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Tackling The Easy Wins with the Trim Your Bin Program

Frankston City Council, Mornington Peninsula Shire Council and the City of Casey partnered to deliver the Trim Your Bin program, which aimed to increase circularity in the local commercial sector by supporting local businesses who were looking to reduce waste, save costs and protect the environment.

Benefits and results

35% reduction in waste going to landfill representing **308** kilos annually. This is equivalent to approximately 15,400 takeaway coffee cups yearly. 191% increase in recycling representing 542 kilos annually.

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Offering employment ready training, Nepean Industry Edge joined the Trim Your Bin Program to incorporate more environmentally friendly recycling practices into their operations.

How Trim Your Bin helped

Having already embraced reuse by opting to buy second-hand furniture and give it new life, a Trim Your Bin assessor visited Nepean Industry Edge to help identify further sustainability opportunities. They estimated the volumes of material in their bins and provided a tailored action plan to achieve a reduction in waste going to landfill and increase recycling output.

Actions taken

- Introduction of centralised bin stations and removal of under desk bins to improve waste sorting
- Implemented new yellow recycling bins across the office to maximise recycling efforts
- Introduced updated waste and recycling signage to enhance waste education amongst students and staff, and to improve waste segregation
- Minimising printing across the organisation, and setting up additional paper recycling bins around the office to capture any paper waste for recycling
- Collection of drink containers for a 10c refund through the Container Deposit Scheme

Ready for your business to take action?

Learn how your business can save on waste and increase resource recovery by reaching out to your local council for more information.

G The Trim Your Bin Program was really practical and simple and has made a big positive impact culturally and has paid off financially as well.

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