

## **Kelly Tarlton's sustainability achievements:**

### **WASTE**

- Signs have been distributed in both staff and customer showers urging users to save water
- All waste such as glass, plastic bottles, cardboard, batteries etc, get recycled.
- Recycling fish waste – we give empty mussel shells to local landscapers.
- A printer has been set up to print on recycled waste paper.
- Recycling bins are situated around our attraction for normal waste recyclable products.
- Recycling bins are situated at the exit of our facility so that customers can opt to recycle their used attraction map.
- Fish waste is recycled across the various departments ie: from the bird department through to the fish department. Whatever can not be recycled is then passed on to the SPCA.
- Hazardous waste are being disposed of efficiently

### **ENERGY CONSUMPTION**

- Duty Managers have a comprehensive checklist ensuring all machinery and lights not in use are turned off at night.
- Office staff are urged to turn their computers off at night.
- All water coolers in the building have been taken out to minimise wasteful electricity usage.
- Regular energy audits are performed to measure that we are using our energy efficiently.

### **NATURAL RESOURCES**

- We currently use biodegradable wetsuit wash.
- Biodegradable 'citrus cleaner' is currently used as our multi purpose cleaner.
- We are in the process of converting to using 'ecostore' dishwashing liquid, cream cleanser and laundry powder, 'potatopak' bowls and 'biobag' biodegradable bin liners.

### **BIODIVERSITY**

- We have a turtle rehabilitation programme where sick or injured marine turtles are treated and released back into the wild when in full health.
- Often when the animals in our care breed, we release the young into the wild to give them the best chance of survival, e.g. juvenile seahorses, crayfish and sharks.
- We ensure that animal acquisitions and depositions of the aquarium are not only sustainable, but ethical. We adhere to the special MAF quota Kelly Tarlton's has been set.
- Kelly Tarlton's works with many research students and biodiversity initiatives.

### **POLLUTION**

- We hold regular beach clean ups around our local foreshore, for staff and public to contribute.
- In plan is a day entitled 'Project Empty Car Park' where staff are encouraged not to bring their car to work but use a more sustainable method of travel.
- Our waste water that drains back to the sea has been tested by Auckland City Council and meets the satisfactory requirements.

#### **LOCAL COMMUNITY**

- We have a 'Kindy box' where any suitable product packaging can be placed, to give to a Kindergarten or primary school to use as toys and arts and crafts materials.
- Much of our fish waste goes to the SPCA, where it is distributed to 'Bird Rescue', a centre for seabird rehabilitation.
- Many research students use our animals and data for their thesis studies.

#### **PUBLIC AWARENESS**

- We have a green team!
- We provide our staff with a list of ways to be more sustainable in the workplace.
- As an aquarium, we are continually educating the public about the dire situation of many of our marine animals, specifically turtles, stingrays and sharks