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Australians use an estimated one billion disposable coffee cups annually, but these cups are not recyclable in most states. The petroleum oil-based plastic lining that makes them waterproof cannot be recycled with paper and cardboard collections. In fact Planet Ark recommends putting them in the rubbish, rather than the recycle bin for fear of contaminating the whole load.

Similarly Australians spent more than \$215m on coffee pods in 2015, but the convenient capsules are not biodegradable because of the combination of plastics and aluminium with organic matter inside.

And so a growing number of social entrepreneurs are getting creative to raise awareness and inspire coffee lovers to reduce the impact they have on our planet. Others are channelling the funds consumers pay for their daily roast towards a range of social projects.

Melbourne-based social entrepreneur Soula Thuring has taken the direct approach, selling biodegradable coffee cups with an additional Enviro Grow kit which turns the used cup into a plant.

The \$2 Grow Cup of Life kit contains a soil pellet that expands with water, a seed mat and instructions for growing kale, beetroot, rocket and other healthy foods. It can be planted in the backyard or elsewhere and it breaks down in a few months.

Biodegradable coffee cups have been around for more than a decade but are still only a relatively small share of the market, largely because of their higher price. Thuring says she came up with the idea for her kits when she learned just how many takeaway cups in Australia are wasted every year.

"It's about raising awareness ... about the impact of any waste going to our landfills," Thuring says. "But more so about the coffee cup. One billion is a lot of people that aren't aware."

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#### 1. What's said about the recycling of disposable coffee cups?

- They can be put in paper banks.
- They are biodegradable.
- Recycling is somewhat challenging.

#### 2. What's the role of social entrepreneurs?

- All of them take direct action.
- They are mainly focused on raising funds.
- They encourage consumers to see the consequences of their actions.

#### 3. What's a Grow Cup of Life?

- An easily breakable cup
- A cup that can serve a new purpose
- A cup made of soil

#### 4. What would be a suitable title for the text?

- Recycling doesn't pay off
- Wake up and smell the coffee
- Biodegradable coffee cups are the future

