

CASE STUDY PUBLIC FACILITY HOLLAND PARK COURTHOUSE



Holland Park Courthouse, on Brisbane's inner southside, is striving to be more sustainable in its everyday practices.

SERVING THE ENVIRONMENT AS WELL AS THE COMMUNITY

The Holland Park Magistrates Court, on Brisbane's Southside, is one of many suburban and regional courthouses located across Queensland. The Court hears 35–50 cases per day and provides additional civil services to the community. The two-level building has two court or hearing rooms as well as office areas.

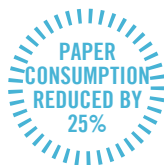
Courthouse staff are committed to improving their environmental performance. The team's ecoBiz champion, Tania Kromoloff, is coordinating many of the initiatives and has prepared an **Efficiency and Sustainability Action Plan** for the court following the recent completion of a TAFE course, **Implementing Sustainable Work Practices**. The overall action plan is supported by individual plans for energy, water, waste and office materials.

STEPS TO SUCCESS

As part of their sustainable practices, the team invested in an electricity meter to check individual appliance use.

Through their improved electricity monitoring, they identified a significant increase in the monthly bill. This was investigated further and it was found the building air-conditioning override switch had been left on so the building was being air-conditioned unnecessarily outside of business hours. This amounted to additional electricity costs of \$6,000 over six months.

ANNUAL SAVINGS Figures: 2014



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The courthouse team is reducing overall paper consumption by 25 per cent, recycling 95 per cent of office paper, recycling all batteries and 75 per cent of other waste, and minimising electricity.

ACTION PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

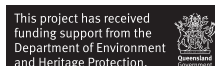
- Purchase power meter and assess energy use.
- Enable double-sided printing and email meeting minutes.
- Involve day and cleaning staff in reducing resources.
- Encourage staff to switch off their computers and lights when they're away from the office.
- Extraction fans in the basement car park are set on a timer to reduce electricity use.
- Air-conditioning has been set to 23–24 degrees Celsius.

ANNUAL SAVINGS

- \$11,000 per year through electricity monitoring and turning off equipment when not needed, including turning air-conditioning off outside of business hours
- Up to \$5900 per year by turning off lights when not needed and printers overnight and on weekends
- \$1680 savings by eliminating standby power for computers
- Around \$300 per year in reduced power costs by changing to a newer drinks vending machine.

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