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THE SIN BIN

I had a toy duck I once played with,
I threw it away when done.
Off to the tip it went in a truck
with other rubbish, not fun.

It sat in a hole degrading,
a thousand years it would take.
Yet my little toy was plastic,
a resource! What a waste!

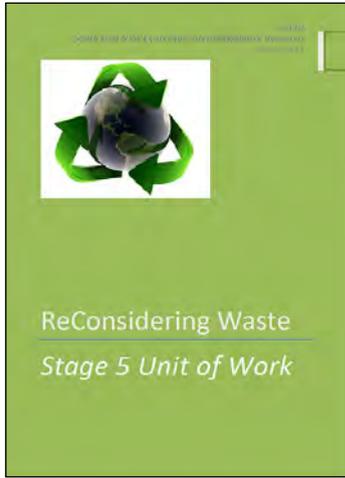
I thought of the toy and the others
lying amongst all the stuff.
Why do we chuck things of value?
It's time we all said 'enough'.

Who here has the answer?
It's like finding a needle in hay.
Until we wake up and realise
we're throwing our money away.





BOURNDA ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE



A NEW TEACHING RESOURCE IS HERE!!

We are very excited to share a new resource for stage 5 high school teachers - **ReConsidering Waste**. This resource has been developed by the University of Wollongong's South East Centre for Interdisciplinary Research in collaboration with SERRG and Bournda EEC. With a focus on sustainability principles it encourages students to reconsider a number of aspects of waste by seeing it as a resource that can be harvested. It includes lesson sequences, learning objectives and outcomes, teaching strategies, a teachers guide, resources and a cross-curriculum application guide.

We are looking for high school teachers to trial this new resource. Are you interested? Want to learn more? **Contact us!**

Some great videos and initiatives...

- Food Waste = Money Waste
- Les fruits & legumes Moches (Inglorious fruits & vegetables)
- This is what really happens to plastic when it ends up in our oceans

What's happening in the news...

- Teenager to remove 7M Tons of trash from oceans
- \$13bn plastic damage to marine ecosystems
- "The Conversation" online publication has a great variety of stories from across the world on waste.
- Fremantle bans plastic bags and imposes fines of up to \$2,500

Some updates on activities across the SERRG network...

- Goulburn HS edging ever closer to beginning their recycling scheme
- Bega HS have started selling reusable bottles as part of their Bottle for Botol program
- Monaro HS are soon to receive a new recycling sign made from recycled material



MORE TEACHING RESOURCES...

Bag it - is your life too plastic?

"Think about it, why would you make something that you are going to use for a few minutes out of a material that's basically going to last forever... What's up with that?" - Jeb Berrier, BagIt movie

Not only is this an informative film, the content on the [website](#) is great. There is information about the issue and a section for educators.

Hungry Planet - What the World eats

This **photographic essay** is an excellent conversation starter with your class about the different types of food, volumes of food, cost of food and amount of plastic used by different families across the globe. You could ask questions like: Which family spends the most on food each week? Which family looks like they use the most packaging? Which family looks the most wasteful? And why?

THE WASTE CHANNEL IS LIVE

The Waste Channel kicked off late in Term 2 with students from Bombala HS, Crookwell HS and Batemans Bay HS attending. Using Adobe Connect Technology, students entered an online meeting room where they were able to view a PowerPoint presentation, chat with the other students and learn about what to expect from future sessions. [Click here for more information.](#)

COOL AUSTRALIA'S ENVIROWEEK (AUG 24 - 30)

Enviroweek will soon be here! Get your school or class involved and discover how our everyday actions can make a big difference. Choose one of six curriculum-aligned challenges and get involved: [#waste warrior](#) [#trader](#) [#sparky](#) [#green thumb](#) [#foodie](#) [#wild child](#)





TRASH TALK... CONVERSATIONS ACROSS THE REGION

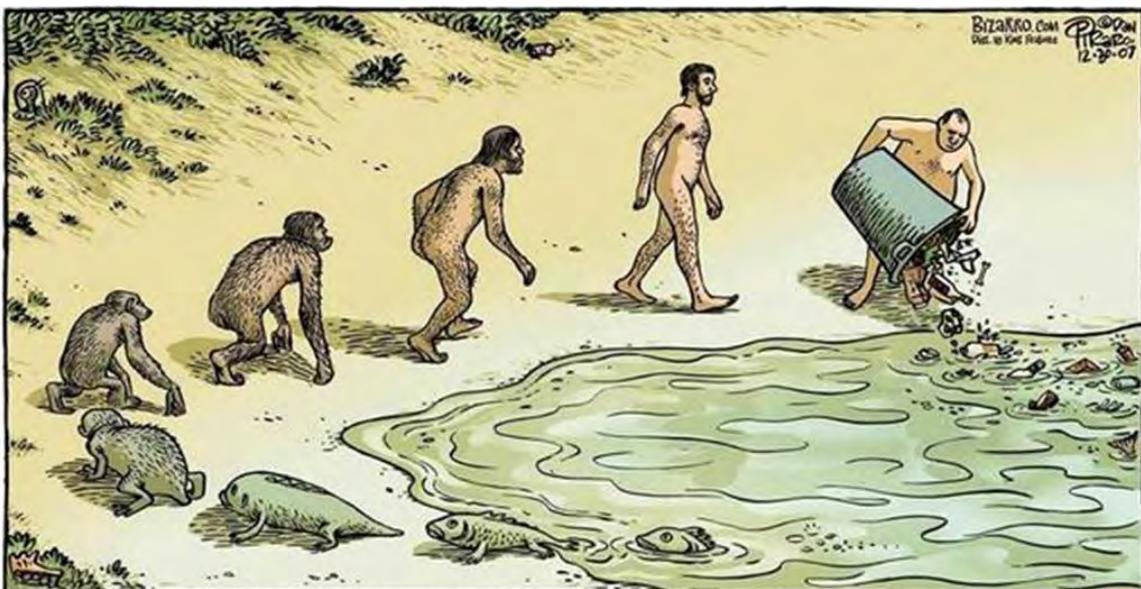
Changeology has begun - On the 8th of August the Changeology Working Group began the first step of the Changeology Self Drive program at Central Tilba Public School. It was a wonderful opportunity to exchange ideas about how to transform high school organic waste into **useful products...**

Cooma Resource Recovery Centre - opened its doors on the 22nd of July to over 70 year 10 students from Monaro HS. Students visited the Landfill, ScrapMart as well as Burchall's Recycling Centre as part of their geography program. Monaro High School teacher, Andrew Wilson said "many of the students have told me how much they enjoyed the day and have said that they now have a better understanding of the need to change the way we view and **handle our resources**"....

At a recent meeting at Eurobodalla Shire Council we were delighted to hear of some excellent programs being undertaken... such as 'Tap Water Please', a campaign to raise awareness of the sustainable choice of tap water over purchased water, School water audit kits being made available to schools and the preschool students having the opportunity to 'get grubby'. **Read about these here.**

But wait! There is more! EuroCoast have also started up a **Marine Debris working group** - are you or your LGA interested in being involved??

Getting Down to Earth (SECIR) - Not only have the South East Centre for Inter-disciplinary Research been collaborating with Bournda EEC and SERRG on resource development, they have also been assisting commercial food outlets to close the **food waste cycle in Moruya...**



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