

BIN TRIM HELPS HOTEL BECOME ZERO WASTE



Case Study

First Sydney hotel sending nothing to landfill



The Paramount Hotel had its sights set on achieving zero waste to landfill which is a big challenge for a rapidly expanding enterprise. With some good ideas, and a NSW EPA Bin Trim rebate, it's now Sydney's first zero waste hotel.

"The Bin Trim program has really brought recycling to the front of our minds – the equipment received through the Bin Trim Rebates program showed us the importance of separating waste into the correct streams. In addition, the Bin Trim waste assessor and waste service provider have helped us achieve our goal of becoming the first zero waste to landfill hotel in Sydney."

Chris Turner,
Paramount Hotel

Paramount Hotel

The Paramount Hotel is located in the heart of Sydney's Surry Hills. As with all inner-city hotels, space is an issue. The hotel has also undergone a period of expansion, adding new restaurants and bars, resulting in more food waste.

How Bin Trim helped

After meeting with their waste company and a Bin Trim assessor, the hotel's management looked into purchasing machinery to support their goal of achieving zero waste to landfill.

The assessor recommended that Paramount Hotel purchase a waste-to-water machine. A Bin Trim rebate halved the cost of the organics recycling machine, saving the hotel \$35,000.



Results

The hotel then also introduced a compactor for all general waste to be sent to a waste-to-energy plant instead of ending up in landfill. The compactor has allowed the hotel to optimise their limited space, reduce collection costs, cut CO₂ emissions, and help keep waste streams clean.

New bar developments were planned, so the hotel also introduced a glass crushing machine to deal with their high volume of glass.

For ease and lower upfront costs, the hotel opted to lease the glass crusher and waste compactor, and purchased the organics recycling machine. They also offered training on how to operate the machinery, giving their staff the chance to upskill, and helping to boost staff morale.

In 2018, Paramount Hotel became Sydney's first zero waste hotel.

The numbers

- Bin Trim rebate: \$35,000
- New equipment: organics recycling machine; general waste compactor, glass crusher
- \$30,240 saved on waste collection fees annually
- 53,000 tonnes of food waste diverted per year
- Sydney's first zero waste hotel

The benefits



Less waste going to landfill



Higher staff morale



Staff training for equipment



Achievement of sustainability goals



More recycling



Lower waste disposal costs



Purchase of recycling equipment



Saving on space

Take action

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