

The Reuse, Recycle Fashion Show – Bushcare Picnic

Sadly, the Bushcare Picnic has been postponed to later in the year, but that doesn't mean we need to sit at home doing nothing. Now is the perfect time to get those creative juices going and start designing an outfit for the Reuse, Recycle Fashion Show to be held at the Bushcare Picnic. Bushcare volunteers are the most creative people in Mountains and now is your chance to really let those ideas run wild.

The aim of the event is to celebrate the reuse and recycling of items in the Blue Mountains and provide volunteers with an opportunity to really showcase what you have been up to and the creative ways you recycle.

The Bushcare Picnic will host our first Reuse, Recycle Fashion Show. Volunteer designers will be walking their creations down the runway (or have someone walk them for you).

There are 5 categories:

Children (15 years and under): Children and young people, go crazy with creativity! Whether your outfit is modelled on a favourite character or something bizarre and made up.

Trash Fash: Have you got any unwanted "stuff" lying around? Anything you have big collections of that you don't have a use for any longer and can turn into intriguing design? Perhaps even hunt through your recycling rubbish before it goes out or look around to see what is hanging about in the house, garage or garden. The possibilities are endless. Get carried away with your trash!

Chic Boutique: This category is for the more serious designers. If you have a flair for costume design, then this category is for you! Parade your own stylish creation or find a model to adorn your masterpiece. Materials used must be transformed from a previous life form.

Best overall: This category is for the best overall outfit.

Peoples Favourite: This category is your chance to vote for your favourite fashions on the field outfit.

Awards

Judged by a selected panel: including a Bushcare Volunteer, Bushcare Officer and Bushcare Team Leader.

Winners will be announced at the Bushcare Picnic and given their award and prize.

Criteria

reuse: to use again, after processing

recycle: to process something so it can be used for another cycle or product

Reuse, Recycle Fashion Parade Guidelines

Materials used in the construction of garments MUST be recyclable. Designers may use materials for construction such as glue, tape, dyes, marker, staples, thread, zippers, elastic, wire, string, velcro, grommets, laces, paint, etc.

- Originality and creativity are encouraged.
- Recycled fabric may only be used as a lining that doesn't show. The usage of new material should not overpower your total garment. Footwear made from recyclable material is preferred; however, street shoes are acceptable.
- Garments must be constructed well enough to fit the model and hold together for the stage show. (Models are strongly encouraged to wear comfortable clothes underneath recycled garment).
- Designers may wear the garment or may choose a model to wear the garment and walk the runway.
- Recycled fashions must be made of at least 75% recycled or reused materials that otherwise would be thrown away or recycled.

Garment Creation/Material Suggestions:

- Both common and unusual items that are discarded for trash such as curtains, vinyl billboards, old electronics, garbage bags, aluminium cans, cardboard, landscape netting, old tents, sleeping bags etc.
- Consider how items can be cut, folded, moulded, knotted, shredded, stitched, woven or reconstructed to make an outfit or specific sections within the design.
- Old Bushcare gloves
- Recycled tree guards, plastic or cardboard
- Scraps of textiles
- Recyclables: paper, plastics, aluminium, steel, cardboard, magazines, books or phone books
- Beverage bottle caps or six-pack rings
- Plastic bags
- Pet/animal food bags
- Old toys or games pieces
- Packaging materials
- Found outdoor objects – pine cones, sticks, rocks, flowers, etc.
- Food containers (cleaned out/sanitized)

How to attach materials:

We encourage the use of environmentally-friendly glues, dyes, paints, resins, etc. and advise contestants to be mindful of the weight of materials being used in the finished product.

Suggested items include:

- Hot glue gun
- Machine or hand sewing
- Packing or duct tape
- Safety pins or staples
- Weaving, braiding, lacing, crocheting or knitting materials
- Paper clips or rubber bands
- Natural adhesives – rice, flour with water mixture or milk/vinegar/baking soda mixture