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Business Sustainability Expo

After a huge day of seminars, education and networking, the Business Sustainability Expo is done and dusted for another year.

Held at a new venue, the Expo featured 45 stallholders and a 30% increase in attendees – our most successful event to date!

Industry professionals from around Australia flocked to Canberra to show off new products and technologies. The Lighting Efficiency webtool was also launched. This free tool provides advice about improving the lighting efficiency of your business. Check out the Actsmart website for more information.

Lish Fejer from 666 ABC Canberra hosted the main stage and interviewed stallholders throughout the day. She also sat down for a chat with our special guest, Barry Du Bois from Ten Network's The Living Room. Barry shared his wealth of knowledge and experience during the late afternoon networking session, which was also attended by Minister Corbell.

As we power towards 100% renewable energy by 2020, the Minister thanked stallholders and attendees and encouraged commitment to sustainability within the workplace to create a more sustainable Canberra.

The Actsmart team would like to thank all exhibitors and attendees who participated in this event. We look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Don't forget!

National Recycling Week

7–13 November

Come and visit us at Garema place on 11 November.

Materials Recovery Facility Tour

Wednesday 9 November – 11:30am and 1pm

Come along and discover what happens to the recycling from your workplace.

RSVP to actsmartbusiness@act.gov.au

Actsmart Accredited Cleaners Workshop

Is your cleaner Actsmart accredited?

Visit the website for more information.

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Dorte's message



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

This edition highlights Actsmart's events and ongoing achievements. The annual Business Sustainability Expo was held in early September at the National Convention Centre

with 45 great exhibitors. Information and solutions to improve waste management and assist with energy and water savings were on display for all.

Complementing the Expo, the Actsmart for Change luncheon was held where guests had the pleasure of hearing from innovative industry leaders and like-minded individuals all dedicated to climate change action. Guest speakers from Urban Honey, 1 Million Women and World Wide Fund for Nature shared their knowledge and insights with keen listeners.

In this edition you will find information on the first Actsmart Champions breakfast that was held in July at the Pavilion on Northbourne. This was a fantastic opportunity to hear our award winners showcase their experience with the Actsmart Recycling and Energy and water programs.

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Director-General

actsmart Champions Breakfast



This year marked the inaugural Actsmart Champions Breakfast.

Clients not currently participating in the Actsmart programs were invited to come along and hear Actsmart award winning businesses share their success stories and explain how easy it is to make sustainable change.

A panel discussion was held with champions from The Smith Family, Belconnen Early Childhood Centre, Barmco Mana Partnership, Brema Group and the US Embassy. Special guest speaker Carlo Krikowa, cofounder and owner of boyandgirlco, spoke about what sustainability means to him and how to put it into practice in the workplace.

To help raise awareness of and support development of the Mulligans Flat Sanctuary and Jerrabomberra Wetlands, guests were greeted by Berry the Bettong (pictured below). Check out their website to see how you can help: woodlandsandwetlands.org.au



Are you holding a public event in the ACT this year, such as a school fete, festival, fair, show or sporting event?

No matter if your event is small or large, we offer free assistance to make your event more sustainable.



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

It can save your time and money—and the environment!

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

Don't forget National Recycling week!

National Recycling Week is coming up from 7–13 November. Come and visit us at Garema place from 10am–4pm on 11 November!

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Five quick questions with...

Dog Companion Club



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

Our primary goal was to make our waste management more environmentally sustainable. One of our volunteers had worked in another, much larger organisation that had received Actsmart accreditation and we felt there was some potential. Public recognition for our efforts through the program is a bonus.

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

Yes. We already had some recycling systems in place and in the six months since implementing the program we have reduced our waste to landfill by 25% and redirected all our mixed recyclables for reprocessing. Everyone has enthusiastically embraced the opportunity to 'do the right thing'.

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

As the club has a high turnover of members and visitors using our training facilities, we need to continually promote our recycling initiatives to encourage ongoing compliance. The prominent signage provided by Actsmart has helped us meet this challenge. We also purchased mini-wheelie bins with colour-coded lids so people can easily recognise which bin to use.

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

Cost savings is a bonus for us. Most of the club's landfill stream is dog waste and while we use biodegradable plastic bags, we wanted to find a better solution. It was great to attend this year's Sustainability Expo where several businesses were marketing a wide range of compostable bags made from plant starch rather than plastic. We will be investigating the feasibility of switching to these products—and promoting them to members.

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

Yes. It's great that the program is available to not-for-profit organisations like ours as well as businesses.

Spielwelt



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

We really want to be doing the right thing for the future of our children. As a not-for-profit volunteer run organisation, we don't have a lot of money to spend, and we don't necessarily have a lot of expertise in energy saving measures. It can be hard to get unbiased advice from sales people, and know what's best to do. Another organisation steered us towards the Actsmart Business Energy and Water rebate program.

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

YES! We've seen an enormous saving in our energy costs since installing the weather-stripping, draught-stoppers, LED lights and new more efficient heaters/coolers.

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

Our major challenge was to hold back the enthusiasm of our electrician! He was very excited about all the improvements.

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

The biggest benefits were undoubtedly our visit from the incredibly knowledgeable Andrew Bell, his team's report and the \$5,000 rebate, without which we would not have embarked on all the changes we made.

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

We sure would; and we have!

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Actsmart Business accredited recyclers:

- ACT Auditor General's Office
- ACT Companion Dog Club
- ACT Legislative Assembly
- Ainslie Football & Social Club
- Allbids.com.au
- AMC Training Centre
- American Embassy Canberra
- Appletree House Child Care and Education Centre
- Atlas Business Services
- Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies
- Australian Medical Association
- 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
- Bottles of Australia
- Brema Group
- Brindabella Hearing & Speech Centre
- Bruce Early Childhood Centre
- Calibre Consulting (ACT)
- Calvary John James Hospital
- Canberra Airport
 - Brindabella Services & Car Park Office
 - Fairbairn Guardhouse
 - Gate 5 Air Operations Management Office
 - Terminal Car Park Office
 - Terminal Services
- Canberra Audiology
- Canberra CBD
- Canberra Centre
- Canberra Equine Hospital
- Canberra FM Radio
- Canberra Furnished Accommodation
- Canberra Netball Association
- Canberra Outlet Centre
- 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
 - Manuka Oval
 - Land Development Agency
 - Telstra House
- Access Canberra
 - Mitchell
- Canberra Avenue
 - Macarthur House
- Shared Services
 - Allara Street
 - Eclipse House
 - Mitchell
 - Nara House
 - Winyu House
- Ciao Cafe & Cakes
- Civil Aviation Safety Authority
- Coca-Cola Amatil
- Coffers Cafe
- Comcare - Marcus Clarke Street
- Communications Design & Management
- Community Services Directorate
 - Child Development Service
 - West Belconnen Child & Family Centre
- Conference Logistics
- Conservation Council - ACT Region
- Continuity Capital Partners
- Create Imagine Learn
- Queanbeyan
- 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
- Director of Public Prosecutions
- East Hotel
- Education and Training Directorate
 - Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning
 - Northbourne Avenue
- Effective People
- Elections ACT
- Embassy of Hungary
- Engineers Australia
- Environment and Planning Directorate - Dame Pattie Menzies
- Five Star Electrical (ACT)
- Focus ACT
- GHD
- Gillian Beaumont Legal
- Ginninderra Early Childhood Centre
- Gold Creek World of Learning
- Griffin Legal
- Health Directorate
 - Building 5, Canberra Sexual Health Centre
 - Queen Elizabeth II Family Centre
- Hireall
- Hobart Place Dental
- HorizonOne Recruitment
- Illoura Childcare & Education Centre
- 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 and Guardian for the ACT
 - 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
- Macquarie Childcare Centre
- Manuka Swimming Pool
- McMillan Staff Development
- Michael Holmes Chartered Accountant
- Mooseheads
- Morgans Group
- NAB Canberra Business Bank
- 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
- Oxley Early Learning
- OzHarvest Canberra
- PCA People
- PELLE Architects
- Peter Blackshaw Woden & Weston Creek
- Physio Sport O'Connor
- Power Protect
- Promo Concepts
- Pure Gelato ACT
- Queanbeyan Physiotherapy Centre
- Questacon
- Regency Knights Window Fashions
- Reuse - Recycle IT (part of the Capital Easy Group)
- Richardson Childcare & Education Centre
- Robson Environmental
- Rolfe Property Services
- Schiavello
- Sentinel Pty Ltd
- Serco Immigration Services
- Service One Mutual Limited
- Shepherd Electrical
- Shop Basics
- Signs Letters N Lines
- Solace Creations
- SOS Recruitment
- Sparke Helmore Lawyers
- Spectrum Graphics
- Sportscare & Physiotherapy
 - Barton
 - Dickson
- The Firm
- The Hairdressing
- The Rehabilitation Specialists Pty Ltd
- The Riverview Group
- ThyssenKrupp Elevator Australia
- Totom House Multicultural Early Childhood Centre
- Trade Guardian
- Transport Canberra and City Services
 - Macarthur House
 - Murrumbidgee depot,
 - Casuarina Sands
 - Ron Reynolds Centre Curtin
- Tuggeranong Hyperdome
- Turner & Townsend
- Vivid Chartered Accountants
- Vivid Print Services
- Waste Away
- Wisdom Learning
- Woden Early Childhood Centre
- Woden Valley Child Care Centre
- Womens Health on Strickland
- Xact Project Consultants

Get involved today!

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