



Accommodation

The Black Horse Hotel Motel

This horse is a winner

'The savings have been huge, I think it has been extremely worthwhile.'

- John Holmes, Owner

The average small-medium business in the accommodation sector can use around 100, 000 kWh of electricity in a year - a hefty amount.

John Holmes, owner of the Black Horse Hotel-Motel had a lot of light bulbs to change - with one hundred and fifteen halogen bulbs putting unnecessary pressure on John's bills.

Creating lighting efficiencies is one of the easiest ways for businesses to manage their energy bills, because lighting accounts for a large portion of energy use. In a typical small to medium sized business, lighting contributes to 38% of all energy used.

Actions

With the support of Hume City Council (www.hume.vic.gov.au/)

business_sustainability), their 115 halogen downlights were swapped for energy efficient 7W LED lights.

Results

Electricity bills have been reduced by \$2,290 per year.

Greenhouse gases have been reduced by 35.5 tonnes per year - the equivalent to taking 7 cars off the road for a year.

These days, energy saving lights like LEDs provide a colour and brightness at least, if not better than,

conventional light sources - whilst saving up to 90% on electricity. LED downlight replacements also have the benefit of fitting into existing light fixtures and lighting up instantly when turned on.

For businesses, there are also government lighting subsidies available. These can reduce the cost of LED replacements by up to 50 per cent. Visit the Switch On website for more: www.tinyurl.com/businesslighting

www.blackhorsehotel.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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