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OFFICEWORKS NAMED A SUSTAINABILITY LEADER BY THE AUSTRALIAN FINANCIAL REVIEW

Officeworks recognised for its commitment to sustainability through its Bring it Back initiative.

Officeworks' has been named as one of the country's Sustainability Leaders within the Retail, Hospitality, Tourism & Entertainment industry by the Australian Financial Review, following the success of its Bring it Back initiative.

One of the fastest growing waste streams in the world, electronic waste has surged more than 21 per cent since 2014. Acknowledging the responsibility to inspire change, Officeworks launched Bring it Back, a free, easy and secure way to recycle used or unwanted technology and stationery items.

Awarded as a Retail Hospitality, Tourism & Entertainment category innovator, this achievement recognises Officeworks' ongoing commitment to becoming a zero-waste business, by designing out waste in the first instance and embracing the values of 'reduce, reuse and recycle'.

The initiative recovers valuable materials to be used again and reduces waste that would otherwise be sent to landfill, avoiding the exposure of hazardous chemicals into the environment. Customers can recycle computers, printer cartridges, mobile phones, batteries, printers and pens by dropping them off at Officeworks stores across the country.

In response to the announcement, Officeworks Managing Director Sarah Hunter said:

"Our role in delivering value to our customers while operating a sustainable and responsible business that makes a positive difference to people and the planet is now more important than ever. Our People & Planet Positive 2025 plan is our long-term approach to supporting our team, enhancing our connection to our local communities, reducing our environmental impact and sourcing products in sustainable and responsible ways.

"Since 2015, at Officeworks we have recycled more than 7,000 tonnes of waste including batteries, printer cartridges, pens and e-waste. We have planted a million trees as part of our Restoring Australia initiative, planting two trees for every one used based on the weight of paper and wood products sold, restoring landscapes and habitats. We're on track to achieve our goal of using 100% renewable energy by 2025 and we will install solar panels on 50 more stores over the next 18 months.

"Our success in progressing our People & Planet Positive 2025 commitments is shared and our achievements are only possible thanks to our team, customers and partners. As we look ahead, we

know some of our goals are ambitious, but we're committed to making a lasting, positive difference by putting people and the planet at the heart of what we do."

Beyond Bring it Back, and as part of its commitment to sustainability, Officeworks is leading the retail circular economy movement with the launch of a national recovery and repair service.

In February 2022, Officeworks announced they had acquired a 21 per cent stake in Brisbane-based social enterprise, World's Biggest Garage Sale (WBGS), which drives profit for a purpose by repairing, repurposing and re-selling imperfect and unwanted products. In the coming months, the Australian retailer plans to help expand WBGS under a new brand called Circonomy, and grow the existing collection and repair service beyond Queensland and furniture and office supplies.

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

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ABOUT OFFICEWORKS

Established 28 years ago in Richmond, Victoria, Officeworks is committed to making bigger things happen for its customers, team, the community and stakeholders. It operates 167 stores across Australia, a website that is home to more than 40,000 products, a national call centre, and a business team that helps micro, small and medium-sized businesses start, run and grow.

Officeworks offers customers a wide range of office supplies, technology, furniture, art supplies, education resources and helpful services like print & copy and on-site and remote tech support through Geeks2U - delivering an experience that is easy and engaging, no matter how customers choose to shop.

Officeworks is focused on the safety, wellbeing and career progression of the more than 9,000 team members it employs. It's also dedicated to operating in a sustainable manner, including building and maintaining meaningful connections with the communities in which it operates, fundraising for its national partners and local community groups, continuing to reduce its impact on the environment and source responsibly.