

The Containerspace Story



What We Do

- Containerspace is a shipping container yard in Somerville Rd, Brooklyn
- On approx. 10 acres
- Opened for 12 months
- Family owned small business with 11 employees & contractors
- We store, repair, inspect, pre-trip & wash shipping containers owned by various shipping lines

Background Information

- Container Logistics (previous company) was issued with a PAN Notice in July 2012
- Tried various methods of dust suppression
- Requirement to seal site could not be met
- Relocation only option
- Container Logistics closure
- Myself, husband & one previous owner of Container Logistics purchased land for development. New company formed.

New site purchased June 2013. Site sealed but had a number of environmental issues.



11 buildings in total



Holes everywhere



Drainage Problems





PRE-DEVELOPMENT

- Massive Site Clean Up
- Remediation works
- Decommissioning of gas line
- Researched Brooklyn Industrial Precinct Strategy
- Consultation with Brimbank Council
- Spoke to neighbouring businesses
- Visited Vic Roads
- Permits lodged & approved



Extensive Asbestos Removal



Demolition




Site cleared & ready to begin



Massive Concreting Works



SUSTAINABLE FUTURE



Containerspace have made a strong commitment towards change in our industry. Sustainability has been incorporated into our site design, maximising passive solar, minimising energy use, harvesting rain water and using recycled products wherever possible. We claim to be one of the first clean & green Container Parks in Victoria.

Our new office has included shipping containers in design, incorporating many sustainable features

- ✓ Recycling over 70,000 bricks from original site
- ✓ Installing high ceilings, foyer air lock, triple rated insulation & double glazed windows to improve heating/cooling retention
- ✓ Tank water connected to all toilets in both office & workshop
- ✓ Installed filters to drinking water taps eliminating use of bought water & use of paper cups
- ✓ Jet hand dryers – eliminating paper waste & no mess
- ✓ LED lighting
- ✓ Installing latest CBS system – switching off all unnecessary electrical appliances at close of business with remote access



Site fully sealed



Installing filters on stormwater drains to eliminate contaminants from entering our waterways



We sweep traffic areas on a weekly basis to minimise any potential dust issues



OTHER FEATURES

- ✓ Broadband beepers fitted to forklifts
- ✓ Designated truck lanes with car traffic separated
- ✓ 40 metre wide entrance (road queuing minimised)
- ✓ New front fence
- ✓ Automated sensor activated gate entry
- ✓ Landscaping, including veggie patch & fruit trees
- ✓ All Containerspace staff are First Aid Qualified
- ✓ Own the latest model Powerheart G5 defibrillator

We recycle wherever possible reducing our wastage by more than 50%.



These landscape tanks retain water underneath & serve as a garden bed on top. The pavers were recycled from original CMI building.



WE ALSO

- ✓ Purchase eco friendly cleaning products
- ✓ Compost green waste or place in our worm farm
- ✓ Promote paperless transactions whenever possible. Staff are urged to save soft copies rather than print
- ✓ Purchase energy efficient appliances
- ✓ Purchase 100% recyclable paper
- ✓ Source local suppliers & contractors where possible

Yes we've come a long way but there's still more to do. Future planned works include:

- ✓ Concrete patch-ups
- ✓ More landscaping
- ✓ Rear courtyard for staff
- ✓ Additional tanks for container wash area increasing our water storage capacity
- ✓ Solar energy



Our vision was to create an attractive workplace for people to both work & visit. We believe we have created a very unique business & are very proud of what has been achieved thus far. Feedback to date has been extremely positive nonetheless our commitment is ongoing and we are always striving for ways to improve.

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