

CASE STUDY HEALTH DIABETES QUEENSLAND



Wanting to reduce its operating budget to increase funding for services, Diabetes Queensland is two years into its eco journey and has made some impressive gains.

BURDEN OF OFFICE

In inner Brisbane, you'll find the HQ for Queensland's peak body for diabetes advocacy. Across three floors, the 100 staff work much like those in any other office – except as a non-profit and community-facing organisation, the efficiency expertise of people like facilities manager Andre Caspersz comes to the fore.

"Because we are non-profit, the main issue is trying to cost-control as best you can," Andre says.

"Whatever we use facilities funding for, we must prove the eco-sustainability and financial reasons for what we're doing.

For Diabetes Queensland, the more money they can put into programs for people with living with diabetes, the better off they are.

A SMALLER PIECE OF THE PIE

The ideal of minimising running costs to maximise social benefit is the key to Andre's efforts to reduce power and water use.

Much of his funding toward the programs has come through grants. While, as an NGO, the organisation well understands the grants system, that doesn't make the process of applying any simpler.

"First, you need to have management backing to allow that to happen," he said. "Once we had the business case, the ROI had to be provable from day one."

SAVING MOVES

The largest single piece of 'eco capital' the peak body has installed is the 95-panel, 29kW solar array on the roof. It ties into a larger energy efficiency push that was the first stage of the organisation's journey. Further initiatives include investment in energy-efficient lighting, sensor activation for boardrooms and the installation of dual flush toilets.

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As Queensland's peak body for those with diabetes, it realised its job was to spend its budget where it will have the most social good – and that isn't on facilities.

ECOBIZ OBJECTIVE

- To reduce the facilities budget to allow it to do more for Queenslanders with diabetes

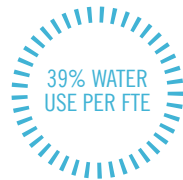
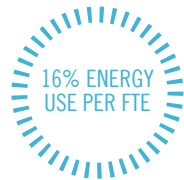
ACTION PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

- Behaviour-change programs around waste
- 29kW solar system
- Eco-efficient lighting and lighting controls, including approximately 40 LEDs
- Optimisation of airconditioning

SAVINGS

- Energy use is down 16% per year per full-time equivalent.
- Water use is down 39% per year per full-time equivalent.

SAVINGS



Savings as at 2015.

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