



Retail trade

Sunbury Homebrew Supplies

Toasting to lower energy usage

'As a small business, we'd be crazy not to snap up any savings on our electricity bills we can.'

- Peter Kakol, Owner

The average small-medium retail store can use 80,000 kWh of electricity in a year - a substantial amount which can be reduced through simple actions.

Sunbury Homebrew Supplies is the largest provider of homebrew and barware products, in Melbourne's north-west.

Actions

With the support of Hume City Council (www.hume.vic.gov.au/business_sustainability), Sunbury Homebrew Supplies have replaced thirty halogen downlights with energy efficient LEDs.

These days, LEDs provide a colour and brightness at least, if not better than, conventional light sources.

LEDs also light up instantly when turned on, with dimmable options now widely available.

Results

Electricity bills have been reduced by roughly \$360 per year.

Greenhouse gases have been reduced by approximately 2 tonnes per year.

Less ongoing maintenance and replacement costs due to the longer lifespan of the new lights.

Longer Life?

Just how much longer do LED bulbs last? About 25 times as long as incandescent globes, and up to 10 times as long as CFLs.

For businesses, the reduction in maintenance and replacement costs means time and money is saved.

www.sunburyhomebrew.com.au

For more low-cost and simple energy-saving actions, see our *Save Energy. Save money* factsheets at www.positivecharge.com.au or call **(03) 9385 8555**

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