



2010 Award Winners

In May, the inaugural **ACTSmart Business and Office Awards** breakfast was held. This event showcased those businesses and offices who are accredited through the program, and gave an opportunity for those doing outstanding initiatives to be recognised with an award.

Below are the three category winners for 2010.

Biggest Reduction of Waste to Landfill Award



Crown Plaza Canberra proud recipients of their award presented by David Papps, Chief Executive of the Department of the Environment, Climate Change, Energy and Water (DECCEW).

Crowne Plaza Canberra

This Award is given to the organisation that can prove through their waste statements a clear reduction in the waste they are sending to landfill.

In 2010 this Award was given to Crowne Plaza Canberra, which reduced its waste to landfill collections from 70 per month, down to 33 collections per month, a reduction of over 21,150kg of waste to landfill each month. This equates to a 61% reduction of waste to landfill, which is an outstanding result for a hotel of this size.

Waste to landfill reduced by 61%



Best Innovation in Recycling Award



GHD Pty Ltd

The Best Innovation in Recycling Award is awarded to an organisation that has implemented an exciting and innovative idea in their business or office to support the ACTSmart programs. The 2010 Award was given to the GHD team, which successfully implemented a bin-free work station environment in their office.

Their staff of 180 collectively agreed to give up their desk side personal rubbish bins for floor based recycling systems located in a centralized area. Each floor has one set of bins for waste, paper and mixed recycling and staff now collect their rubbish and deposit it in the appropriate bins at these stations. GHD feels this new system has maximised their recycling efforts and reduced the amount of waste they send to landfill.

Bin-free work stations for all 180 staff members



GHD Pty Ltd proudly receive their award.

Best Staff Motivator Award



The team at NCC proudly receive their award.

National Convention Centre Canberra

The Best Staff Motivator Award is awarded to an initiative or a person within an organisation that has been able to actively motivate staff into improving their recycling practices.

The successful nomination for the Award in 2010 was the National Convention Centre which created the Ten Minute Trainer system. This is an education tool that all new staff members participate in, where they attend a short information session on recycling (which takes 10 minutes), followed up by a fun quiz to test their knowledge. They are also given the opportunity to participate in a field trip to the Materials Recovery Facility to further enhance their knowledge on recycling.

This program has proved very successful for the NCC in educating their staff on their recycling practices.

NCC invented the Ten Minute Trainer for recycling



Five quick questions with...



Deidre Kershaw from the National Electoral Education Centre

What was your main goal in signing up to the ACTSmart Business program?

We identified that we were only recycling paper but wanted to recycle other products too. We thought the ACTSmart Business program would help us to organise and coordinate our efforts as well as providing us with the accreditation. We liked the idea that there was a step-by-step process to follow with support from the Department of the Environment, Climate Change, Energy and Water.

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

Yes! Initially there was some confusion (particularly about soft and hard plastics) but once we had our staff training session it was great. Staff were very keen to recycle and had many questions along the way. Several staff have mentioned how they have improved their recycling at home since learning more about what can and can't be recycled through the ACTSmart program.

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

- Educating visitors, many who are from interstate, to use the correct bins.
- We had a miscommunication with our contractor and ended up with a skip instead of a wheelie bin, but this was remedied quickly.

What is the biggest benefit in being a part of the ACTSmart Business program?

The step-by-step guide, the availability of ACTSmart staff to visit and answer questions, the uniform signage and gaining information that can be used at home as well as at work.

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

YES! It was easy and straightforward to do. It was achieved with only a little effort and time and at very little cost.

“ It was easy and straightforward to do ”

Staff Training

Don't forget the additional support you receive by being a part of the program!

Extra support for your Business?



DO YOU NEED SOME EXTRA ASSISTANCE IN GETTING YOUR STAFF TO RECYCLE?

We can come out and run a fun and interactive 20 minute staff presentation at your business or office at a time that suits you.

We guarantee to get everyone excited about recycling and to answer any of those nagging questions people have on recycling both in the office and at home. Email us today to book a time.

Education Posters

We now have a range of Education Posters for you to use to motivate staff even further. They can be used in communal areas, on notice boards or even on the back of the toilet door.

Contact us today to get your set of posters to start using in your business or office today.

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