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Garage Sale Trail is Back

With spring in the air, it's time to put winter behind us and prepare for the warmer weather ahead. At this time of year, we're naturally inclined towards a good spring clean of our homes and part of this tradition is to pay extra attention to items we no longer use. With Garage Sale Trail right around the corner, spring cleaners everywhere have a fun and creative way to pass on their unwanted items sustainably – and make some extra cash as well.

According to data released by the Australian Institute, 88% of Australians have at least one cluttered room. Clutter, it seems, is taking over our lives but it can be conquered according to Eco-Organiser and author of Stuff Off! Tanya Lewis.

Decluttering is a central theme of Garage Sale Trail, Australia's biggest weekend of garage sales, happening on Saturday 20 & Sunday 21 October 2018.

Garage sales are a great way to clear out your old stuff, make some money and connect with your local community. What's more, passing on what you no longer want to someone who does, is a great way to act more sustainably" noted Darryl Nichols, Garage Sale Trail Co-Founder.

The latest findings from the Gumtree Second Hand Economy Report 2018 reveal the average Australian household has \$4,200 in unwanted items and a staggering 50% admit to throwing their unwanted items away.

Garage Sale Trail presents the perfect opportunity to not only reuse, but to realise the responsibility we have for the waste we generate – as individuals, and as communities – in a fun and social way.

Acting Shire President Natalie Bowman said, "This is definitely a busy weekend for us in Esperance, but I know I'll be able to squeeze it all in! We hope the Esperance community will jump on board again this year as a way to help divert waste from landfill."

Registration is free and is open now at www.garagesaletrail.com.au

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