

GREEN BUSINESSES

Reducing Waste at Ladro TAP

CASE STUDY

What they are trying to achieve



Ladro TAP is a Stonnington business with a mission. With an ultimate goal of zero waste, Ladro TAP has already reduced the amount of waste in its Prahran and Fitzroy restaurants by a huge 60% in the past 5 years.

Ladro TAP's owner, Ingrid, was inspired by her children to reduce her environmental impact as she became more aware of the need to neutralise her impact for future generations.

"We have a responsibility to reduce our consumption and one way I saw to do that was to stay connected to our food source".

How they do it

The restaurant uses a closed loop composter to manage all of their food waste (except large bones and seafood shells). The system is located at the back of the restaurant, in an undercover bin store. The system is leased and was positively geared within the first year. It produces 50-100 bags of compost each



month which is then sold on to customers or donated. Members of the Armadale Baptist Church Community Garden frequently collect the compost for their garden beds and 3 stage compost system.

They are now serving the majority of their beer, wine and soft drink on tap to further avoid waste from bottles and cans and, and emissions associated with their transportation. All packaging used within Ladro TAP and for customer takeaways is now biodegradable or made from recycled paper and is recyclable.

Ladro TAP also has a rooftop beehive. The 20,000 bees produce 1kg of honey per week, which Ladro TAP use in their restaurants.



The composting system in particular has helped make Ingrid and her staff more accountable and aware of the waste they produce. Ingrid says, 'It took a while to get going and education is an important part of the process'.

"Sustainability is not always the usual path but it's not that much more effort," says Ingrid.

Benefits to the business

Ladro TAP is now saving \$15,000 annually in waste management costs, through a 60% reduction in waste production. They are also significantly reducing their environmental footprint through their waste reduction

measures which is an added benefit to the business.

In addition, the sustainability initiatives at Ladro TAP have created a dialogue for staff and customers, who now regularly share photos of their own gardens. It has helped create relationships, with people feeling connected and a part of something where they are making a difference.

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Next steps

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