



Foster's Group Sustainability Update - February 2007

Foster's has long acknowledged that our business relies on two key resources - water and energy. We take a proactive approach to managing these in order to mitigate risk and capture opportunities both for our company and the environment. Our Board mandated Health, Safety & Environment policy commits us to pursue continuous improvement in resource and energy efficiency, something which has become even more important in the context of drought and climate change. This edition of our Sustainability Update focuses on current actions we're taking to save water and improve water quality in and around Foster's sites. As always, your feedback is most welcome. Email us at inthecommunity@fostersgroup.com.

Refreshing partnership launched

Foster's has joined forces with Conservation Volunteers Australia to launch "Project Refresh – Protecting our Inland Waterways". Under this banner, eleven waterways near Foster's wineries, breweries and offices across Australia will benefit from weed removal, native revegetation and habitat maintenance activity over the next 12 months. Volunteers from local Foster's sites will get their hands dirty under the guidance of CVA team leaders, and help improve the quality of their local rivers and riparian environments.

Devil can't wait

The team at Devil's Lair Vineyard, WA, couldn't wait for Project Refresh (above) - they have already launched a significant rehabilitation of a Chapman Brook tributary which runs through the property. Well done team!



Chapman Brook tributary

Inspiring watershed project in California

Congratulations are also due to the Foster's winemaking team at Etude Vineyards (Napa, California). The team recently joined with 130 students from a nearby school to restore a former stream channel that runs through the property. Participants were happy to give up a weekend to plant native trees, shrubs and grasses and receive a hands-on lesson in watershed management. The winemaking team was hugely inspired by the children, whose commitment and enthusiasm bodes well for the future of the region's beautiful but fragile environment.



Future environmental stewards at work

A decade of saving water

Melbourne water has been the main ingredient in our beer for more than 100 years, and the standard for water wherever our beer is brewed. It's hardly surprising therefore that we have working to conserve this precious drop at our Abbotsford Brewery (Melbourne) for more than 10 years, investing \$60 million in the process. "Abby" today uses about 3.5 litres of water for each litre of beer produced, well ahead of worldwide industry standard of 4-5 litres. More than 12 water saving initiatives are underway across the site to pare down this ratio further. The great work of the Abby team has been also been recognised externally, with three "water saving" awards conferred by City West Water. To read more about water saving at Abby, click [here](#)

Creative thinking reaps rewards

Foster's bottling plant at Angaston, SA, has installed infrastructure to treat and reuse around 100,000 litres of waste water per day. The water is being treated on-site, and piped to a neighbouring cement company for use in their kilns. The joint project is an Australian first, conserving mains water through creative cross industry collaboration.

And in other news

Second round Community Grants awarded – new round opening March

Chaired by retired General, Peter Cosgrove AC MC, the Foster's Community Grants Committee has awarded funds to a further 18 outstanding projects throughout Australia and the US. We are particularly pleased to see a number of grants going to support mental health and drought relief services in rural communities of Australia, and youth focused projects in the US. The full list is available [here](#). The first funding round for 2007 opens on 12 March and applications are welcome from any eligible charity or community group. For more information see www.fosterscommunitygrants.com.

Tiwi Bombers kick a goal

The Tiwi Islands community (NT) received a boost recently with the welcome news that their footy team, the Tiwi Bombers, is being considered for full playing status in the NT AFL. The team's trial season in 2006 was made possible through a last minute approach to Foster's for funding. Now that the Bombers have proved themselves (winning 6 out of 7 games), a number of other sponsors have come on board, and the community will receive public and private assistance to upgrade their football facilities. The positive impact the team had on community pride surprised many, as did the competitiveness of this talented squad.

"The success of the project has only been possible based on the committed backing of Foster's and the other investors in the project". Andrew Farley Commercial Operations Manager AFL Northern Territory.



Tiwi Bombers enjoy another victory

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