

# The National Packaging Covenant



# Annual Report

For the Period

October 2007 to September 2008

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### Executive Summary

Gunns Limited Merchandising Retail Division as a signatory to the National Packaging Covenant is pleased to submit its Annual Report 2007/2008.

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

In year two Gunns Retail Division has continue to introduced recycling strategies across stores for paper and cardboard. The main driver of the increase in recycling continues to be through a process of staff awareness of correct waste disposal between general waste & cardboard and a reduction in the use of plastic bags through an increase in the use of cardboard boxes for package goods at pint of sale.

We have also held negotiations with a waste disposal company for the introduction of recycling plastics and plastic & metal strapping used as packaging material for timber & board products which will commence in early 2009 .

Signed



**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 2008

Actions	Target	Progress Report
1. Increase number of stores participating in cardboard recycling	Increase cardboard bailing machines to 50% of stores	<p>We have now introduced cardboard recycling bins into five stores throughout the business with plans to have a rollout of cardboard recycling in the remaining sites commences in January 2009.</p> <p>To date there has been no increase in cardboard bailing machines with a strategy of cardboard recycling via the use of bins the most economical &amp; efficient method currently available</p>
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	<p>Through an ongoing communication process we continue to see improved staff awareness in the:</p> <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 but there is no specific data at this point to measure.
4. Investigate opportunities to recycle plastic waste.	All stores' participation in plastic recycling.	<p>There has been a continued reduction in the use of plastic bags with the introduction of paper bags &amp; re use of cardboard boxes for packaging goods at point of sale.</p> <p>A commercial partner has been identified &amp; a plastic recycling program will be implement into the business from January 2009 in selected stores.</p>
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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total Waste for Gunns Retail Division was 482.66 tonnes for the period October 2007 to September 2008. This represents a decrease of 382 tonne or 44% on the prior year.</li> <li>• Cardboard recycling increase from 67 tonne to 112 tonne on prior year representing an increase of 45 tonne or 67%.</li> <li>• General waste decrease from 802 tonne to 370 tonne on prior year representing a decrease of 430 tonne or 53% on prior year</li> </ul>
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	Sales of calico bags have not been seen any increase over the last 12 months. Consumers prefer to use cardboard boxes rather than the calico bags. As stated in last years annual report there is good awareness of the calico bags use in the supermarket industry but not the Hardware sector.



# National Packaging Covenant KPI Report

Survey Name:

The NPC Survey 2008

Company:

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GUNNS RETAIL DIVISION

## **KPI 1A : Report tonnes of packaging by material type and source (local or imported)**

### **Locally** sourced packaging materials (**TONNES** per annum):

Paper

Cardboard - Standard (inc liquid paper board)

Cardboard - Waxed

Cardboard - High Wet Strength

Plastics - Type 1 (PET)

Plastics - Type 2 (HDPE)

Plastics - Type 3 (PVC)

Plastics - Type 4 (LDPE)

Plastics - Type 5 (PP)

Plastics - Type 6 (PS)

Plastics - Type 7 (Other)

Glass

Aluminum

Steel

Composites

Other

### **Imported** packaging materials (**TONNES** per annum):

Paper

Cardboard - Standard

Cardboard - Waxed

Cardboard - High Wet Strength

Plastics - Type 1 (PET)

Plastics - Type 2 (HDPE)

Plastics - Type 3 (PVC)

Plastics - Type 4 (LDPE)

Plastics - Type 5 (PP)

Plastics - Type 6 (PS)

Plastics - Type 7 (Other)

Glass

Aluminum

Steel

Composites

Other

Total Tonnes of packaging 0

**KPI 1B : Net tonnes of packaged product sold**

**KPI 1C : Ratio of product to packaging (by weight)**

**KPI 6A : Enter the total weight of non-recyclable consumer packaging sold per annum into the Australian market.**

Plastics - Type 4 (LDPE) 0

Plastics - Type 5 (PP) 0

Plastics - Type 6 (PS) 0

Plastics - Type 7 (Other) 0

Non recyclable paper/cardboard (waxed or High wet strength) 0

Composites 0

Total 0

**KPI 6B : Total non recyclable packaging as a percentage of total packaging sold**

**KPI 16A : Do you have on-site collection facilities for recycling? (consumer packaging i.e. used packaging materials, containers, wrapping or boxes etc used by staff or signatory)**

Yes

**KPI 16B : What types of on-site recycling facilities are provided?**

Paper/cardboard Yes

Plastics No

Metals No

Organics No

Other

No

**KPI 21 : Enter the estimated tonnage of consumer packaging sent for recycling and to landfill from onsite collection facilities (refer to KPI 16)**

KPI 21A Consumer packaging from on-site collection which is sent for recycling

Total tonnes

112

Percentage of total waste

23

KPI 21B Consumer packaging from on-site collection which is sent to landfill

Total tonnes

370

Percentage of total waste

77

**KPI 22A : Has the Environmental Code of Practice for Packaging been formally adopted ?**

No

**KPI 26A : Have you adopted a buy recycled purchasing policy or practices?**

No

**KPI 26B : Provide examples or quantitative data from this adoption**

Total amount of product purchased that has recycled content (tonnes)

**KPI 27A : Did you report indicative baseline data (where available), including qualifiers & assumptions, by 31st October 2007? (ie. Did you enter data last year)**

No

**KPI 27B : Have you reported established baseline data by 31 October 2008? ? (ie are you reporting data for the first time (?) this year)**

No

**KPI 28A : Report lodged by 31 October each year and outline progress against baseline data, individual Action Plan commitments, targets and timelines.**

No

**KPI 29: Annual report clearly demonstrates continuous improvement and performance against individual targets and timelines in Action Plan.**

Yes