



THE ADMINISTRATION OF NORFOLK ISLAND

MEDIA RELEASE

Recycling initiative - Printer cartridges and Mobile Muster

The Administration of Norfolk Island has announced that it will conduct a significant recycling program, commencing immediately after Easter, to collect and recycle printer cartridges and old mobile phones.

Printer cartridges are a complicated assembly of mixed plastics, metals, toner powder, ink, foam and rubber. This makes the waste stream very complex and potentially hazardous to human health and the environment.

Planet Ark and Close the Loop have developed the technology and a program to recycle all print consumables with zero waste. This technology is a world first initiative. Planet Ark accepts and processes all brands, makes and models of print consumables from copiers, printers or fax machines. This includes inkjet and laser cartridges, toner bottles, fuser and drum units, print heads and fax rolls.

Mobile Muster is the official recycling program for mobile phones, funded by Australian Mobile Telecommunications Association. All mobile phones collected are dismantled, sorted and separated into circuit boards, batteries, handsets and accessories. More than 90% of the materials in mobile phones can be recovered. Metals (gold, silver, copper) are extracted, plastic are shredded, cadmium and nickel recovered from batteries. No mobile phones are refurbished or resold.

The Administration of Norfolk Island is a registered participant of both of these programs and wants your cartridges and old mobile phones too. All cartridges collected will be returned to *Close the Loop* where they will be sorted and processed. All mobile phones collected will be sent to *Mobile Muster* for recovery.

Between Tuesday 14 April and Friday 24 April, you can place your items in the boxes located at the Post Office, Norfolk Telecom and New Military Barracks, Kingston.

For further information about the companies involved in these initiatives, you can visit www.mobilemuster.com.au and www.cartridges.planetark.org . For information about the Norfolk Island program you can contact the Administration's Risk Management Administrative Officer, Melissa Yeats, on telephone 22001 or email myeats@admin.gov.nf .

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