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Western Downs Regional Council reaches Half a Million Drum milestone

Last month the 500,000th drum was received in the Western Downs Regional Council area. This is a significant milestone and the first for a Queensland council.

Western Downs Regional Council is now the second council in Australia to reach this milestone behind Moree Plains Shire Council in NSW.

Spokesperson for Environment and Health Councillor George Moore said "Western Downs Regional Council is very aware of the importance that the region plays in agricultural production in Australia and has been a staunch supporter of Agsafe's national **drumMUSTER** program for over a decade".

"Council has proudly supported the **drumMUSTER** program since the first muster at Ducklo in November 1999. Anything Council can do to maximise recycling of farm waste is a priority," he said.

Cr Moore congratulates everyone who has assisted Council muster its 500,000th drum.

"To reach this milestone is a significant achievement. The local farmers are to be congratulated. Those who act responsibly and participate in recycling their drums are tremendous as their support of the **drumMUSTER** program is beneficial to our region's environment."

The drums recycled equate to over 12,800 cubic metres or 676 tonnes of recycled plastic and steel. The Western Downs Regional Council has receipt depots in all areas and council and resellers may be contacted regarding your options.

"It is a great achievement and farmers, resellers, council staff and all program participants who have played a part are to be congratulated" said Colin Hoey, **drumMUSTER** South Qld Regional Consultant.

Processing of the drums recently received will commence soon with the processor visiting all areas. If you have a significant stockpile of drums on your property contact Colin Hoey **drumMUSTER** South Qld Consultant on 0428 964 576.



Photo: Cr Moore receiving milestone award from Colin Hoey