

MEDIA RELEASE

Illegal Dumping

During the first two weeks of January, Coonamble Shire Council undertook a targeted clean-up operation to address illegal dumping, with Council's waste teams removing 265.5 cubic metres of illegally dumped material from public land across the Coonamble Shire. Over the past three months, a total of 532.5 cubic metres of illegally dumped material has been removed from public land.

Illegal dumping is the disposal of more than small amounts of waste or litter on land or in water without approval. Illegal dumping can include placing unwanted household items on the footpath when there is no council collection or dumping rubbish in the bush or on the side of a road.

Unsecured loads involve a fine of \$544 and a loss of 3 demerit points. (section 292(a) of the Road Rules 2014)

An example of the illegally dumped mattress would attract a fine of \$1000 for an individual (section 144AE (1)/(2) of the Protection of the Environment (Operations) Act).

Each of these incidents indicates selfish disregard for the welfare of Country (our environment) and of our community, and it shames our community. A commitment to Country and our community is a responsibility shared by each family. Please encourage this commitment among your family and neighbours.

When needing to dispose of any rubbish, make sure to take it to one of Coonamble Shires Waste Facility during opening hours:

- **Coonamble:** Monday – Thursday 7:00am – 4:00pm & Saturday – Sunday 9:00am
- **Quambone:** Tuesday & Friday 2:00pm – 5:00pm & Saturday 8:00am – 12:00pm
- **Gulargambone:** Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 8:00am – 12:00pm

Council Rangers are actively investigating illegal dumping as well as cleaning up abandoned vehicles on public land throughout the Shire. If you see waste dumped illegally make sure to report it to Council by calling, (02) 6827 1900 or visiting the Administration Building.

Let's all do the right thing and keep Coonamble Shire clean!

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