

CASE STUDY INDUSTRIAL VAC GROUP

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In the business of locating, mapping and safely exposing underground services using non-destructive excavation methods, the VAC Group believes sustainability is simply a corporate responsibility.

ON THE ROAD TO SAVINGS

While already operating under an ISO 14001 certified environmental management system, VAC Group joined ecoBiz as part of an ongoing effort to improve its environmental performance.

With a fleet of 85 vacuum excavation trucks, and a further 85 4WD and special vehicles, the company has many sources of potential pollution to manage.

However, through designing, building and equipping its own vacuum excavation trucks, VAC Group avoids many common problems.

Operationally, the company has installed monitors in each truck that log and report on driver behaviours such as unnecessary idling, excessive revving and speeding.

The drivers themselves are trained in fuel-efficient driving and all participate in the Certificate III in Driver Operations training course.

UNEARTHING ECO-EFFICIENCY

Along with the capital investments, VAC Group is also trying low- and no-cost ways to increase sustainability.

For example, all offices now have sustainability plans, while each depot has its own waste management plan.

The company also understands its staff are a source of ideas and holds regular toolbox talks to gather their feedback and suggestions.

Several staff members are nominated 'environmental champions' and coach others in minimising environmental impacts.

These meetings have resulted in measurable improvements in environmental performance: recycling is up and electricity use is reducing.

VAC GROUP

Operating heavy machinery in an environmentally sensitive manner, VAC Group has the ecoBiz ethos well entrenched in its corporate culture and practices.

ECOBIZ OBJECTIVE

To maintain its certified environmental management system and improve its environmental performance.

ACTION PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

- Driver training to reduce fuel consumption
- Separating waste into the correct waste streams
- Setting printer defaults to double-sided black and white
- Recycling batteries, toner cartridges and other consumables
- Setting office equipment to enter sleep mode
- Signs reminding staff to switch off lights and air-conditioning
- Keeping air-conditioning at 21 degrees through winter.
- Installing dual-flush toilets and low-flow taps.

SAVINGS

- Fleet fuel use minimised
- Efficient resource use through staff training
- Increased vehicle longevity and reduced wear and tear.

**THE ECOBIZ TEAM IS ALWAYS
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