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Newsletter 2015 Autumn



Online nominations are now open for the 2015 Actsmart Business Sustainability Awards

The annual breakfast event will be held in the Bradman Room at Manuka Oval on Thursday 11 June 2015.

Invitations will be sent out in the coming weeks, and we encourage signatories to submit a nomination in one or more of the following categories:

- 1 Waste minimisation
- 2 Biggest recycler
- 3 Energy star
- 4 Innovation excellence
- 5 Motivation excellence
- 6 Corporate Award
- 7 Small Business Award
- 8 Minister's Award for Leadership

All Actsmart Business signatories are eligible to nominate themselves in one or more of the categories listed above. More category details are available online.

Complete your nomination online now at actsmart.act.gov.au or contact Carly Scott, carlym.scott@act.gov.au for more information.

Dates to remember

Actsmart Business Sustainability Awards Breakfast

11 June 2015 7.20am – 9.30am
Bradman Room, Manuka Oval
Manuka Circuit, Griffith

ACTSmart Accredited Cleaners Workshop

Now run over one three-hour session. Visit the NEW Actsmart website for more information - actsmart@act.gov.au

Minister's message



Welcome to the 2015 Autumn edition of the Actsmart Business newsletter.

In this edition you will find information about the Actsmart Business Sustainability Awards Breakfast. This annual

event is a great opportunity for businesses to be acknowledged and rewarded for their efforts in our programs and highlights outstanding achievements in various categories.

There are more than 1000 workplaces participating in the Actsmart Business programs and I would like to thank these organisations for their continued commitment to sustainability in our region.

I encourage residents to look for accredited businesses that display the Actsmart logo and help support the Actsmart Business programs to create a more sustainable future.

Simon Corbell MLA
Minister for the Environment

Have you visited Canberra's sustainability hub?

Actsmart is excited to announce the launch of Canberra's sustainability hub, a website allowing greater access to information on a range of sustainability issues, including climate change.



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The new look website makes it easier for Canberrans to discover actions they can take to lessen their carbon footprint. People can ask questions, share ideas, follow links and find contact information for government and non-government entities.

The use of interactive social media by Actsmart will increase over time to better engage and deliver services to Canberra and the region. Follow Actsmart on Twitter using @SustainableCBR and hashtags #actsmart and #sustainableliving. Actsmart would like to follow all Actsmart Businesses so please send us your details!

Climate change is a global problem and the ACT Government is committed to working closely with the Canberra community to protect our environment and ensure the ACT becomes a sustainable city and clean economy.

This program provides assistance for businesses to reduce energy and water use while lowering operating costs and greenhouse gas emissions. Participating businesses receive an energy and water assessment resulting in a tailored action plan that identifies energy and water saving opportunities.

Actsmart will rebate 50% of the cost of any recommendations that are implemented by the business up to \$5000*.

*see full terms and conditions on the Actsmart website



Facts



Did you know energy efficient bulbs consume 70% less energy than incandescent bulbs and last 4-10 times longer.



By turning down your heating by just one degree you can save as much as 10% off your heating bills.



Screen savers can be energy wasters. Most computers use twice as much energy lighting up the screen as they do for processing.

Carbon Challenge



Will you take the Challenge?

The Actsmart Carbon Challenge is an online tool to help ACT residents become more sustainable in their everyday lives. Competing individually or with friends is a fun, interactive way to take challenges that earn points towards your profile. Each challenge has lots of great tips and advice on how to complete them.

Five quick questions with...

Simone Heaton

Sparke Helmore Lawyers



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

To reduce landfill waste by educating staff about recycling.

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

Definitely. People are aware of what can and can't go in the mixed recycling bins and we are well and truly keeping the worms fed with the contents of our organic waste bins!

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

Recycling can be a bit of a daggy topic so it was tricky getting everyone interested in the beginning, but after the information session with Actsmart, people were definitely more engaged and keen to make it work.

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

Knowing that we are doing something as an office that's helping the planet, and it's as simple as choosing the right bin.

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

There are other businesses not doing it?
What are they waiting for?

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Thu Nguyen

Kaleen Family Fast Food



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

To increase efficiency and decrease energy (electrical) consumption.

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

The change to LED lights has led to an estimated decrease in our electricity bill in the last couple of months. Savings amounted to roughly \$150 per month (after implementation of change in lights as well as switching off unused appliances).

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

The entire process was seamless. The rebate scheme was both accessible and prompt. The rebate claim process was also simple and straight forward.

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

Definitely the incentives. We were planning to upgrade a few items as energy prices were steadily increasing but were deterred by the costs. The energy program allowed us to implement these changes.

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

Most definitely!

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ACTSmart Business and Office accredited recyclers:

- ACT Auditor General's Office
- ACT Legislative Assembly
- Ainslie Football & Social Club
- Allbids
- AMC Training Centre
- American Embassy Canberra
- AMSAT International
- Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies
- Australian Sports Commission - AIS Arena
- Barmco Mana Partnership
- Bentleys of Canberra - Garran
- Biotext
- Blueblood Solutions
- Boston Consulting Group
- Brema Group
- Brindabella Hearing & Speech Centre
- Calibre Consulting (ACT)
- Calvary John James Hospital
- Canberra Aluminium Warehouse
- Canberra Audiology
- Canberra CBD
- Canberra Equine Hospital
- Canberra FM Radio
- Canberra Furnished Accommodation
- Canberra Netball Association
- Canberra Veterinary Hospital
- Capital Region Farmers Market
- Capital Waste Skips
- Ciao Cafe & Cakes
- Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate, Shared Services - Allara Street - Eclipse House - Mitchell - Bowes Place - Callam Offices - Macarthur House
- Civil Aviation Safety Authority
- Coca-Cola Amatil
- Comcare - Marcus Clarke Street
- Communications Design & Management
- Community Services Directorate - Therapy ACT Holder - Therapy ACT Swanson Plaza
- Conference Logistics
- Conservation Council - ACT Region
- Continuity Capital Partners
- CrimTrac
- Delnas Metal Roofing
- Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations - 17 Moore Street
- Department of Environment - John Gorton Building
- Department of Social Services - Guilfoyle House
- Diabetes Australia
- East Hotel
- Economic Development Directorate - ACT Gambling and Racing Commission - Canberra and Region Visitors Centre - Exhibition Park Corporation - GIO Stadium - Telstra House
- Education and Training Directorate - Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning - Northbourne Avenue
- Effective People
- Elections ACT
- Engineers Australia
- Environment and Planning Directorate - Dame Pattie Menzies - Mitchell
- Environmental Resources Management Australia
- Fringe Hairdressing
- GHD
- Gold Creek World of Learning
- Health Directorate - Queen Elizabeth II Family Centre
- Hobart Place Dental
- HorizonOne Recruitment
- Indigenous Community Volunteers
- IP Australia
- Isabella Plains Child Care & Education Centre - Communities@Work
- JJ Richards & Sons
- JJ Richards & Sons - Queanbeyan
- John James Foundation
- Justice & Community Safety - 12 Moore Street - ACT Magistrates Court - North Building - ORS Canberra Avenue - Public Trustee - Victim Support ACT
- KBT Overnight Express
- KDN Group
- Khyber Pass
- Koala Playschool
- Kindy Patch Queanbeyan
- Kowalski Recruitment
- KPMG
- Labor Club - Canberra - City - Ginninderra - Weston Creek
- Lavender Lane Gungahlin Childcare
- Lend Lease Building
- M & M Rolfe Cleaning Services
- McMillan Staff Development
- Mooseheads
- National Convention Centre Canberra
- National Electoral Education Centre
- National Library of Australia
- National Rural Health Alliance
- Neurospace Physiotherapy
- 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
- PCA People
- Physio Sport O'Connor
- Power Protect
- Promo Concepts
- Queanbeyan City Council - Admin Building - Library - Home & Community Centre
- Regency Knights Window Fashions
- Reuse - Recycle IT
- Richardson Child Care & Education Centre - Communities@Work
- Robson Environmental
- Rolfe Property Services
- Schiavello
- Schiavello (QBY) Pty Ltd
- Serco Immigration Services
- Service One Members Banking
- Shepherd Electrical
- Shop Basics
- Signs Letters N Lines
- SOS Recruitment
- Sparke Helmore Lawyers
- Spectrum Graphics
- Territory & Municipal Services Directorate - Dickson Motor Vehicle Registry - Macarthur House - Murrumbidgee depot, Casuarina Sands
- The Firm
- The Hairdressing
- ThyssenKrupp Elevator Australia
- Tuggeranong Hyperdome (full retail list available online)
- Turner & Townsend
- Vivid Print Services
- Waste Away
- Wisdom Learning
- Xact Project Consultants

Get involved today!

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