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Actsmart Business Sustainability Awards 2015



Organisations across the Canberra region were recognised for their commitment to the environment at the 6th annual Business Sustainability Awards held on 11 June at Manuka Oval.

Minister for the Environment, Simon Corbell, presented 11 awards, from over 50 nominations, to acknowledge organisations for their outstanding achievements in efficient use of energy and water, better waste management and recycling practices as well as achievements in projects representing exemplary sustainable practices.

Over 150 guests from the Canberra community attended this year's awards and guests were inspired by the great ideas and outstanding initiatives shown. A demonstrated commitment to sustainability in our region by all in attendance.

Take a look and read about the amazing accomplishments of the awards winners.

Dates to remember

Actsmart Business Sustainability Expo

Thursday 3 September 2015
10.00am – 4.00pm
AIS Arena, Bruce

Actsmart Accredited Cleaners Workshop

A single three-hour session workshop. Visit the **NEW** Actsmart website for more information - actsmart.act.gov.au

Minister's message



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

In this edition you will find information on the Business Sustainability Awards which

were held on 11 June. I was impressed by the number of nominees in each category and the commitment organisations have made to help make Canberra a more sustainable city, another year of outstanding efforts.

You will also find information on the upcoming Business Sustainability Expo to be held on 3 September at the AIS Arena. This year Actsmart will team up with the Canberra Business Chamber, giving businesses an even greater opportunity to showcase the latest products and sustainable solutions. I encourage you all to attend.

There are more than 1000 workplaces participating in the Actsmart Business programs to better manage their waste and improve energy and water efficiency. I would like to again thank all of these businesses for their commitment to sustainability in our region.

Simon Corbell MLA
Minister for the Environment

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The 2015 Business Sustainability Expo will be held on Thursday 3 September 2015 at the AIS Arena – Bruce ACT.

The Expo provides businesses and public event organisers with a truly holistic approach to sustainability. It's an event for exhibitors to showcase the latest products and services that are available to enhance efficiencies in energy and water consumption, improve waste management, and expand recycling practices.

- Partnering with the Canberra Business Chamber – Promotion to membership database
- Four workshops - business owners and/or managers can learn from case studies and discuss ideas - Building Management, Organics, Solar and Energy Efficiency of HVAC
- Guest speakers and interviewing sustainability business on the Arena main stage throughout the day


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Are you holding a public event in the ACT this year?

Want assistance to make your event more sustainable?

Be part of the Actsmart Public Event Recycling Program which is now trialling energy and water reduction initiatives.

It can save you time, money and the environment!

Events can range from small to large such as a school fete, festival, fair, show or sporting event.

Register your interest by emailing actsmart@act.gov.au

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.



actsmart **Business Sustainability Awards**

2015

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

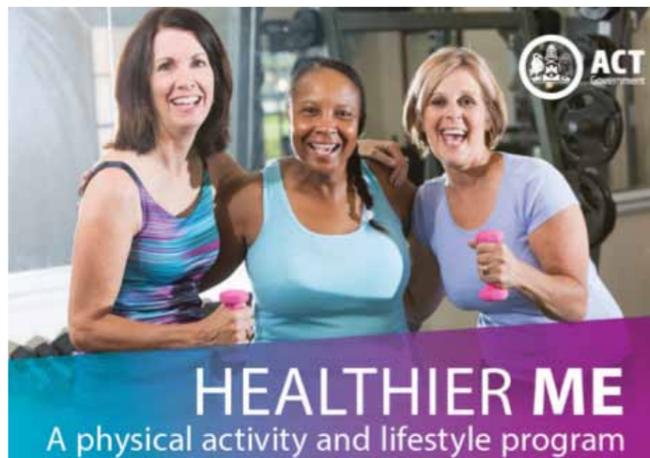
The team at the AIS worked together with local worm farmers to develop a state of the art worm farm onsite. Organic waste is collected from all sections of the AIS including athletes' accommodation, staff kitchens, child care centre and from events. This has seen a significant reduction in waste removal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

Five quick questions with....

Todd Handy
East Hotel



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

To further intensify our desire and ability to excel in minimising our waste through an accredited program which also provides guidance and assistance in realising a productive, worthwhile goal - all while reducing cost.

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

Definitely. They proactively work together as part of a team at the coal-face and continue to provide feedback as to how we can better improve our achievements.

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

The biggest challenge has been getting the team through the online training due to so many employees not having regular access to computers.

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

We look at this as a multi-pronged, holistic achievement. Sure, we save a little money, but there are the immediate and ongoing benefits of drastically reduced waste to landfill and the growing environmental awareness for both our team members and the guests who notice and are positively impacted by our proactive approach to minimising our waste.

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

Absolutely. The team at ActSmart have been excellent ambassadors and facilitators throughout the process. They thoroughly understand that not all businesses are exactly the same and are creative and open-minded when it comes to develop the most effective solutions for operational business needs.

Chris Wall
Pizza Capers Gungahlin



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

My main reason for signing up to the program was looking at responsible ways to reduce the costs of my business.

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

Yes I have seen a saving in my electricity costs, and also am more aware of how my energy is being consumed at my business.

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

The biggest difficulties I faced in implementing the opportunities presented in the program was organising the quotes from the tradies, like herding cats!

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

The biggest benefit of the program is that it does provide ways for me to reduce my operating costs. The tailored advice really helps to work out where savings can be made.

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Actsmart Business accredited recyclers:

- ACT Auditor General's Office
- ACT Legislative Assembly
- Ainslie Football & Social Club
- Allbids.com.au
- AMC Training Centre
- American Embassy Canberra
- Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies
- Australian Sports Commission
 - AIS Arena
- Baker Deane & Nutt
- Barmco Mana Partnership
 - Bentleys of Canberra Garran
- Biotext
- Blueblood Solutions
- Boston Consulting Group
- Bounce Pharmacy
- 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
- Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate
 - Allara Street
 - Eclipse House
 - Mitchell
- Ciao Cafe & Cakes
- Civil Aviation Safety Authority
 - Coca Cola Amatil
- Comcare
 - Marcus Clarke Street
- Commerce & Works Directorate
 - Bowes Place
 - Callam Offices
 - Macarthur House
- Communications Design & Management
- Community Services Directorate
 - Therapy ACT Holder
 - Therapy ACT Swanson Plaza
- Conference Logistics
- Conservation Council
 - ACT Region
- Continuity Capital Partners
- Country Road
- CrimTrac
- Delnas Metal Roofing
- Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
 - 17 Moore Street
- Department of Environment
 - John Gorton Building
- East Hotel
- Easycare Landscapes
- EB Games
- 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
- Griffin Legal
- Health Directorate
 - Queen Elizabeth II Family Centre
- Hireall
- Hobart Place Dental
- HorizonOne Recruitment
- Indigenous Community Volunteers
- IP Australia
- Isabella Plains Child Care & Education Centre
- JJ Richards & Sons
- JJ Richards & Sons
 - Queanbeyan
- John James Foundation
 - 12 Moore Street
 - ACT Magistrates Court
 - North Building
 - ORS Canberra Avenue
 - Public Trustee
 - Victim Support ACT
- KBT Overnight Express
- KDN Group
- Khyber Pass
- Kindy Patch Queanbeyan
- Koala Playschool
- Kowalski Recruitment
- KPMG
 - Kwik KopyPhillip
- Labor Club
 - Belconnen
 - City
 - Ginninderra
 - Weston Creek
- Lavender Lane Gungahlin Childcare
- Lend Lease Building
- M & M Rolfe Cleaning Services
- McMillan Staff Development
- Mooseheads
- NAB Canberra Banking Office
- 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
- Peter Blackshaw Woden & Weston Creek
- Physio Sport O'Connor
- Power Protect
- Promo Concepts
- Queanbeyan City Council
 - Admin Building
 - Home & Community Centre
 - Library
- Regency Knights Window Fashions
 - ReuseRecycle IT
- Richardson Child Care & Education Centre
- Robson Environmental
- Rolfe Property Services
- Sanity Tuggeranong
- 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
 - Murrumbidgee depot, Casuarina Sands
 - Macarthur House
- The Firm
- The Hairdressing
- The Riverview Group
- ThyssenKrupp Elevator Australia
- Trade Guardian
- Tuggeranong Hyperdome (full retail list online)
- Turner & Townsend
- Vivid Print Services
- Waste Away
- Wisdom Learning
- Xact Project Consultants

Get involved today!

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