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Lyneham Scouts ‘drum’ up some heat

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts at 1st Lyneham (Air) Scout Group have come up with a novel way to contain their traditional altar fires by using the inner drums from recycled washing machines.

Steve Murray, Lyneham’s Scout leader, contacted Hills Waste Solutions with the idea. “Once four legs have been attached to the side of the drum it is an ideal size and height to for a small fire,” says Steve.



Cliff Carter, recycling team manager for Hills said, “We were intrigued by the request from the Scouts, but once Steve had explained what they were doing we sourced six inner drums from washing machines that were due to be recycled. It is a great example of ‘reuse’.”

Traditionally the Scouts have used half oil drums to contain their fires but Steve explained that these are no longer suitable as they are sometimes a little too high and unwieldy for the younger members to reach easily. “We had to come up with a safer way for our Scouts to engage in fire lighting and



cooking skills. Also, we are relocating to new headquarters soon and to preserve the environmental integrity of the site we will not be allowed to light fires on the ground anymore.”

An excited group of Beavers and Cubs gathered for the unveiling of the prototype altar fire and Steve says that improvements are already in the pipeline for later ones.

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