and vegetables are rejected and don't even make it to the supermarkets - often only because of high cosmetic standards.



An infographic on Food Wastage in Australia gives some facts about the problem and why these figures are so high. <http://foodwise.com.au/food-waste/food-waste-fast-facts/>

Tristram Stuart gives a global perspective on food waste in a 15 minute TED talk. <http://on.ted.com/Tristram>

There is also a clever hungrybeast production on Food Waste which goes for just 2:33 and can be viewed at <http://youtu.be/QUt5JP5mwJo>

## Onkaparinga Council Sustainable Living Programs

includes composting, bokashi and worm farm workshops, waste and recycling tours, modern cloth nappy demonstrations and recycled art workshops for kids.

For more information on any of their events - please visit their website.

## Reusable Produce Bags



Don't like using the plastic produce bags at the shops? Consider reusable bags with added benefits - such as being able to rinse the produce right in the bag.

There are many types - but a few are:

[Greensacks](#)

[Onya](#)

[Jilby Eco](#)

And if you do end up with some plastic bags - remember they can now be recycled at certain supermarkets along with other clean soft plastics such as shopping bags (and even old green bags), bread bags, biscuit and confectionary packaging and rice/pasta/frozen food packaging.

## What about Locally? Is it a problem in Adelaide?

Unfortunately these trends are mirrored locally with 5% of the volume of school bins recorded as uneaten food. By weight, this comprises 14% of the total materials in the bin.

There are many possible reasons for food being thrown in school bins - too much food is packed to be able to eat and play, students don't want to get in trouble or make their parents feel bad, or they don't want to eat the food that is packed for them.

So what can be done? Opening up conversations about what students do and don't like to eat is a great start - particularly if they can discuss this with the person who packs their lunch. Getting students involved in the packing of their lunches at home can also allow them to have some more ownership over what they are putting in - and hopefully less uneaten food will end up in the bins.

## KESAB Calendar Competition



After 2 very successful years, the KESAB Calendar Competition with CASH \$\$ prizes for your site is back in 2013. Entries for the 2014 calendar focus on waste and recycling and include bin art, signage and innovative receptacles for waste, recycling and 10c containers. More entry details will be available on the KESAB website in the coming weeks or via [alex@kesab.asn.au](mailto:alex@kesab.asn.au)

## What should NOT go into bins at your site?

We WOWsers would say as little as possible, but there are some items that are banned from landfill and require special collections for safe disposal or recycling. **Fluorescent lights** and **TVs** and **computers** are part of the banned items list- see the [EPA website](#) for more. So it is important that grounds/facilities staff, business officers and FMs discuss collection options with contractors to ensure these items don't go into your bins.

Most contractors offer special collections and the costs can often be offset by reducing your landfill collection- as you may wish to adjust the frequency of these collections.

