

REDUCE, RE-USE, RECYCLE

WE can all reduce the number of cans, bottles and plastic bags that we buy. We can use recyclable shopping bags.

WE can re-use bottles and paper in craft activities and in the garden. We can swap toys rather than always buy new ones.

WE can recycle glass, paper, plastics and aluminium through our council collections.

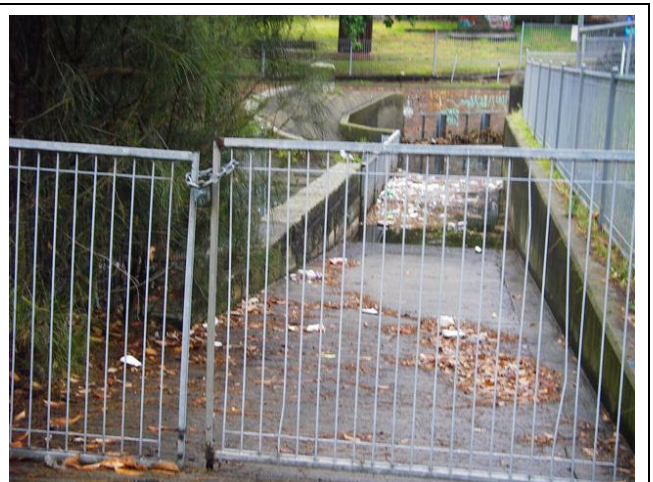
WE can collect our veggie and fruit scraps and put them in a worm farm rather than our garbage bin.

IF WE ALL REDUCE, RE-USE AND RECYCLE, there won't be as much litter and we can help make the Cooks River and our environment healthy again.



Litter in the Cooks River

Photo: Judi Rossi



Gross Pollutant Trap on stormwater drain entering the Cooks River

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Activity 1: Study the photos above and tell your teacher how you think a Gross Pollutant Trap works.

Activity 2: Find a pile of litter. Record the date and the location below then complete the table that follows.

Note: If you need to move any of the litter and don't have gloves, use a twig or stick.

Date: _____ Location: _____

Item	Tally	Where do you think it has come from?	How can we reduce the litter?
Shopping trolley			Pay to borrow trolley then get money back when return trolley to store
Leaves			
Branches			

Activity 2: Which two pieces of litter break down (rot) quickly?

Activity 3: Which two pieces of litter take a long time to break down?

Activity 4: With your teacher's help, find the drains near your school. Using a map and your own local knowledge, which river or creek do you think the drains empty into?

Activity 5: Suggest three interesting ways you could help reduce the amount of litter from your school going into the rivers.
