



EAST GIPPSLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY TOOLKIT



bairnsdale tip shop

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Tip Shops reduce landfill; give the public better access to (bargain) secondhand goods and materials; and create jobs. The Tip Shop at Bairnsdale employs 2.8 EFT staff and their wages are paid from sales income.

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Every year more than 18,000 tonnes of 'waste' goes into the tip at Bairnsdale. It costs more than \$100 for every tonne (counting all costs over the life of the tip).

Some community agencies in Bairnsdale visited 'tip shops' in Melbourne and Bendigo and saw how it is possible to sell goods and materials salvaged from waste that comes to a tip – saving waste and creating jobs.

With state government funding the community agencies undertook an action research feasibility study - by opening the Tip Shop – at the tip - in January 2009.

A Tip Shop operates by householders taking their load of waste via the shop where goods and materials that are saleable are removed. The householder then continues to the weigh bridge and the tip. The advantages for the householder are that there is no cost to leave goods at the tip shop, they have reduced the amount of waste going into the tip and they have supported job creation.

The Bairnsdale Tip Shop has sold everything - motor boats; rowing sculls, trailers, caravans, fridges, windows, industrial sewing machines, lawn mowers, plants, sheds, sinks, bird cages, and everything else you could imagine.

The Tip Shop is constantly looking at ways to reduce waste and create jobs. It is now refurbishing computers; it has developed an Australian first model of measuring energy, water and carbon savings through the goods and materials it sells and is looking at expanding to Orbst and Lakes Entrance.

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Communities seeking further information can contact the East Gippsland Shire or look at <http://www.feo.net.au/recycle-shop>.

