



Salvos Stores - reuse philosophy

Australians generously donate an estimated 70 million items to Salvos Stores every year. That means nearly 20,000 tonnes of materials and items normally destined for land fill are diverted and reused by a new and satisfied owner. The table below displays the product categories and calculated weights of donations that were reused in 2015/16.

	Clothing		Electrical		Furniture		Books		Bric-a-brac		Accessories		Total Tonnes
	Items	Tonnes	Items	Tonnes	Items	Tonnes	Items	Tonnes	Items	Tonnes	Items	Tonnes	
Store Sales	6,743,684	1,686	120,333	181	233,631	3,504	2,163,963	541	4,167,896	1,042	6,202,164	1,551	8,505
Surplus Stock		10,761											10,761
Annual Total		12,447		181		3,504		541		1,042		1,551	19,266

Greenhouse emissions remain stable

Salvos Stores is a dynamic organisation experiencing organic growth and growth by opening new stores or relocating to larger retail stores. Naturally, this growth correlates with a slight change in greenhouse gas emissions with a 2% variation from the previous year. Complementing the upgrading of some stores, 20 stores in both South Australia and Western Australia were refitted with modern LED lighting. When combining the refits from last year, electricity emissions only increased by 3%. Similarly our reuse and recycling efforts have resulted in a waste emission increase of 1% compared to a 14% increase last year. Although illegal dumping of goods continues to increase, our proactive recycling campaigns are keeping material out of landfill. The table below displays our emission factors for the last four years.

	2012/13 CO2 Emissions	2013/14 CO2 Emissions	2014/15 CO2 Emissions	2015/16 CO2 Emissions	CO2 Emissions Variance 2015/16 and 2014/15	% CO2 Emissions Variance 2015/16 and 2014/15
Air Travel	92	97	128	64	-65	-50
Electricity	6,629	6,902	7,493	7,704	211	3
Fleet Travel	1,005	1,051	1,054	1,087	32	3
Natural Gas	96	64	30	7	-23	-78
Stationery Energy	30	13	14	16	2	12
Paper	13	14	15	16	1	7
Synthetic Gases	1	1	1	1	0	8
Taxi Travel	7	6	0	9	9	2150
Waste	12,650	11,518	13,151	13,338	187	1
Total	20,523	19,665	21,888	22,241	353	2

Challenges for the year ahead will focus on continuous improvement relating to the management of waste and recycling.