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New recycling facility opens on the Gold Coast

Gold Coast Mayor, Cr Tom Tate officially opened the new Replas recycling facility on Wednesday 26 November 2014. The Mayor said, 'Not only are we supportive of what they're doing, but also I can assure you we are going to be a long-term customer'.

The 3000 square metre purpose-built facility is the only operation in Queensland able to process a full range of plastic packaging materials diverted from landfill.

Mr. Mark Yates, Director of Research & Development at Replas, said, 'We needed to design, develop and build some new technology that would be able to handle the complicated mix of packaging materials received. With this advanced technology we have reached a new stage of processing not only in Australia, but also on a global level'.

The Gold Coast centre will initially make the Brolga Bollard—a post designed specifically for the Queensland market and winner of the Civenex 2014 *Best Environmental Product Award*.

Production of the Brolga saved over 14,000 kg of waste plastic packaging from landfill in its first month and in full production is expected each month to consume 30,000 kg of soft plastics largely sourced through the Coles REDcycle program.

Replas anticipates that as support grows from local councils the range of products produced in the Queensland facility can be expanded helping to grow jobs and reduce landfill.

Production of the Brolga Bollard is supported by the Australian Packaging Covenant and Queensland Government through the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection.

Australian Packaging Covenant CEO, Mr Stan Moore said, 'The Australian Packaging Covenant is pleased to partner with industry and government to find world class solutions such as this to increase the recycling and reuse of packaging materials'.

For more information on this project please contact Mr. Stewart Norton on 1800 REPLAS.



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Company Profile

Since 1991 Australian Recycling Technologies (ART) and Repeat Plastics shared a passion for the environment. Dismayed by the amount of household plastic waste going needlessly to landfill, both companies were simultaneously developing the technology to take this waste material and recycle it. In 2001, these two companies joined forces. Their shared vision resulted in the formation of Replas which combined the unique expertise, products and manufacturing capabilities of both companies.

For over 20 years the company has developed world leading technologies to reprocess Australia's waste into a range of over 200 robust recycled-plastic products for outdoor use. These products not only reduce the amount of plastic going to landfill, but also offer an ethical alternative to the unnecessary use of virgin materials.

Waste plastics are delivered to the manufacturing plants in Lilydale and Ballarat for processing. The resulting products are extremely hard wearing and low maintenance. Recycled plastic is resistant to termites, microorganisms and moisture, and it will never split, rot or need painting.

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