

What a load of RUBBISH!

In the last year, Holroyd residents disposed of 26,394 tonnes of household rubbish to landfill – **that's enough rubbish to fill Merrylands Pool 16 ½ times!** Every piece of waste produced and disposed of to landfill means that valuable natural resources are lost. Eventually there will not be enough room to store all our waste. Avoiding disposable items, reusing items and recycling are important ways we can all reduce waste and help our environment.

Not sure what you can put in your recycling bin - then check out the list below to make sure you are recycling as much as you can.

- Paper, newspaper, cardboard boxes, envelopes, magazines and junk mail;
- Steel cans, aluminium cans and empty aerosol cans;
- Milk and juice cartons;
- Plastic milk, soft drink, shampoo and detergent bottles (no lids please); and
- Glass bottles and jars.

If you or anyone in your family needs more information on how to reduce the amount of waste you dispose of to landfill, contact Council's Waste Education Officer on 9840 9715.



Photo: The tipping area at a landfill site

WANT TO STOP THE JUNK MAIL?

Whilst junk mail is a great way of advertising for businesses, it contributes to our waste problem and can even become litter if not distributed correctly.

If you want to stop junk mail being dropped in your letter box, then register your address with the Distribution Standards Board (Australian Catalogue Association). They also provide free of charge a reflective No Advertising Material sticker, on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope to DSB Sticker PO Box 7735 St Kilda Rd Melbourne Vic 8004.

The Distribution Standards Board also provides a Hotline for consumers to report illegal or irresponsible distribution practices. The Consumer Hotline number is 1800 676 136.

DID YOU KNOW?

Worms will eat most of your kitchen waste and turn it into a high-quality fertiliser.

If there are more than 1 million worms living in a hectare of soil, they could make 100 tonnes of castings. These same 1 million worms burrowing into a hectare of soil can create a drainage system equal to 1.2km of 15cm pipe.

ARE YOU GOING ON THE STURDEE STREET GARDEN TOUR?

On **Sunday 8 October**, residents of Sturdee Street have the opportunity to show off their garden to their neighbours.

The tour is starting at Maria & Richard's place at 10am and then heading along Sturdee Street.

For more information, call Maria or Richard on 9896 3839 or James (Holroyd Council) on 9840 9643.

**** NEXT MEETING ****

Adriana & Sam's Place
(contact Bernadette on 9840 9981 for details)
Sunday 15 October 2006 2pm
Venue: Nemesia Street Park Hall

Sturdee Street Wentworthville
Sunday 8 October 2006 10.00am - 12.00pm
Maria & Richard's – 18 Sturdee Street

For more details about these events contact Bernadette on 9840 9981 or James on 9840 9643.