

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Burma Sausage Sizzle Appeal

In May 2008 Cyclone Nargis struck the south west coast of Burma with winds of over 190 kilometres per hour and significant related flooding. Severe devastation of homes and communities followed with more than 200,000 people killed and a further 2.4 million left affected by the disaster.

The Save the Children Fund was working on the ground in Burma when the cyclone struck and had the capacity to offer immediate assistance in the worst affected areas.

We responded to the disaster by arranging a dedicated sausage sizzle at all our stores across Australia and New Zealand to raise funds for Save the Children's Burma Appeal. A marketing campaign helped raise awareness and Team Members volunteered their time to operate all the barbecues. A terrific community response saw \$135,000 raised from all the sausage sizzles, which was then topped up via a direct donation from Bunnings to a total of \$180,000 for the cyclone victims.

All funds raised were promptly passed on to Save the Children's Burma Appeal and the money assisted in providing emergency relief in the form of food, water, materials and basic household items.



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Frankston Lighting Trial

A key component of our carbon neutrality program is the pursuit of greater energy efficiency across store operations. In-store lighting was an immediate focus and a variety of energy efficient lighting technologies were considered.

In December 2007 we began a pilot at our Frankston warehouse store to trial a new energy efficient lighting system. This system uses a 250 watt globe and adjusts to 60 percent of its full lighting capacity based on available ambient lighting.

The trial confirmed that a reduction of approximately 35 percent in energy consumption is achievable with results showing that the lighting can reduce greenhouse gases by up to two tonnes per light fitting per store per annum, based on older generation stores with electricity produced from brown coal. The reduction is equivalent to an energy consumption saving of 600 tonnes of greenhouse gases per store per year.

From December 2007 the system has now been successfully rolled out to 12 older generation warehouse with a further 27 planned for conversion in the 2008/2009 year.

Bunnings will continue to work on innovative energy saving initiatives to lower its carbon footprint.



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