



Media Release

E-WASTE RECYCLING BACK ON TRACK

Council is happy to announce that a new e-waste recycling contractor has been secured and that e-waste taken to the Tenterfield Community Recycling Centre will be now be collected for recycling.

What is e-Waste

E-waste includes everything from TVs, computers and mobile phones to batteries and printer cartridges. E-waste contains a high amount of non-renewable resources such as plastic and precious metals including gold, silver, platinum, nickel, zinc, aluminium and copper. Recycling these materials prevents new electronics being made from virgin non-renewable sources while also preventing the products winding up in landfill.

The **National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme** was established in 2011 to provide Australian householders and small businesses with access to industry-funded collection and recycling services for televisions and computers. However, finding a contractors to collect from regional locations has been a challenge for our community.

The 3 main objectives of the Scheme are designed to better manage e-waste for everyone's benefit by:

- Reducing the amount of waste going to landfill, especially the hazardous materials found in e-waste;
- Safely recovering more reusable materials from e-waste; and
- Providing households and small business across Australia with access to e-waste recycling.

There are no fees for disposing of e-waste at the Tenterfield Waste Transfer Station.

The careful disposal of e-waste is important because many televisions and computers contain materials which are hazardous to people and the environment.

Acceptable e-waste

Televisions	Colour and old black and white tvs
Computers	Laptops, notebooks, palmtops and tablets, Personal computers, Central processing units for personal computers, Monitors and projectors, including cathode-ray tube and flat screen monitors
Printers	Multi-function printers Single-function printers
Computer parts and peripherals	Keyboards; Joysticks and game pads; Mouses and trackballs; Scanners;

	Compact disc drives, Digital video disc drives; Hard drives; Motherboards; Memory cards, including network, sound, video, IDE, SCSI and similar; Electrical transformers and static converters; Uninterrupted Power Supplies (UPS) Web cameras
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Tenterfield Waste Transfer Station also accepts other e-waste such as mobile phones, batteries and electronics that are sorted separately.

Data Management

All data should be wiped from a device before handing it over for recycling to ensure your data cannot be accessed illegally. MobileMuster (www.mobilemuster.com.au) has some great data management tips for removing data from mobile phones. TechCollect (www.techcollect.com.au) also has useful information on deleting data from computers and other devices.

“Council is keen to ensure that the maximum amount of our waste can be kept out of the rapidly filling Boonoo Boonoo Landfill,” said Mayor Peter Petty.

“Dropping off your e-waste free to the Tenterfield Transfer Station is a great way to ensure this potentially hazardous material does not end up in the wrong place. Please **do not** place these materials in your recycling bin,” Mayor Petty added.

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