

## Sustainable Supply Chain Partnership

Uniting Communities has a strong focus on the environment and sustainability. Since 2010 we have been engaging proactively in various carbon emission reduction projects across our organisation in an effort to reduce our carbon footprint.

Uniting Communities' Towards Carbon Neutral program has a number of key components such as projects which focus on: energy reductions achieved from upgrading to more efficient lighting across two large facilities; ongoing behaviour change initiatives such as 'Switch Off', 'Y-Print' and 'Drive Green'; the purchase of more fuel efficient motor vehicles such as hybrids; as well as purchasing offsets for annual emissions from our entire vehicle fleet. As a result Uniting Communities was awarded the Fleet Environment Award by the Australasian Fleet Management Association in 2010.

To help us reduce our emissions even further, Uniting Communities has sought support from our preferred suppliers to join with us and to develop a similar culture and initiative. Lyreco's commitment to working in partnership with Uniting Communities to achieve similar goals within the workplace environment has seen the implementation of some key initiatives within our trading partnership.

100% carbon offset for all products purchased from Lyreco.

Lyreco's Canopy Program calculates the embodied CO<sub>2</sub> in all products purchased and offsets through native revegetation projects in South Australia.

- E-Invoicing - soft copy emailed invoice per order thus reducing the paper trail
- Cost neutral quality alternative environmental products introduced.
- Transparent reporting on environmental products purchased and tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> offset each quarter
- 100% recycled cardboard boxes for packaging
- Pre-Determination – Lyreco's SAP system identifies which box to use to reduce the amount of packaging materials used and saves resources
- Bak Pak Program – Lyreco collects and recycles on our behalf any excess cardboard packaging
- Toner Recycle Program – reducing the amount of waste to landfill.

We are absolutely committed to striking a balance between the economic, social and environmental aspects of what we do. We believe that considering all three elements is essential for a truly sustainable organisation.

We are excited to be working with suppliers like Lyreco who proactively review their supply chain and marketplace and deliver to us sustainable office products and consumables that meet with our internal policies and philosophy.