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Going Green

MACQUARIE PARK
MCCP & Crematorium

A Macquarie Park Cemetery and Crematorium Initiative

Issue 1

Introducing the MPCC Green Team

Delegates from our organisation have joined to form the first MPCC Green Team. It is our intention is to introduce "greener" options to our office environment and to the cemetery as a whole.

There are social and financial benefits for our organisation and much of our learning can be implemented not only at our workplace but also on a personal level in our homes.

We would like to keep you informed with our progress by way of this newsletter, include some quick tips and ask that you share any suggestions that you may have with us for "Going Green" at Macquarie Park.

The team's focus is to:

Reduce the resources, energy and materials used

Reuse what we already have

Recycle to make the most of used resources

Redesign to achieve efficiency

Retrain to ensure best practice

Report on what we are doing

Recognise what we have done

We have already prepared a list of action items that will become a focus of ours in the coming months. A number of initiatives will be investigated and considered for implementation.

The team will meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every month and we would like to receive as much input as possible from the wider employee group. **Make sure your ideas are heard – pass these on to anyone in the Green Team!**



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Peak 1.00pm– 8.00pm business days



Reducing Paper Usage

One initiative that we are focusing on is reducing our paper usage. Some suggestions to date to help us achieve this goal include using email to distribute information where possible, using an electronic filing system in situations where paper files are not required,

printing on both sides of the page and by using the message section on our pay slips for short messages in lieu of a one page memo to all staff. Your assistance by reusing unwanted print-outs for scrap paper is appreciated!



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TEST YOUR RECYCLING KNOWLEDGE - TAKE OUR QUIZ!

1. Can napkins and tissues go in the recycling bin?
2. Can aluminium cans go in the recycling bin?
3. Can aerosol cans go in the recycling bin?
4. Can light bulbs go into the recycling bin?
5. So what about fluorescent and compact tubes?
6. Can plastic bags go in the recycling bin?
7. Can window envelopes go into the recycling bin?

Answers: 1. No, 2. Yes, 3. Yes, 4. No, 5. No, 6. No, 7. Yes

Recognising...

Until recently, we seemed to have lost focus on leveling our sunken graves, largely due to a lack of time and resources. With "Going Green" in mind, both Adrian and Bill have been working together to address this issue, whilst reducing waste costs and minimizing soil purchases for our organisation. Grounds and Burial team members have been "sieving" our waste soil in the compound area to reuse as top dress for sunken graves and for our leveling program. Orders for top dress soil have been significantly reduced and we expect will no longer be necessary in the coming months. This is a perfect example of adopting a "Going Green" approach in our workplace. Well Done to all of those participating in this project!

Quick Wins—We need your help

We have developed a list of "quick wins" and we ask for your help to implement these in the normal course of your day as soon as possible. Our Green Team Members will be busy placing reminders around our workplace to help us achieve our goals. Here are the specific ways you can help: -

#1

Staff water coolers – use a glass or recyclable drink bottle in lieu of disposable plastic cups.

#2

Switching off lights in areas that are not frequently used – this includes staff toilets/bathrooms, the Boardroom and any storeroom areas.

#3

We ask that everyone "Shuts down" their computers at the end of each day/shift. We will be working with

individual team members to see if "sleep mode" is appropriate for your PC.

#4

We will be working with all PC users to set default printing to double sided mode where possible.

#5

We ask that everyone reuse unwanted print outs/paper where possible – maintain a recycling pile near your workstation for easy access.



COMING SOON:

PAPER-FREE DIARY
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM



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