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Central Coast has become a 'throw-away' community

Statistics show that Central Coast residents are wasting enough reusable resources to fill approximately five Olympic swimming pools each year, resulting in valuable items which could be recycled back into the community instead being sent to landfill.

In light of these figures, Charles Bacon from Reuse-Xanadu, the Central Coast's new community reuse centre, encourages residents to think before they send their unwanted items to waste.

"Council figures show that Central Coast residents generate around 600,000 kilograms of waste per day, resulting in approximately 219,000 tonnes being sent to our landfill each year," said Charles.

"From these figures, it is predicted that almost 9 per cent of this waste is reusable, 40 per cent of which could be utilised by the Central Coast's Reuse-Xanadu centre and filtered back into the community," he added.

Reuse-Xanadu was founded late last year with the aim of reducing the amount of quality reusable items and materials that are being sent to landfill in the region.

The centre was established by local social enterprise Fairhaven Services, which supports people with disability on the Central Coast and all profits generated from Reuse-Xanadu go towards funding Fairhaven's various initiatives.

Residents and businesses are encouraged to divert their unwanted quality goods and products to the centre, to save on landfill costs and revitalise the local community.

"Reuse-Xanadu accepts everything from household furniture and art and craft supplies to landscape and building materials, with all items being resold back into the community at very low prices," continued Charles.

"In order to reduce the amount of reusable resources being wasted each year, residents and businesses are urged to consider Reuse-Xanadu next time they go to throw reusable items away. With the help of the community, we will be able to foster a more sustainable future," he added.

To find out which items and materials can be accepted by Reuse-Xanadu, head to their website www.reuse-xanadu.org.au or contact 4323 3566.

Reuse-Xanadu is located at the Fairhaven Services Depot on 209 Brisbane Water Drive, Point Clare and is open from Tuesday to Friday between 8am and 4pm and Saturday's 10am to 2pm.

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