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## Southbridge Open Day

The Huon Valley Council's Southbridge Waste Transfer Station is holding an Open Day on Saturday May 20 from 10am to 4pm.

Huon Valley Commissioner Adriana Taylor encourages everyone to head along and grab a bargain at the stalls, or inside the Re-Use Shop.

"While the Open Day is a great excuse to have some fun, there's a serious message behind it.

"The Huon Valley Council processed 45,000 cubic metres of waste in 2016. To make it easier to picture, if all of that waste was put on the Huonville football oval it would cover the entire ground to a depth of 3 metres (your average house ceiling height is 2.4 metres).

"The aim of the Re-Use Shop since it opened in 2012 is to ensure resource recovery and reduce the amount of material going to landfill.

"Everything going into landfill costs the community money. By reducing landfill we are not only saving residents the extra costs, we are all doing something positive for the planet.

"There are some wonderful groups such as **funktionart** and **SCRAPTURE**, who will be demonstrating how to 'upcycle' materials they have grabbed from the rubbish piles to make art pieces, furniture or lamps," Commissioner Taylor said.

During the OPEN DAY the Huon Valley Council has agreed to accept up to 5 cubic metres of green waste to Southbridge for no charge. So, clear up the property, grab a bite to eat from the sausage sizzle, learn how to make environmentally friendly art and grab a bargain from the shop between 10 am and 4pm...

and remember...**every dollar spent in the Re-Use Shop reduces the cost of waste management for the Council.**

### For more information

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