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## Newsletter 2016 Autumn



### Actsmart Business Sustainability Awards

The Actsmart Business Sustainability Awards will be held on Thursday 26 May 2016 at the National Arboretum Canberra.

The awards celebrate efficiencies in the use of water and energy and better waste management and recycling practices.

All Actsmart Business signatories are eligible to nominate themselves in one or more of the eight categories listed below.

#### Nomination categories

- Waste Minimisation
- Motivation Excellence
- Biggest Recycler
- Corporate Award
- Energy and Water Star
- Small Business Award
- Innovation Excellence
- Minister's Award For Leadership

Nomination details are available online at [www.actsmart.act.gov.au](http://www.actsmart.act.gov.au)

### DID YOU KNOW?

- 1 The energy saved by recycling one plastic drink bottle will power a computer for 20 minutes.
- 2 Recycling 125 plastic milk bottles is enough to make one 140 Litre wheelie bin.
- 3 One tree makes approximately 6 reams or 3077 pieces of paper.

### Dates to remember

#### Actsmart Business Sustainability Awards Breakfast - Thursday 26 May 2016

#### Actsmart Accredited Cleaners Workshop

A free single three-hour session workshop only

Visit the **NEW** Actsmart website for more information [actsmart.act.gov.au](http://actsmart.act.gov.au)

### Minister's message



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

In this edition you will find information about our upcoming Actsmart Business Awards Breakfast to be held at the

National Arboretum in May. The Awards recognise the outstanding sustainability contributions by Actsmart organisations.

I hope that many of our signatories put forward a nomination in one or more of our categories to showcase the efforts and achievements under the Actsmart Business programs.

There are more than 1000 businesses participating in Actsmart Business programs. I would like to thank all of these organisations for their 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 Canberra.

**Simon Corbell MLA** Minister for the Environment

## Out and about in Canberra

If you were at this year's National Multicultural Festival or the Royal Canberra Show, you may have seen Actsmart out in force! The team from Actsmart was excited to promote Canberra's Sustainability Hub, a website allowing greater access to information on a range of sustainability issues, including climate change.

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

The information stand at the Festival and Show included live demonstrations of the webtools available from the Actmart Sustainability Hub. People enjoyed asking questions and sharing loads of ideas.

Whether it's tips for saving energy and water or tools for recycling, explore all the opportunities for sustainable business at [actsmart.act.gov.au](http://actsmart.act.gov.au)



## Actsmart Public Event

### National Folk Festival 24-28 March 2016

In 2015 the National Folk Festival in partnership with Actsmart Public Events achieved an amazing recycling result with 7.8 tonnes of organics and 6.1 tonnes of recycling diverted from landfill at the event. This year, in order to build on their impressive sustainability record, they will be using specialised signage that will assist event patrons make sure they "Sort it Out" and get the right items in the right bins. They will be using the Actsmart water stations so event patrons can refill their water bottles rather than buying bottled water. The Actsmart team will also be out there collecting information from festival patrons to be used in a case study on one of Canberra's most sustainable events. Maybe we will see you there!

If you are holding a public event in the ACT this year and would like more information please email [Actsmart@act.gov.au](mailto:Actsmart@act.gov.au) or call Access Canberra on **13 22 81**.

# Five quick questions with...

**Craig Horley**  
NAB Canberra Business  
Banking Office



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

Start a recycling program in the office and reduce waste to the tip.

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

Yes, very much. It requires some reminding but on the whole most people are on board. I would say we have reduced 90% waste to landfill.

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

Educating the cleaners to recycle the recycle waste and to stop removing and throwing away the worm waste bag. I had to get the cleaners a key to the recycle/waste room. Educating the staff about what is recyclable and what is not. Soft plastic wrappers and styrofoam are the main culprits. It is also hard to get tea bags and some food stuffs into the worm recycling bag.

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

Great to see a vast improvement in recycling.

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

Most definitely.

**“I would say we have reduced 90% waste to landfill.”**

**Kerry Marshall**  
SBX Pty Ltd



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

To save power charges in my office.

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

Early days yet but in comparison to last year already a 25-30% reduction.

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

None really. It was a simple process and quickly carried out.

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

Energy savings. As well I attended the ACT Sustainability Expo and found the energy saving workshop helpful.

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

Absolutely. As well as energy savings the increased light has been a revelation.

**“In comparison to last year already a 25-30% reduction.”**



# 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 - Garran
- 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
- 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
  - ACT Gambling and Racing
  - Mitchell
  - Canberra Avenue
  - Dickson Motor Vehicle Registry
  - Macarthur House
- Ciao Cafe & Cakes
- 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
- Crowne Plaza Canberra
- 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
- Environment and Planning Directorate
  - Dame Pattie Menzies House
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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
- Regency Knights Window Fashions
- Reuse - Recycle IT (part of the Capital Easy Group)
- Richardson Childcare & Education Centre
- Riverview Plaza (full retail list online)
- Robson Environmental
- Rolfe Property Services
- Schiavello
- Schiavello (QBY) Pty Ltd
- Serco Immigration Services
- 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 Riverview Group
- ThyssenKrupp Elevator Australia
- Totom House Multicultural Early Childhood Centre
- Trade Guardian
- Tuggeranong Hyperdome (full retail list online)
- Turner & Townsend
- Vivid Print Services
- Waste Away
- Wisdom Learning
- Woden Valley Child Care Centre
- Xact Project Consultants

## Get involved today!

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