

Eco group urges 'add another R' to recycling

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SPRINGFIELD Lakes Nature Care president Luise Manning is challenging the community to "add another R" to their recycling efforts.

The extra "R" is for refuse, as in "refuse to use" or purchase as many plastic items as possible. At the top of her hitlist are straws, throwaway coffee cups and the small pastic crates contain-

ing tomatoes and other fruit. She is making the request to mark this year's national campaign against plastics Plastic Free July.

The campaign against domestic plastic use started in Western Australia in 2011 and has grown to include thousands of people in more than 150 countries.

With the implementation of the plastic shopping bag ban, action is under way to

ensure a cleaner, more environmentally-friendly future for Springfield.

With regards to glass recycling, the Ipswich City Council, which has now banned glass from its recycle bins, is encouraging the use of central drop-off points. Broken glass and the mixture of different coloured glass made the recycling process difficult.

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Sports Committee chairman David Morrison said he would like to cut glass contamination rates in general waste by half.

"We are focusing on getting our contamination levels down, so we are asking you to, please, leave the glass out," he said.

"Council is also working on finding new local solutions around how to collect and reuse."

WHAT YOU CAN PUT IN THE BIN

The Ipswich City Council has made a definitive list of four categories of items that should be placed in the yellow-lid bin as part of its fortnightly kerbside collection service.

Glass, particularly broken glass, is a contaminant. The items are:

Paper: Newspapers, magazines, junk mail, office paper

Boxes: Cardboard (including empty pizza boxes)

Aluminium: Cans and tins

Plastic containers: Plastic bottles (milk, soft drink, and shampoo and other toiletry containers), yoghurt and ice-cream containers.

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