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Nominations are now open for the 2017 Actsmart Business Sustainability Awards

The Awards recognise organisations and events that make outstanding contributions to sustainability across Canberra and the broader ACT.

Entering the awards is easy and a great chance to share your sustainability message. Winners are promoted to other Actsmart organisations, media and the wider Canberra community. It's a fantastic opportunity to be recognised for your efforts and celebrate your commitment to sustainability.

You have a choice of **eight award categories** to nominate for:

- Waste minimisation
- Biggest recycler
- Energy and water star
- Innovation excellence
- Motivation excellence
- Corporate award
- Small business award
- Minister's award for leadership

Nominations close **5pm Wednesday 26 April 2017**.

To nominate or get more details visit actsmart.gov.au

Save the date!

Why not take this opportunity to save the awards date? The awards will be held on **Thursday 25 May 2017** at the Glasshouse, Pialligo Estate. Invitations to the event will be sent in the coming weeks, so keep a look out.

Minister's message



Welcome to the **2017 Autumn edition of the Actsmart Business Newsletter.**

I was pleased to take on the portfolio of Climate Change and Sustainability in late 2016 because taking action to mitigate and adapt to climate change is the most critical challenge of our times. I am

also keen to continue to promote the work of the ACT as a world leader in climate action and investment in renewable energy.

I've spent the last few months delving deeper into the important work the Actsmart team does to help Canberran householders, schools and business owners make smart choices when it comes to their energy and water use, as well as waste disposal.

This edition highlights two recent big events for the Actsmart team – the National Multicultural Festival and the Royal Canberra Show. It was great to see the enthusiasm for recycling in the community when I popped in to the Actsmart stall at the Multicultural Festival and chatted to just a few of the many hundred Canberrans the Actsmart team spoke to.

Inside this edition you will also find information about our upcoming Actsmart Business Sustainability Awards Breakfast, which is a highlight in Actsmart's calendar.

Shane Rattenbury MLA

Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability

Tonnes of reasons to celebrate!



Canberrans can be proud of their efforts at this year's National Multicultural Festival. Over 280,000 visitors pulled off a record breaking 10 tonnes of mixed recycling diverted from waste to recycling—more than double the amount from previous years! It didn't stop there; 800 litres of used cooking oil was sent for recycling and 2000 litres of water waste from vendors was diverted to grey water recycling.

To support the Festival's recycling set-up, Actsmart had an information stall providing education and information on sustainability programs. The Actsmart team spoke to over 1100 people. Many visitors played the interactive recycling game, with fantastic results. It just goes to show how aware Canberrans are of sorting and disposing of their waste correctly.

Whether its tips for saving energy and water or tools for recycling, you can explore all the sustainable business opportunities at actsmart.gov.au

The CooLo is going bananas for organics!



Coolleman Court shopping centre management has taken the challenge, implementing recycling for its retailers and the visitors to the centre. Nineteen retailers made the commitment to effective recycling and the centre has put in new bins for visitors to recycle when they shop.

One of these was the locally owned family business, Freddy Frapples. Not only do Freddy Frapples provide customers with high quality fruits and vegetables, they are committed to reduce their impact on the environment and minimise their waste. They make up packs from their food scraps for school children to feed their rabbits and send all boxes back to distributors for reuse.

Freddy Frapples sends food scraps to the Little Oak Sanctuary, for rescue animals that have been abused, abandoned, neglected or orphaned. Their leftover produce feeds chickens, pigs, cows, sheep, horses, goats, donkeys and the list goes on!

A special mention to Zoltan, the owner of That Gelato Place in Coolleman Court and Pure Gelato in Mitchell, who has been involved in the program since 2013. Both sites put old ice cream cones and coffee grounds into their organics bin, which is then used by staff for their chickens or gardens at home.



Are you holding a public event in the ACT this year, such as a school fete, festival, fair, show or sporting event?

No matter if your event is small or large, we offer free assistance to make your event more sustainable.

Be part of the Actsmart Sustainable Event program, which now includes energy and water reduction options.

It can save you time and money—and the environment!

Register your interest by email
actsmartbusiness@act.gov.au

Five quick questions with...

Matt Elliston

Canberra BMX Club



1. What was your main goal in signing up to the Actsmart Business Recycling Program?

Reduce rubbish to landfill, reduce costs and respond to our members' concerns.

2. Have you seen improvements from staff in their recycling efforts since being involved in the program?

Yes– compost collection– but only in the canteen operations– all the rest is down to our members and visitors!

3. What, if any, have been the challenges you have faced?

Learning the lingo. Our waste contractor refers to paper and cardboard as “recycling”, and recycling as “co-mingled”!

4. What is the biggest benefit in being part of the Actsmart Business Recycling Program?

Operating as our stakeholders expect us to, some cost reductions and doing away with our unsightly trashpaks.

5. Would you recommend the program to other businesses around the ACT?

Of course! Benefits and results will vary, but some effort on the part of the business might produce some unexpected results!

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Michael Taylor

Diamond Detail,
Car Detailer located in Phillip



1. What was your main goal in signing up to the Actsmart Business Energy and Water program?

The main goal was to create and maintain a better and more energy efficient workplace to not only increase productivity but also reduce our electricity bill.

2. Have you seen a saving in your energy or water costs since implementing some or all of identified opportunities?

There has been a significant saving on our energy bill. We went from using 4590 watts to produce 55,000 lumens of light to 1650 watts producing over 160,000 lumens. Less electricity and much more light. We have also noticed a difference in temperature as the new LED lights do not produce the heat the previous fluorescent lighting did, helping with our cooling bill.

3. What, if any, have been the major challenges you have faced?

No major challenges to report. Actsmart were great to deal with and everything was very straight forward.

4. What is the biggest benefit in being part of the Actsmart Business Energy and Water program?

Without the program and rebate the upgrade in lighting would have been unachievable for a long time. Now that we have completed the changes the LED lighting is not only paying its way by the savings it creates but the extra light in the workshop makes paying attention to the finer details much easier.

5. Would you recommend the program to other small businesses around the ACT?

100%. In fact I have spoken with a number of fellow business owners and have strongly suggested they have an assessment and take the advice provided by Actsmart. I was surprised by the options and certainly pleased with the results.

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Actsmart Business accredited recyclers:

- ACT Auditor General's Office
- ACT Companion Dog Club
- ACT Legislative Assembly
- Ainslie Football & Social Club
- Allbids.com.au
- AMC Training Centre
- American Embassy Canberra
- Appletree House Child Care and Education Centre - Communities@Work
- Atlas Business Services
- Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies
- Australian Medical Association
- Australian Sports Commission
 - AIS Aquatic Centre
 - AIS Arena
 - Basketball and Netball Centre
 - Sports Visitor Centre
- Barmco Mana McMurray Pty Ltd
- Baker Deane & Nutt
- Belconnen Concrete
- Belconnen Early Childhood Centre
- Bentleys of Canberra - Garran
- Biotext
- Blueblood Solutions
- Bond Hair Religion
- Boston Consulting Group
- Bottles of Australia
- Brema Group
- Brindabella Hearing & Speech Centre
- Bruce Early Childhood Centre
- Bruce Ridge Early Childhood Centre
- Calibre Consulting (ACT)
- Calvary Health Care
- Calvary John James Hospital
- Canberra Airport
- Canberra Aluminium Warehouse
- Canberra Audiology
- Canberra BMX Club
- Canberra CBD
- Canberra Centre
- Canberra Equine Hospital
- Canberra FM Radio
- Canberra Furnished Accommodation
- Canberra Netball Association
- Canberra Outlet Centre
- Canberra Veterinary Hospital
- Capital Region Farmers Market
- Capital Waste Skips
- Care Australia
- Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate
 - Canberra and Region Visitors Centre
 - Exhibition Park
 - GIO Stadium
 - Land Development Agency
 - Manuka Oval
- Access Canberra
 - Canberra Avenue
 - Macarthur House
 - Mitchell
 - Dickson Motor Vehicle Registry
- Shared Services
 - Allara Street
 - Eclipse House
 - Mitchell
 - Nara House
 - Winyu House
 - Telstra House
- Ciao Cafe & Cakes
- Civil Aviation Safety Authority
- Claire Naidu & Co
- Club Googong
- Coca-Cola Amatil
- Coffers Cafe
- Comcare
- Communications Design & Management
- Community Services Directorate
 - Child Development Service
 - West Belconnen Child & Family Centre
- Conservation Logistics
- Conservation Council
- Continuity Capital Partners
- Coolerman Court
- Create Imagine Learn Queanbeyan
- CrimTrac
- Crowne Plaza Canberra
- CTO Group Pty Ltd
- Delnas Metal Roofing
- Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
 - 17 Moore Street
 - John Gorton Building
- Director of Public Prosecutions
- East Hotel
- Eden Hair and Beauty Pty Ltd
- Education Directorate
 - Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning
 - Northbourne Avenue
- Elections ACT
- Embassy of Hungary
- Engineers Australia
- Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate
 - Dame Pattie Menzies
 - Murrumbidgee depot, Casuarina Sands
- Five Star Electrical
- Focus ACT
- GHD
- Gillian Beaumont Legal
- Ginninderra Early Childhood Centre
- Ginninderry.com
- Gold Creek World of Learning
- Googong Township Realty
- Griffin Legal
- Health Directorate
 - Building 5 - Canberra Sexual Health Centre
 - Queen Elizabeth II Family Centre
- Hireall
- Hobart Place Dental
- HorizonOne Recruitment
- Illoura Childcare & Education Centre - Communities@Work
- Indigenous Community Volunteers
- Instant Colour Press Pty Ltd
- IP Australia
- Isabella Plains Child Care & Education Centre - Communities@Work
- JJ Richards & Sons
- John James Foundation
- Justice & Community Safety
 - 12 Moore Street
 - ACT Magistrates Court
 - North Building
 - Public Trustee and Guardian for the ACT
 - Victim Support ACT
- Kambah Child Care & Education Centre - Communities@Work
- KBT Overnight Express
- KDN Group
- Kindy Patch Queanbeyan
- Koala Playschool
- Kowalski Recruitment
- KPMG
- Kwik Kopy - Canberra
- Labor Club
 - Belconnen
 - City
 - Ginninderra
 - Weston Creek
- Lavender Lane Gungahlin Childcare
- Lendlease Building Pty Ltd
- Lifeline Canberra
- Macquarie Childcare Centre
- Manuka Swimming Pool
- McDonald's - Gungahlin
- McMillan Staff Development
- Michael Holmes Chartered Accountant
- Mooseheads
- Morgans Group
- Much Pty Ltd
- NAB Canberra Business Bank
- National Convention Centre Canberra
- National Electoral Education Centre
- National Library of Australia
- National Rural Health Alliance
- Ngunnawal Child Care & Education Centre - Communities@Work
- Nicholls Early Childhood Centre
- Norman Disney & Young
- Norris Cleaning Company
- Office of the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment
- One of a Kind Apartments
- Onesteel Reinforcing
- OPC IT Pty Ltd
- Oxley Early Learning
- OzHarvest Canberra
- PCA People
- PELLE Architects
- Peter Blackshaw Woden & Weston Creek
- Physio Sport O'Connor Centre
- Questacon
- Regency Knights Window Fashions
- Reuse - Recycle IT (part of the Capital Easy Group)
- Richardson Childcare & Education Centre - Communities@Work
- Robson Environmental
- Royal Norwegian Embassy
- Schiavello
- Sentinel Pty Ltd
- Serco Immigration Services
- Service One Mutual Limited
- Shepherd Electrical
- Shop Basics
- Signs Letters N Lines
- Solace Creations
- SOS Recruitment
- Sparke Helmore Lawyers
- Spectrum Graphics
- Sportscore & Physiotherapy Barton
- Sportscore & Physiotherapy Dickson
- The Firm
- The Rehabilitation Specialists Pty Ltd
- Threesides Marketing
- Totom House Multicultural Early Childhood Centre
- Trade Guardian
 - Transport Canberra and City Services Macarthur House
 - Ron Reynolds Centre Curtin
- Tuggeranong Hyperdome
- Turner & Townsend
- Vivid Chartered Accountants
- Vivid Print Services
- Waste Away
- Wisdom Learning
- Woden Early Childhood Centre
- Woden Valley Child Care Centre
- Womens Health on Strickland
- Xact Project Consultants
- Yellow Belly Cafe & General Store
- Yerrabi Ponds Early Learning Centre

Get involved today!

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