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From Cooktown to Cairns on a plastic bag

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COOKTOWN

More than 55kg of batteries and 175 plastic bags have been saved from landfill by the winners of the 2018 Cook Shire Council Recycling Competition.

The group of 14 Year 5 students and 12 Year 6 students collected the dry cell batteries and wove 765m of 'plarn' – yarn made from single use plastic bags – which they used to knit a coat. "This is a tremendous effort by our young students, and also a great learning experience," Cook Shire Mayor Peter Scott said. "Not only are they stopping these items ending in landfill, but they are also learning about the recycling process along the way."

The students received an all-expenses paid trip to the Cairns Aquarium and Cairns Material Recovery Facility as a prize. "Students learnt about the new technology and initiatives that are happening with recycled products," Endeavour Christian College teacher Cassandra Grover said. "We were sitting on some of the recycled products, and the Cairns Performing Arts Centre is made of it also, which is very cool. Our Year 5/6 student would like to thank Cook Shire staff for all their assistance in making this possible."

For more information on recycling in Cook Shire, visit our website at www.cook.qld.gov.au

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