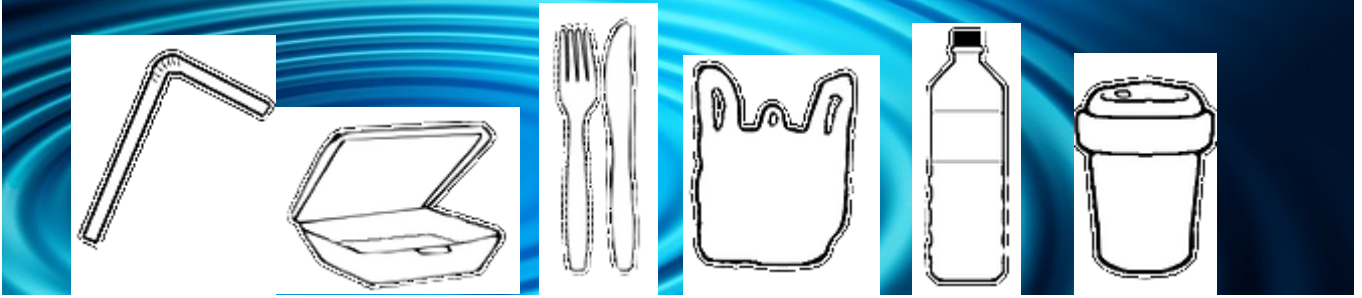


One Drop is all it takes



Littered plastic waste is a big problem in Wollongong. Our beaches have plastic straws and plastic bottles washing up on them every day. Our bushland is littered with plastic bags, takeaway containers and coffee cups. Native animals in our bush as well as our bird and marine life are dying from being entangled in plastic litter or from ingesting it.

Sounds like a HUGE problem? It is, but you can make a difference. To support Plastic Free July we are asking all students to

“Design a poster to promote Plastic Free Wollongong”

The poster will need to show alternatives to single-use water bottles, plastic bags, polystyrene and plastic takeaway containers, drink straws, plastic cutlery and coffee cups.

For your poster we want you to choose only **3** of the single use plastic items listed above that you or your family currently use, and then show us what you are planning to use instead to help Wollongong become plastic free.

For example, when you do swimming at school, what do you put your wet swimmers in? If it is a plastic bag, what could you use instead? Does your favourite takeaway food come in a plastic or polystyrene container? Would you be willing to take your own container or discuss other container options with the owners? Do you use drink straws? Are they reusable or are they throw away straws? Will you start saying ‘no’ when offered a drink straw?

We want to change that “one drop” of plastic into one drop of good ideas. We are hoping that your posters of good ideas will turn the tide on plastic pollution. We want your posters to get others in our community thinking about what they could do to help as well. Together, we can make a HUGE difference.

A selection of the best posters will go into a traveling suitcase that will travel to different locations across the Wollongong region, sharing with everyone your ideas. They will pop up in Libraries and special Events and may appear on Councils website or on social media. We would like to see all entries that students have worked on and hopefully will have a record number of schools coming on board.

If you care about your local environment and want to help us spread the word about avoiding single use plastics, then this is the competition for you! Some great prizes to be won for the winning school and winning student.

We really can't wait!

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TERMS and CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. The competition is open to all Primary Schools and Primary aged students in the Wollongong local government area.
2. Posters should be A4 or A3 in size.
3. Entries should be marked attention to Wollongong City Council, Att: Green Team level 3, One Drop is all it takes Plastic Free School Competition and delivered to the Wollongong Council building, 41 Burelli St, Wollongong NSW 2500.
4. **Entries must be received by 5pm on Friday 24th of August 2018.** If hand delivering, please leave at the information desk in Council's main foyer.
5. All entries should include details of the School, grade and name of the student that created each poster. A contact persons' name and contact details should be included with each submission.
6. Your school can put in as many entries as they like. There is no limit! We would love to see ALL of the entries from the school.
7. The winning school will receive a pack to create beeswax wraps for 300 students to the value of \$600. The teachers will receive training in creating beeswax wraps for school lunches. The winning students' class will also receive instruction and create their own beeswax wraps with a member of our Green Team. Each member of the class will also receive a stickybeaks lunch wallet. The winning student will also receive a cheque for \$30 and certificate.
8. The 2nd place student will receive a certificate and a stickybeak lunch bag.
9. A panel consisting of Council management and staff will judge the entries.
10. Winning entrants will be notified by phone from Friday 31st of August.
11. Photographs taken of winning students or teaching staff will be used in future Council publications, promotional material and may appear in the media.



Find out more contact Council's Green Team on 4227 7111 or email GT@wollongong.nsw.gov.au

Web pages that may help

<https://www.plasticfreewollongong.org/>

<http://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/services/sustainability/sustainableliving/Pages/Plastic%20Free%20Wollongong.aspx#gref>

https://www.boomerangalliance.org.au/communities_taking_control

<http://www.plasticfreejuly.org/>

