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Start your war on waste - stop the landfill!

**Want to take a stand and do your bit to spread the love and not the landfill?
Declare a war on waste in your home today and join forces with your local
community for Second Hand Saturday on 22 September.**

While many Australians are striving to live a more waste-wise lifestyle, there are still millions of tonnes of waste going to landfill every year that could have been avoided to begin with or diverted for re-use.

Since its humble beginnings in 2005, Second Hand Saturday has provided the North Coast community with an easy way to reuse and recycle pre-loved goods.

During the 2016 and 2017 events, over 3700 wheelie bins worth of second hand items exchanged hands and participants said around 40 per cent of this had been destined for landfill.

When asked about Second Hand Saturday, Australian Blues and Roots singer and Byron local, Ash Grunwald said it was a sensational idea!

“The inspiring thing about garage sales is that they allow people to benefit from the money they have invested in something that would otherwise be wasted,” he said.

“As we all know, we tend to over consume, depleting the planet of much needed resources and creating toxic waste at an alarming rate.”

“I think people are waking up. We can’t keep polluting at the rate we are and expect no consequences.”

“The good news is that although in some areas it gets worse every day, the problem is being counteracted by many brilliant people working on initiatives such as Second Hand Saturday to encourage positive change.”

So what treasures is Ash looking for at a Second Hand Saturday sale? Yellow surfboards and funky old oddball guitars!

Holding a garage sale or shopping for pre-loved items is not only a great way to reduce what is sent to landfill, it’s also a fantastic way to get out and meet your

neighbours and be part of the community.

Start your war on waste today and register at www.secondhandsaturday.com.au or by calling your local council. Be sure to check out the facebook page @mysecondhandsaturday for the full interview with Ash Grunwald or to promote your own Second Hand Saturday garage sale!

Second Hand Saturday is coordinated by North East Waste and Council, funded by the NSW EPA's Waste Less Recycle More initiative.

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Photo caption: Yellow Surfboards and funky oddball guitars are on Ash Grunwald's wish list this Second Hand Saturday. Credit Jim Banks Surfboards