

BIN TRIM HELPS SAVE SPACE AND MONEY THROUGH RECYCLING



Case Study



With help from the NSW EPA Bin Trim program, Globe Home Timber & Hardware is diverting large amounts of waste from local landfill – a meaningful achievement for this community-conscious business.

Valuable space won back thanks to recycling

"We've reclaimed space that loose cardboard once occupied. The premises are now tidier, and there's more room for trade materials in our warehouses. We have also upskilled our staff and seen a shift in their attitude towards recycling."

Leelee James,
Globe Home Timber & Hardware

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Family-owned and operated for over 40 years, Globe Home Timber & Hardware (Globe HTH) supplies Broken Hill and beyond with building materials and general hardware to suit just about every building and DIY job, as well as gardening supplies, home appliances, BBQs and more.

How Bin Trim helped

The business receives an average of 35 pallets of stock every week, increasing to 60 pallets per week during peak times such as Christmas. Every pallet represents 1m³ of cardboard and soft plastic waste.

With such large volumes of waste taking up space in its carpark and storage areas, Globe HTH was looking for waste management solutions and advice. It was suggested the business might be eligible for the Bin Trim program.



Following a waste assessment, Globe HTH needed a solution to deal with the large volume of cardboard and plastic its stock came packaged in.

The business purchased two H600 balers, along with two starter kits, and received a 50% rebate, saving the company over \$30,000.

Baling cardboard and plastic film allows for cost-efficient transportation of waste to Adelaide, the closest capital city for recycling.

Results

Today, the business diverts an estimated 30 tonnes of cardboard and 16 tonnes of plastic wrap from local landfill per year, a saving of approximately seven hours per week of external labour previously used to crush and transport cardboard to the local tip.

Importantly for Globe HTH, the changes have helped the business in its ongoing goal to reduce environmental hazards and be a good corporate citizen.

Next steps

As well as recycling cardboard, Globe HTH aims to offer a free cardboard recycling service to local businesses.

The numbers

- Bin Trim rebate: \$30,308
- New equipment: cardboard and plastic balers
- 30 tonnes of cardboard waste diverted each year
- 16 tonnes of soft plastic waste diverted each year
- 7 hours of labour saved per week.

The benefits

-  **Less waste going to landfill**
-  **Upskilling staff**
-  **Higher staff morale**
-  **Increased achievement of sustainability goals**
-  **Purchase of recycling equipment**
-  **Lower waste disposal costs**
-  **More re-use and recycling**
-  **Saving on space**

Take action

Could your business save on waste?

Register your interest to join 22,000 businesses recycling more through the Bin Trim program.

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