



Why waste should never be wasted

An inspiring story in *WantedOnline* recently showcased how discarded materials are being reimagined into powerful sites of resistance and creativity. Artists are transforming waste and wreckage into installations that spark conversation, shift perspectives, and redefine how we see the value of what is often overlooked.

This reflects a broader global trend whereby the circular economy is shaping more than just industry. From design and culture to social innovation, discarded materials are finding new life and purpose. It is a reminder that recycling is not only about recovery and reuse; it is also about transformation and creating new meaning from what was once considered waste.

“For the Metal Recyclers Association of South Africa (MRA), these stories highlight the growing cultural and economic relevance of recycling. As South Africa’s metals recycling industry works to advance sustainability, such cross-sector examples reinforce the importance of viewing waste as a resource with endless potential,” says **Quintin Starkey**, MRA Committee Member.

As South Africa continues to grapple with waste challenges, these perspectives underline a key truth: waste holds value, whether measured in rands, resources, or resilience. For our members, it is another affirmation that recycling is not just an economic activity but a driver of sustainability and transformation across society.

For more information about the exhibition read the full article at: <https://www.wantedonline.co.za/art-design/2025-08-19-transforming-waste-and-wreckage-into-sites-of-resistance/>