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## Lachlan War on Waste



Want to recycle and win prizes at the same time? Now is your opportunity as NetWaste and the Lachlan Shire Council are declaring War on Waste to landfill.

Did you know that Australia produces over 50 million tonne of waste each year & the average 4 person family makes enough waste to fill a 3 bedroom house EVERY YEAR! That is a lot of rubbish and most of it ends up in the landfill or as litter.

The recently introduced Kerbside recycling service provides Lachlan Shire residents with an easy way to reduce waste to landfill & they are doing a great job, since the introduction of recycling in July 2017, a total of 58,065 kg of material has been recycled and diverted from landfill. *Congratulations Lachlan Community.*

“There is always room for improvement though and with Xmas holidays coming up we want to remind everyone that it is important to put the right thing in your recycling bin. If the bin is too contaminated it may end up in landfill rather than being recycled and made into something new,” said Sue Clarke Environmental Learning Adviser from NetWaste.

To entice people to check that they are putting the right thing in their recycle bins, Lachlan Shire Council and NetWaste are running **not one but two competitions through the Condobolin library & looking to give away 2 x \$100.00 & 2 x \$50 “why leave town” vouchers to spend at a local store of your choice within the local community.**

Competition 1 - To go in the draw check out the recycle bin on display at the Condobolin library and pick out three things that SHOULD NOT GO in your kerbside recycling bin, fill in an entry form and place it in the bin provided.

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Did you know that soft plastic can't go in your recycle bin because it can cause lots of problems at the recycling centre and get caught up in the machinery? Things like plastic bags, chip packets, plastic food packaging & glad wrap should go in your general waste bin.

Competition 2 -The second competition that you can enter when you visit the library asks you to guess how many single use plastic bags the average Australian uses in one year. There is a giant plastic ball on display at the library that will help you guess so fill in the entry form and place it in the bin provided. You will go in the draw to win a \$100 voucher or a \$50 voucher to spend at the local store of your choice

So come on Lachlan Shire, help us fight our War on Waste and reduce the amount of waste we send to landfill.

Further inquiries please contact Mr Rowan Bentick at Council's Environment and Projects Department on (02) 6895 1950.  
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