**Ideas on Recycling for consideration as requested by Cittaslow Goolwa**

**Background:** As the President of Scouts Australia (SA Branch) for ten years I was involved in the establishing the Scouts Recycling Centres, as a fundraising venture. Today there are seven recycling centres in South Australia and they also contract for major events. Material processed include metals, paper, cardboard, glass, cans & bottles. The 10cents refund has meant that because the “rubbish” has value the containers are rarely disposed of indiscriminately. Scouts SA are now assisting other States to lobby for the same benefit.

My Scout Leader made me hunt for an apple core I threw away on Mt Lofty when I was a boy and that was an excellent life lesson.

**Proposals for first year as Councillor if elected:**

1. Placement of more labelled yellow recycling bins in parks & public places
2. Education sessions for residents.
3. Stronger promotion of KESAB as a Council partner and engagement of the National Clean-up-Australia Day
4. Education & competitions in schools
5. Engage with Garden Clubs & Community Gardens to promote composting
6. The Council mulch waste and sell it. Residents could be given a voucher for mulch when they bring their vegetation to the dump.
7. Participate in the KESAB tidy towns competitions
8. Lobby for clearer recycling labels on packaging

**Thoughts for consideration that I put forward:**

1. Install solar compacting waste bins to reduce collection frequencies refer website [www.solarbins.com.au](http://www.solarbins.com.au)
2. Greater support for Op Shops & recycled centres at waste disposal centres. Suggest looking at “Windmill Hill” at Mt Barker next to their waste disposal centre which picks up second hand goods and sells with profits going to Disability Groups.
3. The fortnightly Council pickup seems to be working as we have not seen very much deliberately dumped rubbish on the sides of our country roads.
4. Cittaslow Goolwa could mentor the start-up of Cittaslow Strathalbyn
5. Heavier fines for dumping rubbish illegally

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