



# PROJECT SNAPSHOT

## TOXFREE COMMUNITY RECYCLING CENTRE

### The issue

There are a wide range of products that we use in our homes every day that are potentially harmful if they are not disposed of correctly. These materials, known as 'problem wastes', include items like paint, car and household batteries and gas bottles. Old, leftover and unwanted materials like these require special treatment and processing because they cannot be placed in our kerbside bins.

### The solution

Toxfree has recently signed an agreement with Penrith City Council to open a Community Recycling Centre (CRC) at the Toxfree St Marys facility for local residents to drop off problem wastes free of charge.

The Community Recycling Centre will be a permanent drop-off facility, open year round, for the safe disposal of paint, gas bottles, motor and cooking oils, car and household batteries, fluorescent tubes and globes, and smoke detectors. Many of the materials collected can be recycled if they undergo special treatment and processing. Community Recycling Centres are currently being established across NSW. Toxfree is working with the NSW EPA to deliver these services across NSW.



L-R: Karen McKeown (Penrith Mayor), Wendy Xing (WSROC), Jesse Brown and Ian Parkes of Toxfree.

### The outcome

The Community Recycling Centre will be complemented with Household Chemical CleanOut events to ensure the safe disposal of household chemicals.

Toxfree provides a safe, reliable and sustainable collection, transport and disposal service of potentially hazardous chemicals and wastes. Toxfree has a strong relationship with NSW EPA and will continue to provide support in their initiatives to safely dispose of problem wastes in NSW.

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