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Cooma-Monaro Shire Council is proud of the fact that its annual Numeralla Folk Festival, which is held over the Australia Day weekend, is now an official Waste Wise event.

Jeff Tate, of the Council's Environmental Services department, has been working with the organisers over the past three years to ensure the success of hosting a Waste Wise event in the Cooma-Monaro Shire.

So, what is a Waste Wise event?

It's an event that takes responsibility for waste management by adopting sound purchasing and packaging policies, waste and recycling collection services and clean-up practices.

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At each of the event's waste stations, there are three bins: one for non-recyclable rubbish; one for paper and cardboard; and one for mixed recyclables – just like the domestic recycling system in the Shire.

The key to the success of this event is that no waste is generated at point of sale, the kitchen uses crockery and cutlery and no packaged food items are sold. This was all agreed with the festival committee so as to minimise waste to landfill and keep tipping fees to a minimum.

