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Singleton declares war on soft plastics under new alliance with Plastic Police Partnerships

Singleton Council is continuing to strengthen its approach to waste management under a new alliance to collect soft plastics to be recycled into useful products for the community, such as outdoor furniture.

The new agreement between Council and Plastic Police Partnerships will be officially launched on Wednesday 27 September 2017, at Council's Waste Management Facility on Dyrring Road at 10am.

Singleton will be part of a regional pilot program as an aggregation point for soft plastics.

Mayor of Singleton, Cr Sue Moore, Councillors, General Manager Jason Linnane and senior staff will join representatives from Plastic Police Partnerships including Samantha Cross – Chair of the Hunter Region Chapter of the Waste Management Association of Australia and winner of the National Waste Management Association of Australia Women in the Environment Award for 2016 at the event.

Damian Morris, Council's Acting Director Planning and Infrastructure, said the initiative would change the community's behaviour towards soft plastics, such as plastic shopping bags, which were otherwise destined for landfill.

"Singleton Council is achieving some great results in our approach to waste management, not least through the opening of the Burragan Recycling Shop last year and the introduction of the new garden organics collection service which is turning our unwanted items into valuable resources and importantly, reducing what the community sends to landfill," he said.

"The Plastic Police Partnership is yet another step forward to reduce waste and find a useful purpose for soft plastics that might otherwise pollute our environment and cause negative impacts for our waterways and wildlife."

The Plastic Police Partnership with Singleton Council will be launched at the Waste Management Facility on Dyrring Road on Wednesday 27 September 2017 at 10am. All media is welcome to attend.

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