

# The National Packaging Covenant



## Annual Report

For the Period

October 2006 to September 2007

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### Executive Summary

Gunns Limited Merchandising Retail Division as a signatory to the National Packaging Covenant is pleased to submit its initial Annual Report 2006/2007.

Gunns Retail Division key objective is to reduce waste sent to land fill through effective recycling strategies.

In year one Gunns Retail Division has established base line data and introduced recycling strategies across the majority of stores for paper and cardboard.

Data has been inputted into the IDAS system as required by the National Packaging Covenant.

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Legro', written over a series of horizontal lines.

**David Legro**  
**General Manager**  
**Gunns Retail Division**

### Company Profile

Gunns Retail Division is a part of Gunns Limited which is Australia's largest fully integrated hardwood forest products company.

Gunns was founded in 1875 by brothers John and Thomas and is one of Australia's oldest companies.

The company operates business in Timber, Sawmilling, Plantations, Veneers, Construction, Retailing, Vineyards and Wines and is currently proposing the development of a Pulp Mill in Tasmania utilising the best global technology.

Gunns Retail Division operates nine stores across Tasmania in Launceston, Hobart, Burnie, Ulverstone, Devonport, Deloraine, Youngtown, George Town and Port Sorell with head office being located in Launceston.

Gunns Retail Division operates seven of its stores as part of the Mitre 10 group and services customers in the Hardware, Timber, Joinery, Building Supplies, Garden, Outdoor Leisure and Electrical Goods Markets. It is also a member of Homelectrix and Plumbtec Buying Groups.

It also operates 3 Gunns Timber & Trade stores that directly service the trade in Burnie, Devonport and Hobart.

Gunns Retail Division has a turnover in excess of \$55 million and employs approximately 200 people.

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### ACTION PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

Actions	Target	Progress Report
1. Increase number of stores participating in cardboard recycling	Increase cardboard bailing machines to 50% of stores	In April 2007 we introduced cardboard recycling bins into two stores & added an addition cardboard recycling bin to our Launceston store. Both stores achieved a reduction in waste by in excess of 20% on average per month. 55% of Gunns Retail Division stores now participate in a program of cardboard & paper recycling. To date there has been no increase in cardboard bailing machines. Currently we have 20% of stores with a cardboard bailer.
2. Develop and implement strategies to achieve an increase in cardboard recycling. In stores with balers through staff education and training. In stores without balers increase quantity of cardboard boxes used for packaging at point of sale.	Increase in staff awareness	Through an ongoing communication process we have improved staff awareness in the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• use of cardboard boxes for packaging customer orders at point of sale</li> <li>• awareness of staff in the disposal of cardboard &amp; paper in the recycling bins provided</li> <li>• disposal of cardboard via cardboard balers in stores that have them available</li> </ul>
3. Develop and implement strategies to recycle office consumables in all stores and offices.	% Increase in recycling.	Strategies for office consumables to be recycled & reused have been developed. Baseline data for this initiative to be established during 2007- 2008 National Packaging Covenant reporting period.
4. Investigate opportunities to recycle plastic waste.	All stores' participation in plastic recycling.	Whilst there has been no plastic recycling implement into the business a reduction in the use of plastic bags has occurred with the introduction of paper bags & re use of cardboard boxes for packaging goods at point of sale in a phase in / out process.
5. Develop process to capture data for measurement of all waste and recycle within the business.	Baseline data for all waste and recycling available across the business.	Baseline data established for 12 months from October 07. Total Waste 875 tonne. Recycled 68 tonne which represent 8 % of total waste
6. Investigate opportunities to utilise recycled products in store and office consumables.	% increase in use of recycled consumables used.	At this point no progress has been made on this action point
7. Reduction in use of plastic bags through the sale of calico bags for packing goods at point of sale.	% increase in sale of calico bags	In the 12 months from October 2006 there has been sales of 99 units across the Gunns Retail Division of calico bags. Whilst there is good awareness of the calico bags use in the supermarket industry there is more work to be done to increase awareness & use in the Hardware sector & from Gunns Retail Division customer base.