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Opal partners with BlockTexx® to 'button up' uniform waste

Opal, a leading recycling, paper and packaging business, is happy to announce its partnership with textile recycling experts, BlockTexx®. The initiative will see old and unused uniforms from Opal's Paper & Recycling Botany Mill collected and recycled into valuable new materials, reinforcing Opal's commitment to sustainability.

As part of the pilot program, a 660 litre container of uniforms has already been collected from Botany Mill team members. These uniforms will now undergo BlockTexx's® innovative textile recycling process, which breaks down garments into reusable fibres.

Ms Karen Jones, Environment, Testing and Management Systems Manager at the Botany Mill, said the partnership showcases how businesses can play a pivotal role in addressing the environmental challenges posed by textile waste.

"Opal's Botany Mill is one of Australia's largest and most advanced cardboard recycling operations, and over the years we've implemented processes to support a circular economy and close the loop in our operations.

"By partnering with BlockTexx® to give our uniforms a new life, we are extending our waste reduction and recycling efforts beyond the production line," Ms Karen Jones said.

BlockTexx's® innovative technology recovers valuable fibres from end-of-life textiles, transforming them into new materials that can be used in a variety of applications. The company's shared commitment to creating a circular economy is at the heart of its partnership with Opal.

"We're thrilled to be working with the Botany Mill on this exciting initiative," said Mr Adrian Jones, BlockTexx® Co-Founder.

"It's fantastic to see a major manufacturer in the paper and packaging industry taking proactive steps to further reduce its waste and demonstrate leadership in sustainability. This initiative not only helps divert textile waste from landfill but also shows how textile recycling can be an integral part of corporate responsibility."

Opal hopes that the partnership with BlockTexx® will inspire other organisations to explore similar solutions for their own workplace waste.

About Opal:

Opal is one of Australia and New Zealand's largest recycling, paper and packaging businesses, which manufactures innovative cardboard packaging and paper solutions, and is committed to a circular economy approach. In 2023 Opal's Botany Mill (NSW) remanufactured 493,315 tonnes of Old Corrugated Containers (OCC) into 436,863 tonnes of 100 per cent recycled packaging paper and board.



About BlockTexx®:

BlockTexx® is an Australian owned and operated clean technology company transforming textile waste into valuable raw materials through pioneering textile recovery technologies and advanced manufacturing.

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