



# 2018 Coffs Harbour Plastic Free July

## Repurposing Plastics Art Exhibition

### About

Repurposing our Plastics is a community Art Exhibition to start conversations about extending the life of stuff and to showcase creative works made from reused & recyclable plastics. It is open to all local schools and residents and is an integral part of Coffs Harbour City Council's Plastic Free July (PFJ) program.

The aim is to challenge peoples' perceptions about 'rubbish' and to celebrate the reuse and recycling of waste through arts and crafts. Repurposing our Plastics provides an innovative approach to waste education, invites schools and community groups to take up the challenge and create a new life for materials that would otherwise have been thrown away.

### Why Plastics?

It's safe to say that plastic is everywhere. Be it a bag, wrapper or bottle, it's in your shopping trolley, bathroom cabinet, gym bag and littered all over our coast. Our oceans, marine life and ecosystems are ingesting it.

The issue with plastic is that it was designed to last and yet we're using it once, throwing it out and it is not breaking down. When plastic is littered, it begins its journey to our waterways, beaches and oceans where it slowly, very slowly, begins to break down into millions of pieces. Current research by Tangaroa Blue, an Australian Marine Debris Initiative, estimates that eight million tonnes of plastic are entering the ocean each year, making marine debris a major environmental issue worldwide.

RETHINK and AVOID, take up the challenge and see if you can help reduce our dependence on plastic. Hopefully some of the artworks that are displayed as part of this year's Waste to Art Exhibition will inspire you.

### What is Plastic Free July

Plastic Free July (PFJ) is an Australian initiative to raise awareness of the problems with single-use disposable plastic and challenges people to do something about it.

This year Coffs Harbour City Council is delivering a community wide program for schools, businesses, individuals and households in an effort to raise awareness and reduce single use plastics in Coffs Harbour LGA.

### Entries and Exhibition details

We are seeking entries that showcase the myriad of ways that common everyday plastic items can be repurposed. From bags, to artwork, to photos and poetry, we'll be looking for entries that can educate and inspire the broader community by the repurposing of single use plastics from everyday life. Entries can be from a class, group or team, a family or an individual in the following categories:

1. 2 Dimensional: Poster/painting/Collage/Drawing
2. 3 Dimensional: Sculpture/Installation
3. Functional: Furniture/craftwork & wearable objects.

**Please complete the [online registration form](#) by 5pm Friday June 29<sup>th</sup> 2018.**

All exhibition entries need to be delivered to the Pop up festival at the Harbourside Markets July 29<sup>th</sup> by 10am. The exhibition will be on public display at key PFJ events between July 29<sup>th</sup> and August 25<sup>th</sup>.

For entry guidelines, registration or more information and inspiration visit our [website](#) or contact [Jessica Steinborner](#) 66484643.