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New Recycling Centre Opens at Coonamble

Coonamble Shire Council is pleased to announce the opening of the new Coonamble Recycling Centre — an important step in our commitment to sustainability and responsible waste management. The centre was established with the support of a \$31,601 grant from the Environmental Trust as part of the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) Waste Less Recycle More initiative.

Mayor Daniel Keady said the new facility will be welcomed by locals as a free service to clear out waste.

The launch of this new recycling centre demonstrates the Shire's dedication to reducing waste to landfill, protecting our environment, and making sure valuable resources stay in circulation.

"Along with the Return and Earn scheme, these programs give local residents the chance to play an active role in creating a cleaner, greener future for our community."

Coonamble now joins more than 100 community recycling centres (CRCs) across NSW. These centres are permanent drop-off points where householders can safely dispose of common 'problem wastes' that should not go into regular kerbside bins. Items such as paints, oils, gas bottles, household batteries, and smoke detectors can be dropped off free of charge, all year round.

NSW EPA A/Director Circular Systems Kathy Guinta said the EPA was pursuing a range of strategies to increase recycling and reduce reliance on landfill.

"Without action, waste generation is expected to outpace landfill capacity in Greater Sydney within a matter of years, and some regional areas are facing similar challenges," Ms Guinta said.

"That's why we're so pleased to have supported this project, which will offer the community an accessible and environmentally responsible way to manage household waste.

"Now that the new centre is open for business, it's a great time to take a look in your shed and under your sink and see what items you have lying around that could be recycled."

The Coonamble CRC is located at the Coonamble Waste Management Facility on Quambone Road, Coonamble. The centre is open Monday to Thursday from 7am to 4pm and Saturday and Sunday from 9am to 4pm to accept up to 20 litres or 20 kilograms of eligible household problem waste.

To find out more about what can be accepted, go to www.cleanout.com.au

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