

# Recovery Tas 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Re-use Wonders Competition Entries for 2017

Celebrating 24 years of Tip Shop trading  
in Glenorchy, and the absolute  
awesomeness of the re-use  
community & our customers

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I started with an old gelignite crate, panels from a similar apple crate, a very crusty-green brass hinge & some felt, all salvaged. I'm not a wood worker, but had been watching how-to videos online. I borrowed some hand tools from my husband and gave it a go! It took a few weeks, repairing the corner joints and cutting down the frame to usable wood. Hand planing down the outside of the box, planing panels for the lid and bottom, jointing the narrow panels to make panels large enough to fit. Once the box was all put together, I chiselled in recessed hinges. The big brass hinge (I think it was a padlock hinge) I had to alter a bit with a hacksaw to get it to bend freely to 90degrees over the front. I cut and shaped a piece of wood to sit under it that mirrored the shape, added a little peg to fit inside it, and another peg to fit through it as a closure. Not too bad for a 'make it up as you go along' job. I can't wait to make more stuff from things that might otherwise go to landfill or onto the bonfire!

Re-use Wonder Entry 1.



I purchased the cabinet, stove knobs, tap fitting and canisters with lids that I used for the hot plates from the recovery shop. We removed the centre shelves, removed the centre from bottom door for the oven, removed the centre of the big door & filled it in for the fridge. I painted the canister lids & used them for the hot plates (the canisters are now storage in the shed) The tiles are actually scrapbooking paper I already had cut in to squares and sealed. Curtains are made from old curtain fabric I already had. The picture frame is one I had with a calendar pic for the window "view". The paint & chandelier are the only things that were bought New for this kitchen. My kids love this kitchen, I do too! It's one of a kind and made just for them.

Re-use Wonder Entry 2.



I started with a discarded pile of franken-yarn that took me about 8 hours to untangle the knots and wind into usable yarn balls. I then crocheted it into a completely different type of knots using an existing shawl pattern called 'virus shawl'. The yarn I used was a combination of the Recovery Shop yarn and op shop yarn.

Re-use Wonder Entry 3.



I love dolls and felt sad when I saw these forgotten about, broken dolls at the Recovery Shop. I thought it would be nice to give them a new reason to be loved. The dolls cost me \$25 for a large bag full of parts and I used a sailmakers needle to thread fishing line through the dolls. I found an old branch to attach each of the strings. The flowers had to be purchased new as I couldn't find any at the shops. The finished product is 1.15m X 1m and happily hangs in my lounge room.

**Re-use Wonder Entry 4**



I needed a convenient coffee grounds dispenser – commercial ones start at \$15 plus the environmental impact of using lots of cast aluminium or heavy-duty plastic. A friend had a plastic plumbing fitting (septic tank fill fitting) that had been damaged by a rotary hoe.

The pipe is just the right diameter and the break was just where I needed to make a gap!

I cut the piece at its junction, scrubbed it clean and smoothed the shape of the opening. I found a garden stake of solid tea tree or similar and cut a short length as a tight fit inside the pipe, supported inside by a join rim. The whole thing sits in an old aluminium saucepan (not healthy to use for cooking).

The unit holds dozens of coffee ground tappings, sits safely on the bench, is easy to hold firmly and really easy to empty and rinse clean in the garden.



Re-use Wonder Entry 5.



We made a table from an old door and a random metal thing we found in the yard of the Recovery Shop. We had to putty it, sand it and stain it, was a lot of fun!



Re-use Wonder Entry 6.



A project for my 70 year old grandpa and myself and beautiful memories made while doing so :D All materials second hand from other cat poles and bought from the Recovery Shop.

Re-use Wonder Entry 7.



I just used old picket fence planks to make a tea & coffee & cookbooks storage solution, and a panel to hide the kitchen bins.

Re-use Wonder Entry 8.



I'm an artist who takes electronic parts and turns different electrical components that would normally be discarded into beautiful, futuristic robotic insects; there is beauty in electronics just like you find beauty if you look. I take old parts such as DVD lenses and break them down into smaller parts which are used for the bugs. Most electronic parts are never meant to be seen by human eyes only to be thrown out. The Bugs bodies are shaped from a circuit board different components are put together for a futuristic creature and artwork.

2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE WINNER RE-USE WONERS COMPETITION 2017, Re-use Wonder  
Entry 9.

Recovery Tas gives a **Huge** heart felt **thank you to you** for your custom & your re-use enthusiasm over the past 24 years.

**Thank you** for your imagination **Thank you** for your support

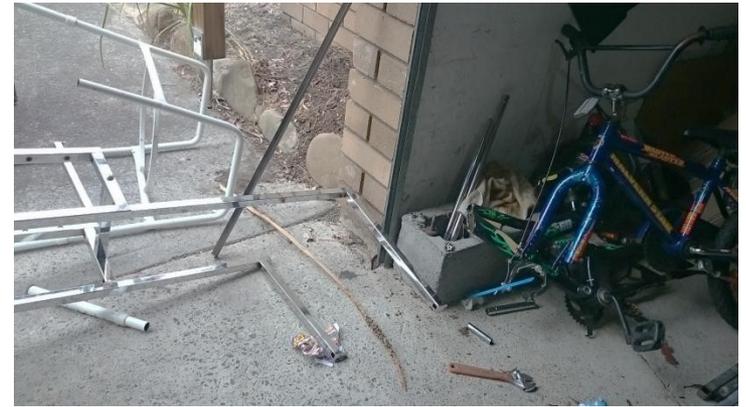
**Thank you** for helping us to put twenty million products & parts back in circulation since opening and counting

**Thank you** to Glenorchy City Council for adopting the original *Tip Shop* idea way back when and being the place where great ideas actually happened

**Thank you** for your effort in making this wonderful world a better place with a brighter & more sustainable future for coming generations

**Thank you** to all our Re-use Wonder Competition 2017 entrants; our crew move 3-4 tonne of discarded product & parts per day – its hard and unrelenting work; your effort & support through re-use wonders is like Christmas for us, we love to see all the practical and creative ideas and talents of the re-use community.

**Thank you – You inspire us to do more!**



This is a bicycle trailer which is 1m x 0.6 x 0.45 on a 16 inch wheel. I designed it myself and hunted the parts myself by visiting the [sic] & Glenorchy Recovery Shop



The trailer has a top plywood table which can be adjusted up or down by 0.3m, to make a full size work bench. Most of the work was done by myself with the help of a friend, who welded the frame together. As you can see in the photos attached, it's not quite finished yet, as I need to add a towing bar and mud guards over the wheels.

Re-use Wonder Entry 10.



Woven with caution tape, plastic bags and copper wire 85cm long, 65cm high.

*Smile it keeps them guessing*

Re-use Wonder Entry 11.



I collected black and gold framed items across a period of 2 years with a feature wall in mind.

The border frame was made from some lengths of decorative skirting board which is the only part fixed directly to the wall.

Brass wire horizontals allow me the flexibility to move the frames around later. This is the final result above my dining sideboard table.

Re-use Wonder Entry 12.



Working under the pseudonym of WE GLOW, my creations are made with the intention to be aesthetically interesting, educative and interactive or at least tactile. I find inspiration from discarded objects and natural materials to give them new appreciation and nurture the idea of empathy. Using understanding in early childhood education, yoga and colour therapy I aim to use my work to stimulate thought provoking notions in a playful way. I use string as my main medium to tie all the elements together into a meaningful piece by putting things together in new ways in order to challenge the audience's perceptions. This is further enhanced by tying in objects that typically are not seen together to emphasise the significance of union

Re-use Wonder Entry 13.



I made a big light for the back room on beams, the fitting came from Win TV and was salvaged from landfill by Recovery crew. We have a party light setting that throws rainbows around the ceiling!

Re-use Wonder Entry 14.



Here is my coffee table bought with parts from the Glenorchy Recovery Shop. I cleaned it up and glued a few of the sides which were loose back in. The boxes of motherboards were bought from the Recovery Shop where they were being collected for scrap. I selected the best/most colourful looking ones and fixed them to the wood under the glass top. The corner ones were cut to fit in properly. I also fixed a piece of timber with hinges to cover the gap on one side, this way the motherboards can also be swapped out with different ones as needed.

Re-use Wonder Entry 15.



The large adjustable standing lamp was made from old bike frames, a pipe flange and disk brake rotor (for base), a shower curtain rod, sewing machine flywheel, heat ray lamp shade, brake calliper, bike wheel hub, cranks, sprockets, bike chains and handlebars. A LED down light is inserted in the shade. I used the bike brake calliper to make the bracket for the lamp shade.

The horizontal reach, height and angle of the lamp are all adjustable. It provides a good overhead working light for craft work. A bicycle basket can be hung on the handlebars to store magazines, knitting etc.

**WINNER OF REUSE WONDERS  
COMPETITION 2017 Re-use Wonder Entry  
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I made a candelabra from some old taps, a brass valve, brass pipe fittings, some copper pipe and a large steel pipe flange.

Prior to assembly I polished the taps, value, pipe fittings and copper pipe using a buffing wheel on a grinder.



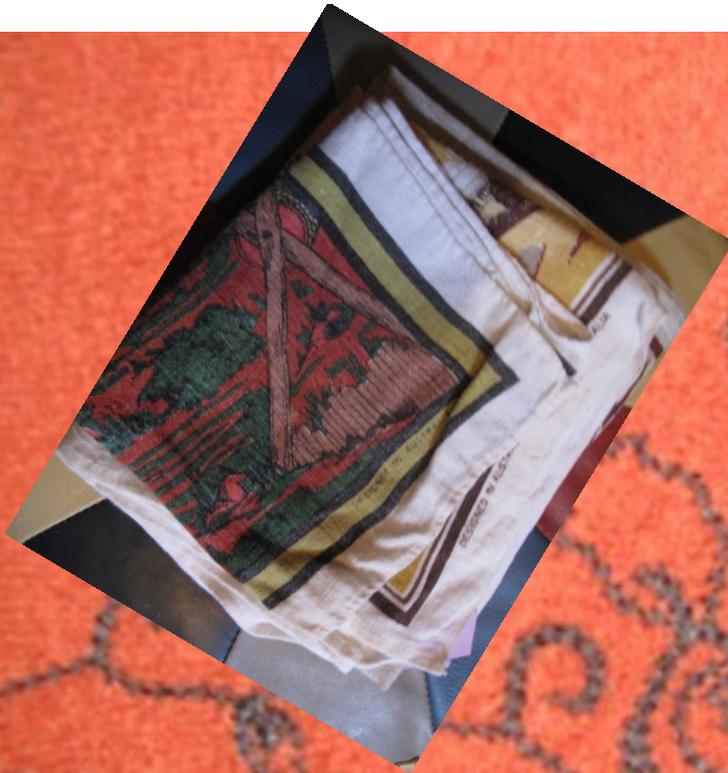
Re-use Wonder Entry 17.



This old English oak table was in five pieces at the Recovery Shop. I fixed it and re-purposed it as a bed side table.



Re-use Wonder Entry 18.



I make stuff out of cloth, any cloth, tea towels, tablecloths, sheets, blankets. I upcycle, recycle, repurpose, stitch, darn, patch, natural dye. I delight in the damaged and stained, keeping cloth in circulation and out of landfill. I found this boiled wool top which was a great colour for me, but I did not like the black machine embroidery on the front panels so I hand stitched scraps of fabric I like onto it. Fabric includes pieces dyed by friends and remnants of my grandad's chair covers. Now I have a top which I love and will treasure. The crop tops are made from tea towels and tablecloths. I never leave town without a project in my bag.



Re-use Wonder Entry 19.



Re-use Wonder Entry 20.



I was asked to build "green kennels" with a low carbon footprint. The base of the large kennel is made from a Sydney Red Gum packing crate. The red trim is Huon Pine. The dog box walls are an ex-Mona packing crate. With the exception of screws all the materials including paint came from reuse shops, with around 90 percent of materials coming from the Glenorchy shop. On the smaller dog box, the ply slat roof is actually an old bed base. Excluding labour, the cost of the materials was \$30 to build both dog kennel.

Re-use Wonder Entry 20.



I was looking for some Garden Art and inspired by the sculptures at the Recovery Shop, I decided to create my own. Using some old bed legs and ply from a Mona packing crate, two dragonflies emerged. I have attached these high up in the trees and they look amazing.



Re-use Wonder Entry 21.



Hello, I'm Mr Bliss Cat, I was rescued by the of owners of the Recovery Shop, I was born under the office four years ago, I was five weeks and quite feral. I'm in the butter now and loving it. I do bite my owners from time to time – just as an expression of my appreciation. My re-use wonder is a piece of nylon rope with a big knot in the end– I can play all day!

**DO NOT VOTE FOR ME – IM EXCLUDED**



I brought the surfboard and tiles & glass at the Tip Shop. I found this project a great relaxation technique which took around 30 hours to complete!

Re-use Wonder Entry 22.



Old hand saw turned into a manual chainsaw.

3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE WINNER, RE-USE WONDERS COMPETITION 2017, Re-use Wonder Entry 23.



This is my Queen size bed, I've built it completely of re-purposed materials. The top & the backing of the bed are cleaned up old Oregon planks probably used for loading a trailer, these are separated by an old ladder. The foot and the sides are planed hardwood studs and trusses. The final features are mismatched brackets from old steel hospital beds.

Re-use Wonder Entry 24.



### *Bird Palace*

Made from old radio cabinet (\$15.00) and a small entertainment unit (\$10.00) with gold picture frame trim (\$2.00) and gold handles (\$2.00). No more ugly cages that get damaged and end up in landfill!

Two small doors and a grate at the bottom allows easy cleaning. The finches absolutely love it!

Re-use Wonder Entry 25.





Walking stick made from electrical conduit.

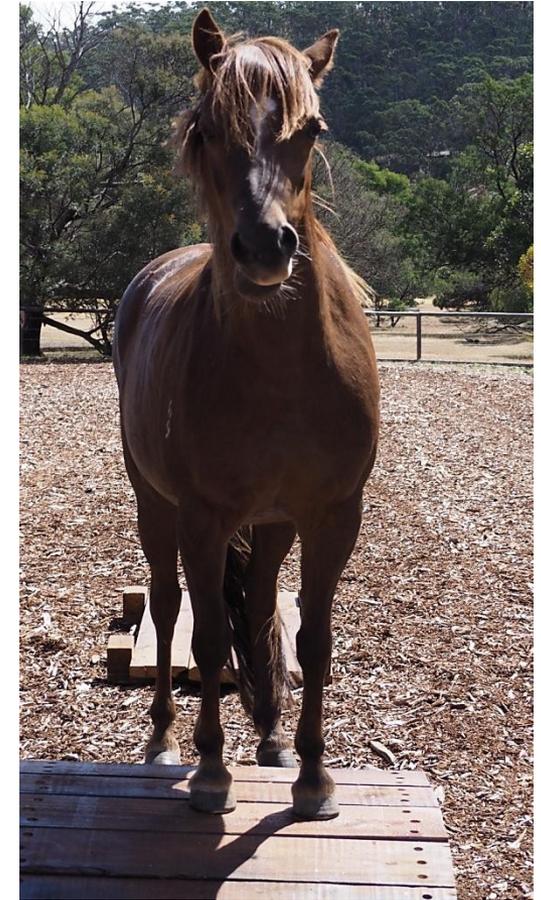
Re-use Wonder Entry 26.



Re-use Wonder Entry 27.



Re-use Wonder Entry 28.



I was rapped to find a large quantity of treated pine that had been discarded from a dismantled deck. Along with some other hardwood timber beams and pine poles, I constructed thousands of dollars worth of horse training equipment. In fact, I have made sets for riding clubs and it brings me great delight to see photos of people having fun posted on Facebook.

Re-use Wonder Entry 28.



Re-use Wonder Entry 29.