



PROJECT SNAPSHOT

TOXFREE HELPS IMPROVE SAFETY IN EAST TIMOR WITH 'BOOTS FOR BENEFIT'

The issue

Each year, there is an excess of safety boots on Barrow Island as workers rotate on and off the island. At the same time, hundreds of workers overseas are susceptible to injury because they do not have access to appropriate footwear when completing construction jobs.

The solution

The idea for 'Boots for Benefit' was created when Barrow Island's KJVG Camp Superintendent Grant Barrow and Toxfree's Waste Generator Interface Co-ordinator Lynda Nottle both saw the potential in helping to share the safety message in communities not as fortunate as the workforce on Barrow Island.

Specially marked bins were placed around Barrow Island for workers to donate unrequired safety boots. The boots were then sorted into a sea container and shipped to Dili in East Timor. Once in Dili, Care Australia distributed the boots to workers in the community.

The outcome

'Boots for Benefit' allows workers' in East Timor working on the construction of road ways and other infrastructure projects to complete their work in a safer way. At the same time, the project increased awareness onsite of re-using personal and protective gear.

