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## Council calls for action to help Clean up Strathbogie Shire

Australians generate almost 32 million tonnes of rubbish each year, making us the second highest producers of waste per person in the world.

In **Strathbogie Shire**, Clean Up Australia Chairman Ian Kiernan AO urged local residents to look carefully at the types of rubbish they are sending to their local landfill, and consider if they could recycle or reuse it instead.

“Australians are pretty good at recycling but half the rubbish we produce is still heading to landfill, which we are fast running out of space for, or it is being dumped into our natural environment,” said Mr Kiernan.

“Paper, cardboard, metal and most types of plastic can be recycled, while particularly disused building materials can also be reused. Waste can be easily turned into a valuable resource.”

**Strathbogie Shire Council** is supporting Clean Up Australia Day and urges everyone in the municipality to take up the challenge on Sunday 1 March and get involved.

Registrations are now open and people can get involved or find out more by visiting [www.cleanup.org.au](http://www.cleanup.org.au) or calling 1800 CUA DAY (1800 282 329).

Mayor of Strathbogie Shire Council, Howard Myers said, “Clean Up Australia Day is the perfect opportunity for everyone to come together and help clean up our local parks and waterways and think about how we can reduce our impact on the environment.”

It’s not too late to get involved, simply register online or by calling 1800 CUA DAY (1800 282 329).

Clean Up Australia Day is a great excuse to get a group of mates together and help clean up our environment. After all, if you don’t Clean Up Australia, who will.

To register a Clean Up site simply visit [www.cleanup.org.au](http://www.cleanup.org.au) or call 1800 CUA DAY (1800 282 329).

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