

Eurobodalla Recycling in good hands

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Eurobodalla residents deserve a pat on the back for a fantastic effort over the past four months since kerbside recycling has commenced in the Shire.

The amount of recyclables collected has doubled during that time and more people are using the service every week.

During the holidays we sometimes have more rubbish than we can put in our garbage bins and this can end up in recycling crates or bins at the Waste Depots.

It is important to remember that all the recyclable items are sorted locally, primarily by hand and that contamination can cause all sorts of problems, such as health hazards, machinery jamming and breaking and much longer working hours for the handlers of contaminated recycling material.



When you place your recycling crate out for collection at the kerbside or take your recyclable items to a drop off centre or Waste Depot spare a thought for Andrew, Sharon, James, Anne and Tracey pictured above, who receive the items and prepare them for baling. Yumaro is a Supported Employment and Training Service in North Moruya and the staff work very hard to make sure your recycling is correctly sorted and prepared for transport. This is a huge job which is made much harder when recycling is contaminated with food residue, lids, plastic bags, and other items that cannot be recycled.

The paper and cardboard in the Eurobodalla Shire is collected by Staples Waste and delivered to Yumaro where it is unloaded then scraped up and compacted into large bales, which are then sent to Sydney for further processing.

The plastic containers, steel and aluminium cans are separated on a conveyor belt by Yumaro staff at the Staples Waste site in North Moruya and compacted into bales. These are then transported to Shoalhaven Recyclers to be further separated and sent to steel and plastic recyclers to be made into new products.

Glass is crushed at Staples Waste and reused locally as a drainage material to line a new cell at

Brou Landfill. Crushed rock would have been used for this purpose previously.

Please remove lids from all your glass jars and bottles and place them in your garbage bin.

For more information on recycling contact Staples Waste on 4474 4355 or the General Waste Enquiry Line at Council on 4474 1311.