

CASTERTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY

2014/2015-2016/2017



INTRODUCTION:

Executive Message:

At Casterton Memorial Hospital the Board of Management, Executive and all staff understand the importance of environmental health as a major determinant of the well-being of our community. We have measured our impact across a number of environmental indicators and benchmarked these to our peers.

Through our Environmental Management Group we monitor our environmental footprint, seek best practice systems, communicate with our staff and community and overall do our best within resources available to improve our management of environmental resources.

We believe that we have been successful in our strategies and systems employed but understand our objective of reducing our environmental footprint will be an on-going one.

We are all committed to this goal.

Owen Stephens
Chief Executive Officer

Policy Context

All Victorians have a role to play in making Victoria a more sustainable state for future generations and protecting our reputation as one of the world's most liveable places. Through the Victorian Government's *Our Environment, Our Future – Sustainability Action Statement*, all Government departments and agencies will lead by making the environment central to our planning, operations and policy decisions.

Responding to this challenge, Casterton Memorial Hospital has made a commitment to reducing our environmental impacts through adopting an environment policy, setting key objectives and targets, developing an environmental management strategy to achieve our goals, and monitoring and reporting our achievements.

OVERVIEW:

Casterton Memorial Hospital is committed to implementing sound environmental practices in all areas of its operations and recognises it is essential all energy / water users and producers of waste manage these aspects to minimise both the impact on the environment, as well as cost.

The Service also recognises it has a responsibility to develop skills and attitudes in its staff and others that will result in a long-term commitment to the nurturing and ongoing sustainability of environmental strategies.

To ensure ongoing commitment and development to our environmental strategies, Casterton Memorial Hospital recognises the need for them to be integrated into the business and strategic processes at all levels of the organisation.

Our environmental strategy provides flexibility, realistic goals and objectives and addresses environmental matters that impact in our particular region.

OUR ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT:

Casterton Memorial Hospital acknowledges its environmental and community obligations and is committed to an active approach towards waste and energy minimisation and a safe and sustainable environment.

Public Health is designed to deliver a positive impact on the community it serves by improving the quality of life of those living within its catchment area. Whilst the provision of health services are designed to improve the quality of life, Casterton Memorial Hospital is ever mindful the provision of these services is not restricted only to a particular treatment or service at a given time, but to the ongoing demonstration of actions that extend beyond these obvious boundaries as in sound resource management striving at all times to reduce our environmental footprint.

OUR ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

Recognising the connection between the health of our community, the environment and climate change, Casterton Memorial Hospital is committed to minimising its own ecological footprint by pursuing environmental best practice and a process of continuing improvement in environmental management.

To achieve this Casterton Memorial Hospital will:

- Identify, review and manage environmental impacts, potential risks and opportunities for improvement;
- Develop and implement environmental management programs to continually improve performance and realise opportunities for environmentally positive outcomes;
- Minimise waste to landfill, greenhouse gas emissions and other sources of environmental degradation or pollution;
- Further reduce our consumption of energy, water and natural resources;
- Consider environmental impacts in procurement decisions;
- Incorporate environmental management considerations into our core business planning and management practices, including service and capital planning;
- Regularly monitor and report on our environmental performance to our stakeholders;
- Actively promote and encourage the adoption of sustainable work practices and operations within Casterton Memorial Hospital, with our patients and clients, suppliers and our community;

- As a minimum, comply with all applicable legal and other regulatory requirements and standards, including the Australian Council on Healthcare Standards; and
- Communicate this policy and other environmental management commitments to all staff and make this policy available to the public on the Casterton Memorial Hospital intranet and website.

All managers are accountable for environmental performance in their areas of responsibility.

ENVIRONMENTAL OBJECTIVES & TARGETS:

Casterton Memorial Hospital will establish key targets to improve our environmental performance.

These targets embrace:

- Targets for minimising water and energy consumption, and waste production;
- Sustainable procurement practices;
- Integration of environmental assessment into key decision making processes; and extend to all parts of the organisation.

In management of our strategy Casterton Memorial Hospital will review, monitor and evaluate our ecological footprint and management around the following resource utilisation determinants:

Resource	Base line Data year 2012/13	Target 2015/16
○ Power	713,455 Kw	692,000
○ Gas (LPG)	65,768 Ltrs	63,000
○ Water	6,702 Kilo Ltrs	6500
○ Fuel	0	
○ Co2 Emissions (Tonnes)	650.1 Tonnes	630

~ Targets based on 3% reduction.

- Terminal Waste
 - Paper
 - Recyclables
- Purchasing / Procurement & Competitive Tendering
 - Recyclable products
 - Contents of recycled waste i.e. paper
- Transport
 - Types of vehicles purchased i.e. hybrid
 - Types of fuels i.e. gas compared to unleaded petrol

Communication Plan:

- Community / Staff Engagement
 - Disseminating to the community of our environmental programs / efficiencies by newsletter and Annual Report.
 - Awareness to patients / clients of our environmental programs
 - Staff Newsletters, surveys and Memorandums.

- Education
 - Staff – changing work practices
 - Meetings
 - Proactive commitment
 - Staff surveys

Monitoring & Continuous Improvement:

1) 2011/12 ~ 2012/13 Sustainability Strategic Plan Resource Usage Outcomes:

Base Line Comparative Year 2007/2008

	2007/08	2012/13	Variance
Powers Kw's	749,100	713,455	(35,645)
Water Kilo Litres	6051	6833	782
LPG Gas	126,510	65,768	(60,742)

Attached to this new Strategic Plan is information on other actions and achievements gained during the term of this initial plan by CMH together with latest DoH benchmark data for our current and future comparative review.

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