

ALL CONGREGATIONS

Caring for God's Creation

What happens to my blister packs

Pharmacycle, the country's only end-to-end blister pack recycling program, has now recycled more than 100 million blister packs since launching in 2022.



Recycling 100 million blister

packs has recovered around 150 tonnes of valuable aluminium and plastics, all processed locally in Australia.

After collection, the blister packs are carefully separated into their component materials: plastic and aluminium. The recovered plastic is sent to Pharmacycle's Australian manufacturing partner, Think Fencing Pty Ltd*, where it is transformed into durable products like OneDeck fencing boards made entirely from recycled content.

The recovered aluminium is processed into deoxidant pucks, which are then used in the steel-making industry to help remove impurities during production.

Furthermore, recycling is about to become much easier for older Australians. Aged care facilities produce large amounts of medication packaging, yet practical recycling options are often limited. To change this, Pharmacycle will be expanding into these facilities, making it more accessible for everyone to recycle.

Excerpt from article by Ashmeeta Subra, Planet Ark

Footnote: Think Fencing's Head Office is at 2415 Portarlington Rd, Portarlington 3223

And many congratulations!

The Drysdale folk are recycling their blister packs so well that the container has been emptied several times since the collection began.

Keep up the good work, everyone!

Empty Christmas Tree

The empty Christmas Tree is up at Drysdale and is awaiting its gifts and decoration, with all donations going to Uniting.

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Advent Study

Our Advent study this year will explore the ideas in the book *The Church as Salt* by Sally Douglas. There will be three sessions on Wednesdays: 26 November, December 3 and 10.

Arrive with your BYO lunch at noon at Joy and Ian Porter's home, 2/22 Brown St. Portarlington.

See Lorraine to get your pre-reading study book.

Advance note

This year we will not have the normal Christmas tree to accept gifts for Uniting, due to our temporary worship location.



However St Andrew's members

are invited to purchase brand new unwrapped gifts for children aged 0-17 years and take them to the Linked Congregations service on 30 November at Drysdale.

Our gifts will be added to those collected at Drysdale. This will be the only collection point for St Andrew's gifts for Uniting this year, due to us not worshipping in the church.

Joy

DRYSDALE

Market Stall

We are pleased to announce that the amount raised from our Melbourne Cup long weekend stall was \$4267. A magnificent result with thanks to everyone who assisted in the variety of ways.

Loose Change



This month's loose change for The Orange Door was \$153. Another great amount pushing us towards our target at the middle of December.

Thank you all.

Worship survey

Thanks to all who contributed to the survey over the past weeks. The comments are presently being summarized for the Church Council meeting this week.

To place a church-related notice in this news sheet, email the wording to the church office, drysdaleuc@yahoo.com.au, by Tuesday evening. Notices are generally listed once, or twice if there is sufficient space. Please send them in ahead of the event or desired date and indicate in which section you would like your notice to appear.