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Social enterprise RRA diverts 512 tonnes of waste in Noosa

Social enterprise Resource Recovery Australia (RRA) diverted 512 tonnes of waste from landfill for reuse and recycling in Noosa in 2019-20.

Announcing the result on National Recycling Week 2020, RRA General Manager Matt Curtis said: "It's been a challenging year for RRA with fires threatening three of our sites, Noosa, Moss Vale and Tuncurry, and COVID-19 shut-downs.

"Our people remained in high spirits under the testing conditions that 2020 has thrown at us and have done themselves and the company proud in delivering these results."

"Across the country, RRA diverted 1,573 tonnes of waste from landfill for reuse and 5,096 tonnes for recycling in 2019-20. At the same time, we provided 104 employment opportunities."

RRA is a national social enterprise that works in waste management to keep waste out of landfill, create jobs for people experiencing barriers to work and to engage and connect people in our communities. RRA operates in NSW, QLD and the ACT across seven regions.

RRA has been working towards improved reuse and recycling outcomes in partnership with Noosa Shire Council since 2018.

"We appreciate the support provided by Noosa Shire Council throughout the bushfire and COVID-19 crisis," Mr Curtis said.

"Noosa Shire Council supported our team providing additional shifts as weighbridge relief and continuing mattress recycling throughout the COVID closure."

"The additional work allowed some of our team to maintain a sense of normality in their lives at the height of the pandemic. The team looked forward to coming into work."

With the new financial year came new opportunities to recycle.

RRA Noosa has partnered with The Nature Conservancy and Noosa Shire Council to collect, clean and recycle oyster shells. The cleaned shells will be used to restore local, critically endangered oyster beds enabling new oysters to grow.

"The oyster shell recycling project is a worthy project to be a part of. We are happy to see the Noosa community embrace the project, supporting real change to the local environment."

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