

The Actsmart Business Sustainability Awards were held on 11 June at Manuka Oval. The awards included 11 categories and showcased the achievements of Actsmart organisations and events.



Winner – **Waste Minimisation**

Brema Group

Brema Group specialise in demolition and excavation with a real focus on recycling. They joined the Actsmart program in April 2012 and have achieved fantastic results, diverting a staggering 97% from landfill through recycling, and reducing CO2 emissions by 1.7 tonnes per annum.



Winner – **Waste Minimisation**

Elections ACT

Gaining accreditation in the Actsmart program in May 2012 helped Elections ACT achieve some real and tangible results. After implementing the program, the small office reduced waste to landfill from 14% to a mere 3%. A major focus was minimising waste generated by cost sharing technologies with other electoral offices and borrowing election materials where appropriate.



Winner – **Biggest Recycler**

National Library of Australia

The National Library of Australia (NLA) embarked on a four year journey to maximise recycling joining the Actsmart program. They installed signage in docks and kitchens, and offered recycling options in the coffee shop which encouraged staff, visitors and contractors to help reach recycling targets. NLA now recycles batteries, cardboard, metals, fluorescent and mixed lighting, organics, paper, timber pallets, printer and toner cartridges, and soft plastics.



Winner – **Biggest Recycler Small Event**

4th July Celebrations, US Embassy

The 4th July function is the biggest event held at the Embassy with 800 guests at the 2014 event. Installing portable Actsmart signage saw an immediate effect on visitor behaviour. Approximately 1680kg of organics and mixed recycling was diverted from landfill to recycling through the event. The success of this recycling effort is the benchmark for all future events at the embassy.



Highly commended – **Biggest Recycler Small Event**

Wanniassa Hills Primary School

The Wanniassa Hills Primary School fair held in October 2014 saw 1000 visitors having access to recycling. The team at Wanniassa Hills Primary accessed the free Actsmart bin covers and set up stations around the event. Students were instructed on use of the bins to model behaviour for visitors to the event – resulting in 58% of waste being diverted into recycling



Winner – **Biggest Recycler Large Event**

National Folk Festival

The National Folk Festival has a strong background in recycling at its events, and in 2015 through partnering with Actsmart they exceeded their high standards. In 2015 a staggering 7.8 tonne of organics and 6.1 tonne of mixed recycling was sent for recycling from the 50,000 visitors who attended the event. The result was that 53% of waste was diverted away from landfill, a fantastic effort for such a large event.



Winner – **Water Star**

Cheeky Chicken Early Learning Centre

After joining the program this small not-for-profit childcare centre embarked on an ambitious challenge of upgrading a 1970s building to 2015 environmental standards. All toilets and taps were upgraded, hospital grade hand sanitisers installed to reduce water usage, a 6 star rated plywood floor installed, and new roofing and gutter systems to maximise water recycling for irrigation to vegetable gardens and toilet cistern use.



Winner – **Energy Star**

Cheeky Chicken Early Learning Centre

This childcare centre focussed on reducing its energy use by replacing an out of date electric hot water system with a new efficient model, replacing old lights with LEDs, heavily insulating the roof, and replacing old windows to double the size of the glass and allow for 180 degree opening. This allows more light to enter the building and better ventilation - resulting in 75% of the building not requiring artificial light for most of the year.



Highly commended – **Energy Star**

Class Locksmiths

Class Locksmiths embarked on their energy efficiency journey with Actsmart by replacing 230 fluorescent tubes and a dozen halogen lights with LED lights. A reduction of 50% of power usage was achieved. Class Locksmiths also embraced staff behaviour and encouraged staff to turn off equipment whilst not in use, installed timers for water boiling units and applied film on large glass panels in showroom to reduce heat in summer.



Highly commended – **Energy Star**

St Stephen Anglican Church Kambah

With the advice received from Actsmart, the church set out to convert the 1990s building to make it more comfortable as well as energy efficient. Installing an efficient split system heating system, scheduling meetings in smaller rooms that would be easier to heat, and removing vegetation from the building to allow better sun penetration has seen a dramatic reduction in energy bills. They have also raised awareness in the Parish encouraging others to take action on energy conservation at the church and in their homes.



Winner – **Small Business Award**

Bond Hair Religion

Joining the program in July 2014 Bond Hair Religion took on the challenge of implementing environmental practices into this Kingston salon. From the initial audit and advice they installed eco showerheads, used Easydry towels to reduce towel usage, updated lights to LEDs, and implemented recycling whilst reducing the packaging coming into the salon. In just over 12 months they increased recycling from zero to 80% and reduced electricity costs by 60%, all while increasing number of clients serviced.



Winner – **Corporate Award**

Turner and Townsend

Environmental stewardship is one of the four pillars of this organisations' Corporate Social Responsibility Strategy. Committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, reducing consumption, avoiding unnecessary business travel, reducing and recycling waste, videoing and web conferencing and walking to meetings are all encouraged. A system of continuous improvement and strong staff induction and commitment has seen a reduction of business travel emissions by 29%, waste to landfill by 92% and energy consumption by 63%.



Winner – **Motivation Excellence**

Belconnen Early Childhood Centre

The management ethos includes educating the future leaders of tomorrow to show respect for their environment. Daily activities include repurposing old furniture into craft centres, teaching water, waste and energy saving tips for children to take home to their families, and collecting and recycling plastic bags in the centre. This is a great example of teaching the next generation about sustainability, reaching many homes within Canberra.



Highly commended – **Motivation Excellence**

TEDxCanberra

TEDxCanberra is a non profit, volunteer run organisation that holds one major event in Canberra each year. The 2014 event embarked on the goal of zero waste to landfill – an ambitious target for any event. Engaging the volunteer team, addressing every level of the event and engaging suppliers to reduce generation of waste saw the event with 650 attendees send only 2 litres of waste to landfill.



Winner – **Innovation Excellence**

Allbids.com.au

This auction portal is unique to Canberra. All auctions of obsolete equipment from local schools are available Australia wide with funds being put towards a 3D printing package including training to help that school bring future technology into the curriculum today. Any equipment with no commercial value is sent to recycling. This innovation has the ability to change behaviour and perspective of what is increasingly a throwaway society.



Highly commended – **Innovation Excellence**

Australian Sports Commission

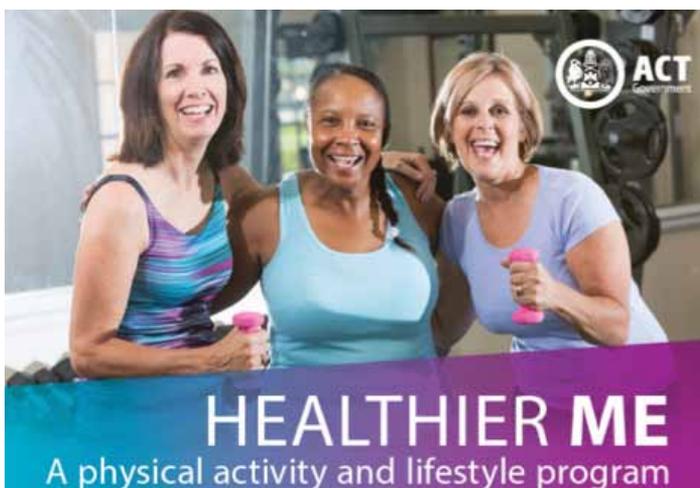
The team at the AIS worked together with local worm farmers to develop a state of the art worm farm onsite. Organic waste is collected from all sections of the AIS including athletes' accommodation, staff kitchens, child care centre and from events. This has seen a significant reduction in waste removal costs which will be realised well into the future.



Winner – **Ministers Award for Leadership**

Jancye Winter - National Multicultural Festival

Jancye has developed complex waste management contracts to address waste removal to optimise recycling at the Multicultural Festival. Her ability to innovate, collaborate and deliver this event with sustainability at front of mind is a credit to Jancye and her leadership, and has resulted in outstanding results in reducing waste to landfill from the event.



Healthier Me – Physical Activity and Lifestyle Program 25 August – 15 October 2015

As part of the Healthy Weight Initiative, the ACT Government is pleased to offer the HEALTHIER ME program to ACT workers who are at risk of developing, or currently living with, diabetes or other chronic conditions. HEALTHIER ME is an 8-week program, which involves physical activity and lifestyle education sessions. Classes are held twice a week and include aerobic and resistance style training as well as lifestyle and nutrition education sessions. Total cost for the program is \$80 per person.

To register or find out more about the program please contact Simon Evans at 6207 3472 or simon.evans@cit.edu.au.