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OFFICEWORKS WINS BANKSIA FOUNDATION'S LARGE BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION AWARD

Officeworks recognised for outstanding achievements in sustainability-focused operations.

Officeworks' commitment to people and the planet has been recognised by the Banksia Foundation's 33rd National Banksia Sustainability Awards, with the retailer winning the Large Business Transformation Award category at the ceremony in Melbourne on Thursday evening (March 31).

The Award recognises Officeworks' actions to create positive change by reducing carbon emissions and waste generation across its entire supply chain, promoting and supporting equal opportunities, and accelerating its own business and the broader retail industry toward net zero and a more circular economy.

Officeworks launched its Positive Difference Plan in 2015 as its first integrated long-term ESG strategy, drawing in its many sustainability initiatives to set measurable goals and focus on the areas where it could make a difference, transforming the business.

In 2020, Officeworks launched its current People and Planet Positive 2025 plan, highlighting 18 commitments with a framework informed by the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), of which nine directly address climate change and work towards a circular economy. Significant progress is being made on all of these commitments, which include:

- using 100% renewable energy by 2025
- reducing emissions in the supply chain
- planting two million trees on behalf of its customers in partnership with Restoring Australia
- becoming a zero-waste business
- repairing, repurposing or recycling 17,000 tonnes of unwanted products
- ensuring all packaging is reusable or recyclable
- ensuring zero deforestation in the supply chain
- providing a wider range of green choices, and
- phasing out problematic plastics.

Since 2015, Officeworks has reduced the environmental impact of its operations including reducing carbon emissions by 32 per cent, diverting 1,474 tonnes of unwanted products from landfill, recycling 91 per cent of its operational waste and launching its Greener Choices range to help customers shop more sustainably.

Officeworks' commitments to its people and communities also form part of the business' sustainability platform. In 2020/21 the business promoted 1,000 team members, contributed more than \$6.4 million to community and national, state and local causes, and enabled positive change for almost 2,000 workers within its supply chain.

Officeworks Head of ESG & Corporate Affairs, Ryan Swenson, said: "Our team, customers and partners look to us to lead and inspire positive change. The achievements we saw through our first long-term sustainability strategy changed the way we operate as a business and now we're integrating sustainability into all of our decision-making. This ensures we will achieve the ambitions set out in our 2025 People and Planet Positive plan, and grow our business sustainably and make a positive impact.

"Our People and Planet Positive commitments include supporting team members to live their best life, enhancing our contribution to the community, continuing to uphold and respect human rights, taking meaningful climate action, contributing to a more circular economy and helping our customers shop more sustainably.

"We also have a responsibility to educate others, to advocate and communicate about what's possible in this space. Through our investment in Circonomy, a recycling and remanufacturing business, we are expanding on our approach to waste and emissions, and really influencing change right throughout the supply chain. It's our ambition to demonstrate to other retailers and businesses what is possible.

"We're thrilled to be recognised by the Banksia Foundation and share this honour with our team, partners and our communities."

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Click [here](#) for more information on Officeworks' approach to sustainability and its People and Planet Positive 2025 Plan.

Click [here](#) for more information on the 33rd Banksia Foundation Awards.

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