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Alexandrina ready to celebrate National Recycling Week Monday 29 October 2018

Alexandrina residents are well versed in the importance of recycling items. Be it food packaging, cans, bottles, or unwanted or broken items; we understand the 'reduce, reuse, recycle' mantra.

The Alexandrina community has enthusiastically embraced the fortnightly collection of kerbside waste and recycling, decreasing our waste to landfill by 19% and increasing our recycling and green waste collection by 31% and 63% respectively.

With this in mind, the Alexandrina community is ready to celebrate Planet Ark's National Recycling Week from 12-18 November 2018. Planet Ark founded National Recycling Week 22 years ago. This year they are inspiring Australian residents and businesses to reboot their perspective on recycling by focusing on those items that cannot go into your yellow-lid recycling bin.

In 2015, Alexandrina Council introduced the MobileMuster to our recycling services. Collection bins located at the Goolwa and Strathalbyn Libraries have collected an enormous 145 kilograms of mobile phones, phone batteries and accessories in the past three years. As a national program, MobileMuster has recycled over 1,400 tonnes of mobile phone components. Batteries are also able to be recycled at both libraries.

The new Goolwa Waste and Recycling Depot was opened in September 2018 and through the Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority, accepts a number of items for recycling including mobile phones, batteries, print cartridges, light bulbs, x-ray film, white goods, e-waste and more.

As part of National Recycling Week, Planet Ark is also encouraging the community to participate in 'Buy it Back Day' on November 17. 'Buy it Back Day' involves mindful purchasing by buying something second hand, or made of recycled materials. Local op shops, salvage yards and garage sales are great places to find your special item.

We do a fantastic job of recycling in Alexandrina and as a community, should be very proud. There are many ways to live more sustainably and changing simple habits can make all the difference. Let's be mindful of our waste and recycling habits during National Recycling Week and keep Alexandrina beautiful.