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MEDIA RELEASE

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Re Help sought in updating "Minimise Waste and Conserve Resources" brochure

Back in March 2023, HOPE (Householders' Options to Protect the Environment) developed and published inhouse the "Minimise Waste and Conserve Resources" brochure. A copy is attached for reference.

At that time, the brochure was promoted and circulated nationally.

Now, we would appreciate your help in updating the brochure to include new and innovative 'take back' schemes such as the "Blister Pack recycling scheme" (a brief synopsis of which is provided below).

Please forward your suggestions (where possible, try to include a summary of how your suggestion would operate) to <u>office@hopeaustralia.org.au</u> and they will be evaluated for inclusion in the next version of the brochure.

Regards,

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Blister pack recycling program

Pharmacycle is Australia's first and only end to end recycling program for household and commercial medicinal blister pack waste. It is the quick and easy way to recycle empty medicinal blister packs. Best of all, it's completely FREE to drop off at a participating pharmacy.

After a successful trial across 100 Chemist Warehouse pharmacies in Victoria last year, Chemist Warehouse and Pharmacycle have teamed up with Codral® to roll out a national recycling program for blister packs around the country.

Drop-off locations will be located in all Chemist Warehouse and My Chemist pharmacies nationwide (as well as other outlets) with Australians able to return their empty blister packs (the packaging that pills and tablets come in) to the designated Pharmacycle recycling bins in-store across the country. To find your nearest drop-off location, the following webpage can be used: <u>Store locator</u>