



Waste Authority

MEDIA STATEMENT

Lions have waste all baled up

A new electro-hydraulic baling machine now operating at the Augusta Recycling Centre has improved the recycling efforts of Leeuwin Lions Club according to a report released today by Waste Authority Chairman, Mr Barry Carbon.

Purchased with the assistance of a grant from the Authority's Community Grants Scheme, the new baler is able to bale paper and cardboard, aluminium cans, plastic bottles and plastic wrap.

"The baler has seen a 21 per cent improvement in the overall weight of each bale of cardboard and a 40 per cent increase in the rate they are produced," Mr Carbon said

"It's simple infrastructure improvement that's not only helping a small community's recycling effort, but the flow-on effects include reducing greenhouse gas emissions as a result of more efficient transport," he said

Other improvements include both aluminium cans and plastic bottles being baled 20 per cent heavier and 40 per cent faster the old system.

The Lions recycling centre began in Augusta more than thirty years ago and is now regarded as one of the best volunteer driven recycling operations in Western Australia successfully diverting more than 85% of Augusta's total recyclable material from landfill.

Today the operation has expanded into a sophisticated drive-through recycling depot which processes more than 800 tonnes of recyclables each year on behalf of the town and its districts including a significant tonnage from Margaret River.

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