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One Month In. Warren Shire is Getting Sorted

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One month after Warren Shire's first kerbside recycling collection, National Recycling Week is giving the community another reason to keep building good recycling habits.

Planet Ark's National Recycling Week runs from 9–15 November 2026, encouraging Australians to "Join the Cycle" and think about what they use, what they throw away and how they can recycle better.

For Warren Shire, this year's national campaign comes at an important time, with the new fortnightly yellow-lid recycling service now becoming part of the routine for eligible households and businesses across Warren, Nevertire and Collie.

Since The Good Sort truck made its first collection run on 7 October, a total of 7.42 tonnes of recycling has been collected.

More yellow-lid bins are also making their way to the kerb each fortnight as residents get into the new fortnightly recycling routine.

And there are encouraging signs when it comes to sorting too. While plastic bags, green waste, nappies and building waste were identified among the contaminants in earlier collections, **zero contamination was recorded in the third collection on 4 November 2026.**

Warren Shire Mayor Greg Whiteley said National Recycling Week was a timely opportunity to recognise the community's progress and encourage more households to get involved.

"Just over a month ago, seeing those first yellow-lid bins out across Warren, Nevertire and Collie was a great moment for our Shire," Mayor Whiteley said.

"Now the focus is on making recycling part of our regular household routine and continuing to get better at what we put in the yellow-lid bin.

"Getting it right at home gives our bottles, cans, paper, cardboard and containers the best chance of being recycled and put to good use again," he said.

Warren Shire Council General Manager Gary Woodman said the latest collection was encouraging, but it was important for residents to keep checking what goes into their yellow-lid bins before they chuck.

“Zero contamination in our last collection is a great result and shows what can happen when we all take a moment to get the sorting right,” Mr Woodman said.

“We’ve seen plastic bags, green waste, nappies and building waste turn up in earlier collections, so those are the things we’re asking residents to keep an eye out for.

“Keep your recycling empty, clean and loose. And if you’re not sure about something, Check Before You Chuck. It’s a small step at home that can make a real difference to the quality of our recycling.”

LITTLE GOOD SORTS CAN JOIN IN TOO

National Recycling Week isn’t just for the grown-ups.

Council is encouraging Warren Shire’s **Little Good Sorts** to put their recycling know-how to the test with free activities designed especially for the Shire’s youngest recyclers.

Little Good Sorts activities to help children learn what belongs in the yellow-lid recycling bin are available through Council’s Kerbside Recycling Hub and at Warren Shire Library.

Planet Ark has even more free National Recycling Week activities, including recycling puzzles, colouring, find-a-words, games and other activities for Little Good Sorts and their families who are ready to keep exploring,

Families can explore the Little Good Sorts resources at:
www.warren.nsw.gov.au/kerbside-recycling

More free recycling activities are available from Planet Ark at:
https://recyclingnearyou.com.au/schools-recycle-right/activities-guides

Residents can search Council’s A–Z Recycling Guide whenever they’re unsure where something belongs:
www.warren.nsw.gov.au/kerbside-recycling/a-z-recycling-guide

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