



CASE STUDY: TRIANGLE TOOL LIBRARY (Cobargo)

Focus: Reducing consumption of resource-intensive tools through social structures.

Background: The Triangle Tool Library formed as an idea after the 2019/20 Black Summer Bushfires to assist the residents of Cobargo in its rebuilding effort's. Established at the Cobargo Co-op by volunteer collaboration, the Tool Library has built up a collection of tools, which provide opportunities for individuals to carry out their own projects for workshops, to share skills and for education on how to use and maintain equipment. The Library provides an environment where people can connect and contributes to a stronger community.

Circular innovation: The Triangle Tool Library operates a library where, instead of books, members can borrow high quality, maintained power tools, land management equipment and other workshop tools to complete home projects, or to better manage and upkeep their land. The Triangle Tool Library hold workshops focused on building skills around machinery use, repairing and refurbishing timber products and many more. The volunteers staffing the facility encourage consumers to make sustainable resource choices, reducing involvement in overconsumption.

Impact and future development: Over the past four years, the Triangle Tool Library have realised the power of collaborative action, networking and the sharing of knowledge. Education on safe and effective use of tools and equipment for its customers is a key priority moving forward, and a step to challenging consumer thinking and behaviour in the consumption of finite resources. The Triangle Tool Library is also growing their Food Tool Library initiative to provide education to community around food processing and preservation.

For more information: www.triangletoollibrary.org.au.