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Sustainable Shopping for National Recycling Week

Green Connect is inviting the people of the Illawarra to shop for treasures or donate items for reuse at its thriving retail outlets throughout National Recycling Week, 7-11 November, this year.

“We are pleased to announce that last year we diverted 160 tonnes of waste in the Illawarra through our recycling and other waste initiatives,” said Robert Servine, the General Manager of Green Connect. “The Op Shops have certainly made a huge contribution to that.”

“We can’t rely on supply chains to bring in new items,” explained Emma Baselier, the Wollongong University Op Shop Coordinator. “But our Op Shops in the University and at Unanderra have access to 47 recycling streams which are otherwise destined for landfill.

“Along with generous community donations this allows us to offer a broad range of stock - from party outfits to running shoes, jewellery and homewares, jeans, and books. It’s also a lovely, colourful, safe place to shop.”

“The days of disposable items are coming to an end,” Mr Servine added. “Last week on November 1st, single use plastics were banned in NSW. For the savvy shopper, Green Connect’s Op Shops are the most sustainable way to find what you need.”

Green Connect also provides meaningful employment to those who have experienced barriers in the past such as former refugees, young people, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

“By making sustainable shopping choices this National Recycling week, you are helping us to heal people and planet.”

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Green Connect is a social enterprise based in Wollongong, NSW. We create jobs and employment pathways for young people and former refugees in work that helps the planet and the community. We run a farm and an op shop, provide zero waste services at events, and staffing solutions to businesses and councils.

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