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Newsletter 2016 Winter

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Actsmart Business Sustainability Awards 2016

The 7th Annual Actsmart Business Sustainability Awards were held on Thursday 26 May 2016 at the National Arboretum.

From over 60 nominations, 12 winners and 5 highly commended awards were presented by Minister for the Environment, Simon Corbell. These awards acknowledged a wide variety of organisations for their outstanding achievements in efficient use of water and energy, better waste management and recycling practices.

More than 140 guests attended this year's awards. They were treated to an amazing view and were inspired by the great ideas and outstanding initiatives shown by the award winners.

Inside you can read about the winners and their amazing accomplishments.

Dates to remember

Actsmart Business Sustainability Champions Breakfast
Friday 29 July 2016 from 7.30am – 9.00am

Actsmart Business Sustainability Expo
Thursday 1 September 2016

Actsmart Accredited Cleaners Workshop
A single three-hour session workshop only
2 September 2016
Visit the Actsmart website for more information - **actsmart.act.gov.au**

Minister's message

Welcome to the 2016 winter edition of the Actsmart Business newsletter.

This edition highlights the achievements of local businesses from the recent Actsmart Business Sustainability Awards held on Thursday 26 May 2016. All nominated businesses demonstrated exceptional leadership with an outstanding commitment to help make Canberra a more sustainable city.

In this edition, you will find information on the upcoming Actsmart Business Sustainability Expo which will be held on Thursday 1 September at the National Convention Centre. Once again, the Actsmart team will be teaming up with the Canberra Business Chamber to showcase the latest products and sustainable solutions on offer to businesses within the ACT.

The expo is Actsmart's signature annual event. It's a fantastic opportunity to find out more about local organisations participating in the Actsmart business programs showcasing their commitment to sustainability in our region.

Simon Corbell MLA
Minister for the Environment

actsmart Business Sustainability EXPO 2016

FREE

The 2016 Business Sustainability Expo will be held on Thursday 1 September at the National Convention Centre from 10.00am – 6.00pm.

Actsmart will again partner with the Canberra Business Chamber to provide businesses and public event organisers with a truly holistic approach to sustainability. Exhibitors will showcase the latest products and services available to improve efficiencies in energy, water consumption and waste management and expand recycling practices.

Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about businesses that are successfully implementing Actsmart programs and discuss ideas on Solar for Businesses, Energy and Water rebates for Businesses, Organics and Battery Storage at a number of workshops throughout the day.

Attendees can also join a networking opportunity between 4.00pm and 6.00pm with delegates and stallholders in a relaxed and informal environment.

Pre-register and attend for your chance to win an iPad.

actsmart public event

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

Want free assistance to make your event more sustainable?

Be part of the Actsmart Public Event program, which now includes energy and water reduction options.

It can save you time, money and the environment!

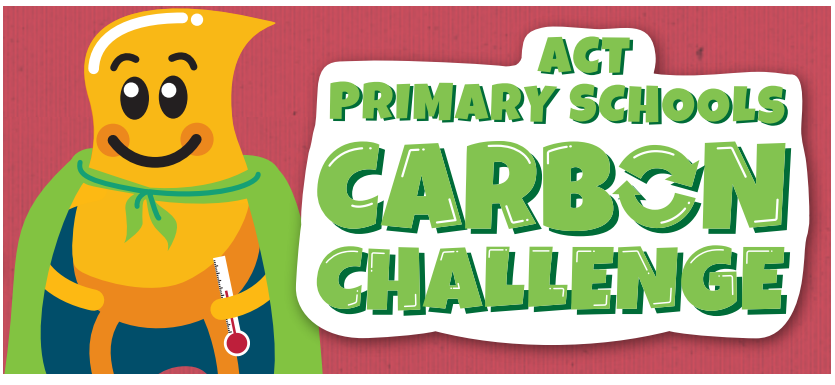
Events can range from small to large, such as school fetes, festivals, fairs, shows or sporting events.

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

Household – Carbon Challenge

Is your child's school registered?

Visit **actsmart.act.gov.au** for more information



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!

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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.

Highly Commended – **Small Business Award**

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.

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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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Highly Commended – **Innovation Excellence**

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**

$5,000 REBATE Conditions apply.*

*Full terms and conditions available on the Actsmart website

Five quick questions with....

Denise Arundel

Instant Colour Press

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

We wanted to see what else we could do to run our business more sustainably, and to be recognised for our efforts.

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

Yes – Even though we have been recycling paper, cardboard and toner cartridges for many years, we have found even more things that we can do – especially in our staff kitchen!

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

We haven't found any real challenges in implementing the program.

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

The biggest benefit for us is having our contributions towards a better environment publicly recognised, and keeping our waste disposal costs down. As well, all our staff are now actively talking about recycling and reducing our carbon footprint.

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

Definitely. It is not difficult to be part of the program, and the benefits are many.

"our staff are now actively talking about recycling and reducing our carbon footprint."

Neil Hawke

Cheeky Chicken Early Learning Centre

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

To utilise the opportunity to develop a partnership with Actsmart that would enable professional advice and support in meeting the sustainability goals we had in creating our centre.

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

Significant savings right across the board have been had with all of the changes implemented.

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

The only limiting factor for us was the funding allowance. We would easily be able to develop more changes with greater funding opportunities.

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

Brand awareness for our business has grown exponentially, with taking out three major awards in two years we have seen a massive increase in our numbers and the recognition that comes with making such positive improvements to the site.

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

100%, it is so easy to make minor changes that have a big impact on staff, customer and your own moral when it comes to seeing the positive impact these changes make.

"it is so easy to make minor changes that have a big impact on staff"

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
- Atlas Business Services
- 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 -
- Biotext
- Blueblood Solutions
- Bond Hair Religion
- Boston Consulting Group
- Brema Group
- Brindabella Hearing & Speech Centre
- Bruce Early Childhood 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 Region Farmers Market
- Capital Waste Skips
- Care Australia
- Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate
  - Canberra and Region Visitors Centre
  - Exhibition Park
  - GIO Stadium
  - Land Development Agency
- Shared Services
  - Allara Street
  - Eclipse House
  - Mitchell
  - Bowes Place
  - Callam Offices
- Access Canberra
  - Mitchell
  - Canberra Avenue
  - Dickson Motor Vehicle Registry
  - Macarthur House
- Civil Aviation Safety Authority
- Coca-Cola Amatail
- Comcare
  - Marcus Clarke Street
- Communications Design & Management
- Community Services Directorate
  - Therapy ACT Holder
  - West Belconnen Child & Family Centre
- Conference Logistics
- Conservation Council
  - ACT Region
- Continuity Capital Partners
- CrimTrac
- Crowne Plaza Canberra
- CTO Group Pty Ltd
- Delnas Metal Roofing
- Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
  - 17 Moore Street
- Department of Environment
  - John Gorton Building
- East Hotel
- Education and Training Directorate
  - Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning
  - Northbourne Avenue
- Effective People
- Elections ACT
- Engineers Australia
- EntityName
- Environment and Planning Directorate
  - Dame Pattie Menzies
- Five Star Electrical (ACT)
- GHD
- Ginninderra Early Childhood Centre
- Gold Creek World of Learning
- Griffin Legal
- Health Directorate
  - Canberra Sexual Health Centre
  - Queen Elizabeth II Family Centre
- Hireall
- Hobart Place Dental
- HorizonOne Recruitment
- Indigenous Community Volunteers
- Instant Colour Press Pty Ltd
- IP Australia
- Isabella Plains Child Care & Education Centre
- JJ Richards & Sons
- John James Foundation
- Justice & Community Safety
  - 12 Moore Street
  - ACT Magistrates Court
  - North Building
  - 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
  - Canberra
  - Phillip
- Labor Club
  - Belconnen
  - City
  - Ginninderra
  - Weston Creek
- Lavender Lane Gungahlin Childcare
- Lend Lease Building
- Lifeline Canberra
- M & M Rolfe Cleaning Services
- Manuka Swimming Pool
- McMillan Staff Development
- Michael Holmes Chartered Accountant
- Mooseheads
- Morgans Group
- NAB Canberra Banking Office
- National Convention Centre Canberra
- National Electoral Education Centre
- National Library of Australia
- National Rural Health Alliance
- Ngunnawal Child Care & Education Centre
- 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
- OPC IT Pty Ltd
- PCA People
- Peter Blackshaw Woden & Weston Creek
- Physio Sport O'Connor
- Power Protect
- Promo Concepts
- Pure Gelato ACT
- Queanbeyan City Council
  - Admin Building
  - Home & Community Centre
  - Library
- Questacon
- Riverview Plaza
  - (full retail list online)
- Regency Knights Window Fashions
- Reuse - Recycle IT (part of the Capital Easy Group)
- Richardson Childcare & Education Centre
- Robson Environmental
- Rolfe Property Services
- Schiavello
- Schiavello (QBY) Pty Ltd
- Sentinel Pty Ltd
- Serco Immigration Services
- Service One Mutual Limited
- Shepherd Electrical
- Shop Basics
- Signs Letters N Lines
- SOS Recruitment
- Sparke Helmore Lawyers
- Spectrum Graphics
- Sportscare & Physiotherapy
  - Barton
  - Dickson
- Territory and Municipal Services Directorate
  - Macarthur House
  - Murrumbidgee depot, Casuarina Sands
- The Firm
- The Hairdressing
- The Rehabilitation Specialists Pty Ltd
- The Riverview Group
- ThyssenKrupp Elevator Australia
- Totom House Multicultural Early Childhood Centre
- Trade Guardian
- Tuggeranong Hyperdome
  - (full retail list online)
- Turner & Townsend
- Vivid Chartered Accountants
- Vivid Print Services
- Waste Away
- Wisdom Learning
- Woden Valley Child Care Centre
- Womens Health on Strickland
- Xact Project Consultants

Get involved today!

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