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Newsletter 2015 Spring



Merry Christmas

The Actsmart team would like to wish all our clients and their families a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with you in 2016 as Canberra moves closer to a more sustainable future.

Christmas Tips

- 1** The shiny Christmas wrapping paper is soft plastic, so cannot go in the recycling bin. Use paper wrapping, newspaper or kids' artwork to wrap sustainably.
- 2** Tinsel cannot be recycled but it can be reused. Save it for next year!
- 3** If there is no more room in your recycling bin at home over the Christmas period, visit your local drop off centre. They operate just like your recycling bin at home.

Visit the Territory and Municipal Services website to find drop off point locations – www.tams.act.gov.au

Dates to remember

Actsmart Accredited Cleaners Workshop

A single three-hour session workshop only

Next course – Mon 14 Dec 2015 / 10am – 1pm

Visit the **NEW** Actsmart website for more information

actsmart.act.gov.au

Minister's message



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

It is with great pleasure that I highlight the recent Actsmart Business Sustainability Expo held on 3 September 2015 at

the AIS Arena. A wide range of exhibitors were on hand to provide solutions and information on various products and services to improve waste management and assist with energy and water savings.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Actsmart businesses for their continued commitment to sustainability in our region and wish everyone a safe and prosperous festive season. I look forward to supporting the Actsmart Business Programs again in 2016.

Simon Corbell MLA Minister for the Environment



The annual Actsmart Business Sustainability Expo was held on Thursday 3 September at the AIS Arena. See inside for more information on the event.



Actsmart Business Sustainability Expo 2015



The annual Actsmart Business Sustainability Expo was our most successful yet, with 40 stallholders and a 20% increase in attendance from last year.

Our collaboration with the Canberra Business Chamber (CBC) saw over 220 people attending the expo—and walking away with brilliant ideas and solutions to take back to their workplace.

The CBC Stage was hosted by Lish Fejer from 666 ABC Canberra, who interviewed stallholders and workshop speakers. Environmental and sustainability expert and author, Rob Gell, was the special guest speaker. He shared his wealth of knowledge and experience at the networking lunch and Q&A session.

Member for Molonglo, Meegan Fitzharris, attended the lunchtime networking event and thanked attendees and encouraged continued commitment to sustainability within the workplace.



Attendees also had access to comprehensive workshops highlighting the latest industry trends in sustainability and practical case studies from leading sustainable businesses.

The Actsmart team would like to thank all exhibitors and attendees who participated in this year's expo. We look forward to seeing you again next year at the Actsmart Business Sustainability Expo 2016.



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 it. And the end result is a more sustainable you!

Does your business want to save money and be environmentally responsible?

Actsmart offers a FREE, 10-step program for **ACT** and **Queanbeyan** businesses. Green accreditation is easy and helps you:

- ✓ reduce costs
- ✓ recycle waste
- ✓ help the environment
- ✓ enjoy great PR

More than 700 businesses have already signed up to Actsmart Business Recycling.

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For information visit actsmartbusiness@act.gov.au or call Access Canberra on 13 22 81

Five quick questions with...

Kristin Miller Trade Guardian



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

To have a process in place to ensure we were recycling correctly and doing all we could as a business to reduce our waste!

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

Yes. Undertaking the training created quite a bit of discussion about what could and could not be recycled and how to dispose of items correctly. All staff now just recycle as part of normal daily work.

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

No challenges. This really has been a simple process to introduce in our workplace.

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

It is just easy to recycle. Now that all waste is sorted, it is easy to throw things in the right bins etc. We all feel better for doing the right thing.

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

Yes of course. It's a simple process to implement in your business and it is something we should all be doing both at home and at work.

“This really has been a simple process to introduce in our workplace.”

Angela van der Plaats Sentinel Pty Ltd



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

Identifying possible energy savings in our office and access to the rebate program to help us reduce costs relating to installation of energy-efficient glass in our shopfront.

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

Our energy bills over the next few months, during a period of warmer weather, will provide an indication of energy saving.

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

None associated with the ACTSmart Business Energy & Water program. The major challenge we faced was sourcing glass that had solar reduction, insulation properties and a guarantee of its ability not to crack.

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

The biggest benefit thus far has been access to the rebate program, which resulted in significant cost savings in our glass fit out. In addition, the flow-on effects in respect of energy savings, the improved comfort to our staff and reductions in environmental emissions relating to the use of air conditioning during warmer weather.

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

Absolutely.

“The biggest benefit thus far has been access to the rebate program”

Actsmart Business accredited recyclers:

- ACT Auditor General's Office
- ACT Legislative Assembly
- Ainslie Football & Social Club
- Allbids.com.au
- American Embassy Canberra
- Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies
- Australian Sports Commission
 - AIS Arena
- Baker Deane & Nutt
- Barmco Mana Partnership
- Belconnen Early Childhood Centre
- Bentleys of Canberra - Garran
- Biotext
- Blueblood Solutions
- Bond Hair Religion
- Boston Consulting Group
- Brema Group
- Brindabella Hearing & Speech Centre
- Calibre Consulting (ACT)
- Calvary John James Hospital
- Canberra Aluminium Warehouse
- Canberra Audiology
- Canberra CBD
- Canberra Centre (full retail list online)
- Canberra Equine Hospital
- Canberra FM Radio
- Canberra Furnished Accommodation
- Canberra Netball Association
- Canberra Veterinary Hospital
- Capital Chemist Charnwood
- Capital Region Farmers Market
- Capital Waste Skips
- Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate - Shared Services
 - Allara Street
 - Eclipse House
 - Mitchell
- Ciao Cafe & Cakes
- Civil Aviation Safety Authority
- Coca-Cola Amatil
- Comcare
 - Marcus Clarke Street
- Commerce & Works Directorate, Shared Services
 - 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
- CrimTrac
- Crowne Plaza Canberra
- Delnas Metal Roofing
- Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
 - 17 Moore Street
- Department of Environment
 - John Gorton Building
- East Hotel
- Economic Development Directorate
 - ACT Gambling and Racing Commission
 - Canberra and Region Visitors Centre
 - Exhibition Park Corporation
 - GIO Stadium
 - Land Development Agency
 - Telstra House
 - Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning
 - Northbourne Avenue
- Effective People
- Elections ACT
- Engineers Australia
- Environment and Planning Directorate
 - Dame Pattie Menzies
 - Mitchell
- 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
- Justice & Community Safety
 - 12 Moore Street
 - ACT Magistrates Court
 - North Building
 - ORS Canberra Avenue
 - Public Trustee
 - Victim Support ACT
- Kambah Child Care & Education Centre
- KBT Overnight Express
- KDN Group
- Kindy Patch Queanbeyan
- Koala Playschool
- Kowalski Recruitment
- KPMG
- Kwik Kopy
 - Phillip
 - Canberra
- Labor Club
 - Belconnen
 - City
 - Ginninderra
 - Weston Creek
- Lavender Lane Gungahlin Childcare
- Lend Lease Building
- Limelight Cinemas
- M & M Rolfe Cleaning Services
- McMillan Staff Development
- Mooseheads
- Morgans Group
- 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
- Reuse - Recycle IT (part of the Capital Easy Group)
- Richardson Child Care & Education Centre
- 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
- Sportscare & Physiotherapy
 - Barton
 - Dickson
- 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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