

actsmart **Business Sustainability Awards**

2016

The Actsmart Business Sustainability Awards were held on 26 May at the National Arboretum. The awards included 10 categories and showcased the achievements of Actsmart organisations and events.



Winner – **Waste Minimisation**

Barmco Mana Partnership

Sustainable solutions are something Barmco promote, so it is important they practise what they preach. Participating in the Actsmart Program has seen Barmco send a tiny 3% waste to landfill.



Winner – **Biggest Recycler – Small Event**

CBR Hottest 100 Beach Party – Australia Day

Holding the event at Westside, organisers transformed the Acton space by shipping in 24 tonnes of sand, 400 square metres of grass, inflatable baby pools and an 11 metre water slide.

The 300 visitors recycled 511kgs of organic and mixed recycling that would have ended up in landfill.

Water stations provided by actsmart ensured everyone kept hydrated so the good vibes kept coming.



Winner – **Biggest Recycler – Large Event**

Events ACT – Canberra Balloon Spectacular

Over 40,000 people attended the this year's Balloon Spectacular, many enjoying the beautiful views and a delicious breakfast.

The event recycled approximately 714kgs of recyclables, 153kgs of organics, 148kgs of cardboard and 30 litres of cooking oil.



Winner – **Biggest Recycler**

Mooseheads

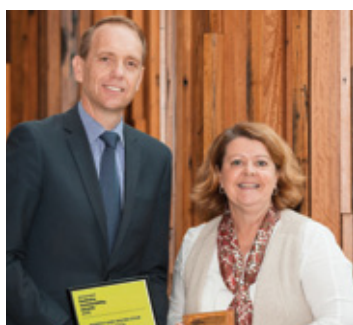
Mooseheads now recycle plastic, glass, cardboard and organics—diverting 32 tonnes of waste to recycling and decreasing waste to landfill by 86%. What a great effort!



Winner – **Energy and Water Star**

The Smith Family

Thanks to a rebate from Actsmart, the Smith Family replaced the 20-year old heating and cooling system. The saving will reduce energy costs, allowing The Smith Family to avoid diverting crucial program funding to operational expenses. The upgrade will lead to a \$6,500 in annual savings and almost 26,000kWh.



Winner – **Energy and Water Star**

Spence Family Bakery

Working with the Actsmart Energy and Water Program, the Spence Family Bakery said goodbye to their 25-year old oven, replacing it with a new one. The new oven will reduce monthly energy bills with an estimated saving of \$3,000 and 9 tonnes CO2 per year.

Following recommendations of their Actsmart report, the owners replaced fluorescent lights with LED lights and upgraded the old chest freezer.



Winner – **Small Business Award**

Cheeky Chicken Early Learning Centre

Building a real sense of family through community engagement is at the heart of this Hughes childcare centre, which has developed a relationship with Barnardos of Canberra to donate preloved clothing to needy babies and children. Centre staff also encourage their families to take sustainability ideas home, many growing vegetables, participating in the LED Household Lighting Program and increasing household recycling awareness.



Highly Commended – **Small Business Award**

Instant Colour Press Pty Ltd

Moving to digital printing to reduce water, encouraging staff to walk to the bank and recycling all toner cartridges has increased this business's sustainability.



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Lifeline Canberra

Using the Actsmart Recycling Program training for their 18 staff and more than 300 volunteers has helped this vital Canberra organisation reduce waste to landfill by 82%.

Using the Actsmart Energy Program has enabled them to upgrade their lighting, resulting in a 52% energy saving.



Winner – **Corporate Award**

US Embassy

Going well beyond the program requirements, all staff —including the Ambassador—have completed the online staff training, all events have implemented the Actsmart Public Event bins and signage encouraging recycling and all cleaners have undertaken the Actsmart Cleaners Training.



Winner – **Corporate Award**

Brema Group

Brema Group has implemented a waste management register for all sites, with a minimum of 80% of materials being sent to recycling. With some building sites generating 6,000 tonnes of rubble, Brema manages to send only 3% to landfill. Some sites have achieved a staggering 98% of all demolition materials being diverted away from landfill to recycling.



Highly Commended – **Corporate Award**

Power Protect

Power Protect is a specialist provider of installation and maintenance services. This small business is always looking for ways to minimise waste. Power Protect collects and strips down large UPS units to maximise recycling of components and even repurpose smaller UPS units as pot plant holders.



Winner – **Motivation Excellence**

Territory and Municipal Services – Murrumbidgee Depot

The Murrumbidgee Depot implemented the Actsmart program in 2015 and has since decreased waste to landfill by 63% and increased recycling by more than 43% through organic and mixed recycling collections.

The team collects and recycles waste from along the Murrumbidgee corridor and encourages visitors to the Cotter camping ground to recycle either onsite or take home their waste for recycling.



Winner – **Innovation Excellence**

Belconnen Early Childhood Centre

If you thought the three Rs was an innovative concept, you haven't met the team from Belconnen Early Childhood Centre. Staff determined there was a real opportunity to educate the children as well as their families about sustainability. After much discussion the team came up with the 14 R's of sustainability: Reflect, Responsibility, Remediation, Repair, Rot, Rethink/reinvent, Refuse, Return, Replant, Recycle, Reuse, Reduce and Return.

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Communities@work – Richardson Childcare and Education Centre

Reducing waste to landfill for both the centre and the centre's families was the seed for this innovation. The centre arranged for families to donate resources usually headed for landfill like piping and pallets for use as outdoor musical instruments, repurposed pallets for bookshelves and a felled tree as an outdoor seating area. This has reduced the costs to the centre of purchasing new equipment and reduced the burden on our landfill.



Highly Commended – **Minister's Award for Leadership**

Emmalene Port – Eden Hair and Beauty

Reducing waste by recycling is one thing for this salon but going the extra mile took some clever thinking. Emmalene undertook extensive research to reduce the packaging of salon products. She encouraged all hair to be swept up to make 'hair blooms' for use in cleaning up oil spills, replaced basin shower heads with eco heads and installed LED lights. This has led to reductions in waste, water and energy at this Dickson salon.






Winner – **Minister's Award for Leadership**

Greg Robertson – Calvary Healthcare Bruce

Greg is responsible for the development and implementation of a waste minimisation model which currently separates 25 waste streams within the hospital. Working with the Actsmart team, he got the signage and bins right, implemented recycling in public, cafeteria and staff rooms, promoted awareness through staff presentations and implemented recycling options for the outside grounds of the hospital. Collection and analysis of monthly data has shown Calvary has reduced its waste to landfill by 50%, resulting in \$100,000 saving in waste removal costs.

Actsmart Business Energy and Water program

Small businesses can receive:

-  **FREE on-site energy & water assessment**
-  **FREE tailored action plan**
-  **Up to \$5,000 to install more efficient equipment identified in the action plan**

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Conditions apply.*

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