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MOBILE PHONE BATTERY RECYCLING MADE SIMPLE

As part of the Council's desire to encourage community members to undertake recycling programs at home and in their business, Council is offering a new service in collaboration with local company Cleanaway.

Members of the community can now dispose of Nickel Cadmium, Nickel Metal Hydride and Lithium Ion batteries from mobile phones, video cameras, cordless phones, electric shavers, cordless drills, desktop and laptop computers to name a few. Batteries contain a range of environmentally hazardous chemicals including Cadmium, Mercury and Nickel, all of which are toxic in high concentration. In particular, Cadmium is a major pollutant in soil where it is absorbed by plants and enters the food chain.

Nationally Cleanaway has agreed to receive these forms of batteries for recycling and the Mount Gambier branch of Cleanaway are particularly pleased to offer the service to the local community.

Look for the blue and white Cleanaway battery recycling boxes at the Mount Gambier City Library and the Lady Nelson Visitor Information Centre. By recycling batteries, you'll help reduce the release of toxic chemicals associated with their disposal. Once the box is filled it is sent back to Cleanaway, the batteries are sorted by type and shipped overseas to a licensed recycling facility where the Cadmium is recovered and used to manufacture new batteries. The ferro-nickel is also recycled.

For further information regarding this media release please contact Daryl Sexton, Director - Operational Services, telephone 8721 2521 or Cleanaway Manager at Mount Gambier, Mr Grant Beggs, telephone 8725 3500.

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