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New Community Recycling Centre for household paints, oil gas bottles and batteries

Orange mayor Cr Reg Kidd today officially opened the new Community Recycling Centre (CRC), where householders can drop off problem wastes such as paints, oils, gas bottles e-waste and batteries for free.

Orange City Council established the CRC after receiving a \$190,756 grant from the NSW Government's *Waste Less, Recycle More* initiative.

Parliamentary Secretary for Western NSW Rick Colless said these centres were part of a network of 100 facilities being established across NSW.

"Establishing this recycling facility will help the NSW Government keep problem wastes out of landfill and help reduce illegal dumping," Mr Colless said.

"We want to encourage communities to recycle problem wastes to help prevent contaminants from entering the environment.

"The centre will complement the community's existing recycling services, minimise waste and increase recycling.

"The NSW Government is dedicated to improving the collection and recycling of household problem waste and has dedicated \$127 million to establish new systems, such as the community recycling centre network under the *Waste Less Recycle More* initiative."

Orange mayor Reg Kidd said the new facility will make it simpler and more convenient for Orange residents to deal with recyclable waste.

"Orange has a great record when it comes to dealing with community waste," Cr Reg Kidd said. "The kitchen and garden waste in our green bins is turned into compost on an industrial scale."

"But it's really important to keep things like batteries and kitchen oils out of our landfill, especially when they can be recycled. This new drive-thru design makes it very easy for residents to do the right thing."

Orange City Council Infrastructure Committee chair, Cr Mario Previterra, is pleased the delivery system at the new CRC is very straightforward.

“The Ophir Road facility can be a busy place when many residents are taking their rubbish there at the one time,” Cr Mario Previtiera said. “The new CRC makes it simple. There are clearly marked places to take each kind of recyclable waste, whether it’s old flouro tubes or smoke detectors.

“It’s right next door to the Recycling Shop, so if you’re taking some old furniture to donate there, you can take your old fire extinguisher or gas bottle on the same trip, and leave it in one of the clearly-marked bins.

“There’s so much material in an old computer or a TV that can be recycled, and the new e-waste section at the CRC makes it easy to recycle.”

Waste Less, Recycle More is a NSW Government initiative to keep waste out of landfill, increase food and garden waste collections, boost business recycling and invest in new infrastructure.

The Community Recycling Centre is located alongside the Recycling Shop at the Ophir Road Resource Recovery Centre at 261 Ophir Road Orange, open 7 days: 8am-5pm except Christmas Day and Good Friday.

The CRC accepts the following problem wastes for free:

- water-based and oil-based paints
- used motor oils and other oils
- lead-acid and hand-held batteries
- gas cylinders and fire extinguishers
- conventional tube and compact fluorescent lamps
- smoke detectors
- E-waste and mobile phones

For more information visit: <http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/wastegrants/index.htm>

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