



JamFactory Green Team member and glass specialist Deb Jones (right) and Kristel Britcher.

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JamFactory turns waste into art

Artists are generally in tune with their environment.

But having the best green intentions does not always translate into best practice – even at Adelaide’s highly acclaimed JamFactory.

Staff and associates at the contemporary craft and design centre had formed a Green Team to identify ways to improve recycling, and cut down on water and energy use.

Membership, drawn from across the centre, includes artists from the glass, ceramics, furniture and metal studios.

“Being creative people we had no shortage of good ideas but too often we were told by outside ‘experts’ that they weren’t possible,” says Green Team member and glass specialist Deb Jones.

“That is until we joined the Zero Waste SA Industry Program and discovered that they were possible – we just needed pointing in the right direction.”

With the support of the Industry Program, the Green Team has been responsible for various initiatives to reduce JamFactory’s environmental footprint.

And to prove recycling can be fun, the Green Team threw a green party to celebrate a new bin system – making sure the empties ended up in the right place.

Now they are using their artistic talents to eliminate another waste stream. A design challenge has been launched to turn broken glazed ceramics and coloured glass into new artworks.



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JamFactory has extended its environmental program with the support of the Industry Program and introduced:

- bicycle parking
- a new bin system for recycling cardboard, comingled and organic waste
- sawdust removal for turning into compost
- a more efficient control system for lighting
- an improved waste management system with a contractor able to meet recycling requirements
- safe disposal of chemicals (previously stored on site)
- arrangements with suppliers to return packaging
- collaboration with a workshop for the disabled to use JamFactory's wood offcuts
- a design initiative to turn waste ceramics and glass into artworks.

JamFactory

Australia's leading studio-based craft and design centre, a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the training of artists and designers, and the exhibition and promotion of their work.

www.jamfactory.com.au

Zero Waste SA

A South Australian Government agency that advances improved waste management policies and the development of resource recovery and recycling. The Zero Waste SA Industry Program advises and supports companies to achieve sustainability goals in waste, water and energy.

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