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Acts smart Business Sustainability Awards

The 8th Annual Acts smart Business Sustainability Awards were held on Thursday 25 May 2017 at Pialligo Estate.

Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability, Shane Rattenbury MLA, presented 13 awards from over 60 nominations, acknowledging achievements in energy and water efficiency, better waste management and recycling practices as well as business commitment to sustainability.

More than 150 guests attended this year's awards. Attendees were inspired by the great ideas and outstanding initiatives showcased by the award winners and also experienced great food as well as an amazing view.



Ollie McInerney from the US Embassy took out this year's Minister's Award for Leadership for making a significant impact on the Embassy's waste reduction and reaching out to the Canberra embassy community about Acts smart programs. Mr McInerney referred to the awards as 'the Oscars of sustainability' as he accepted his award.

Read on to find more information about our winners and their amazing accomplishments.

Save the date!

Don't forget to pencil in the upcoming Acts smart Business Sustainability Expo in your diary! This year's Expo will be held on **Thursday 7 September 2017** at the Southern Cross Club in Woden.

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Minister's message



Welcome to the 2017 winter edition of the Acts smart Business newsletter.

I was honoured to attend this year's Acts smart Business Sustainability Awards at Pialligo Estate in late May celebrating impressive achievements of our local businesses. Their commitment and

outstanding efforts help to make Canberra a more sustainable city. It was a fantastic opportunity to hear from award winners and share those stories with like minded organisations. In this newsletter the winners' achievements are featured – an inspiration to help make changes in your workplace.

In this edition you will also find information on the annual upcoming Business Sustainability Expo to be held on 7 September at Woden Southern Cross Club. Partnering again with the Canberra Business Chamber, the Expo provides our Canberra community with sustainable solutions on offer for businesses within the ACT.

On the homefront, I encourage residents to look for accredited businesses that display the Acts smart logo and help support those businesses that have made a real commitment to sustainability in our region.

Shane Rattenbury MLA

Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability

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EXPO

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The 2017 Business Sustainability Expo will be held on Thursday 7 September at the Southern Cross Club in Woden

This year's expo will present keynote speakers, inspirational seminars, interactive and innovative workshops and networking opportunities whilst showcasing local businesses and their latest technologies in waste, water and energy. This is no ordinary Expo. It's Canberra's largest business expo, presenting global giants on stage.

Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about businesses that are successfully implementing Actsmart programs at our lunchtime Actsmart Champions event, along with a number of sustainability workshops running throughout the day.



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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 large or small, Actsmart offers 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 you time and money—and the environment!

Register your interest by email

actsmartbusiness@act.gov.au

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CARBON CHALLENGE

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.

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The Actsmart Business Sustainability Awards were held on 25 May at Pialligo Estate.

The awards included 10 categories and showcased the achievements of Actsmart organisations and events.



Winner – **Waste Minimisation**

Brema Group

Prior to joining the program this demolition and earthmoving company sent 67% of waste to landfill. With the help of the Actsmart program they have implemented mixed recycling, paper and battery recycling as well as organic recycling, now sending a tiny 3% of waste to landfill from their office. This result is only matched by their ability to send 98% of waste from their demolition jobs to recycling.



Highly Commended – **Waste Minimisation**

Public Trustee and Guardian for the ACT

After joining the Actsmart program in 2010, the Office of Public Trustee and Guardian for the ACT added mixed recycling and organics resulting in a reduced waste to landfill of only 4% - an outcome which they should feel justifiably proud.



Winner – **Biggest Recycler**

Calvary Public Hospital Bruce

One of the largest hospitals in the ACT, Calvary Public Hospital in Bruce has implemented 29 waste streams.

Between May 2016 and April 2017 they sent 153.8 tonnes to recycling – equivalent to 10,170 household recycling bins.

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Winner – **Biggest Recycler – Small Event**

TEDx Canberra

This year the event saw a reduction of waste to landfill and a 78% increase in recycling.

Putting their innovation and ideas brand to work saw strategic implementation of mixed recycling and organic bins placed throughout the event, creation of a sustainability checklist for caterers and donation of leftover food to OzHarvest. They even required all cutlery and drinking cups, to be made from recyclable materials or biodegradable.



Winner – **Biggest Recycler – Large Event**

Kicks Entertainment Events 'Spilt Milk 2016'

Recycling with enthusiasm and innovation, Kicks Entertainment set up 240 recycling bins at the front of house area of their event in Commonwealth Park. They also had 1100 litre containers to maximise recycling in the back of house.

By implementing a \$1 deposit scheme for drink containers this incentivised patrons to return containers for recycling, as well as minimise litter and the impact to surrounding businesses.

Using Actsmart water refill stations the event reduced the number of drink containers sent to landfill.



High Commended – **Biggest Recycler – Large Event**

Community Services Directorate – National Multicultural Festival

Over 200,000 people attended this year's three-day National Multicultural Festival.

The event more than doubled the volume of recycling than any previous years with 12.3 tonnes of material being recycled.

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Winner – **Energy and Water Star**

Anytime Fitness Gungahlin

Working with the Actsmart Energy and Water Program, this 24 hour facility recognised there were opportunities to reducing their greenhouse gas emissions.

Installing 150 LED light panels will save them approximately \$4,928 per year in energy bills. It will also reduce energy by 27,000 kwh per year – equivalent to about 19.3 tonnes of CO2 emissions.



Highly Commended – **Energy and Water Star**

Squash ACT

The lighting at this Woden facility had not been upgraded since the 1960s and brought many challenges to the team at Squash ACT. Identifying suitable options for squash court lighting upgrades has resulted in an annual saving of \$1,300 and 4.53 tonnes of CO2 with players commending the improvements.



Winner – **Small Business Award**

Boyandgirlco

With most timber pallets being sent to landfill boyandgirlco saw an opportunity to turn pallets into functional, stylish and sustainable custom furniture.

Since starting operation in 2013 this sustainable company has diverted 11,000 timber pallets from landfill – equivalent to the weight of 100 African Bush Elephants.

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Winner – **Corporate Award**

Griffin Legal

Taking responsibility for their impact on the environment Griffin Legal joined the Actsmart business recycling program in 2013 to reduce waste to landfill by 29% - despite an increase in their workforce by 30%.

Becoming a paperless office required staff to create new work habits and processes. They participated in an ANU study on workplace recycling habits and encourage staff to walk to meetings, take public transport and ride to work.



Winner – **Motivation Excellence**

KPMG

After implementing the Actsmart program, KPMG staff are dedicated to making a difference.

They are educated and motivated with pass/fail signs on recycling bins. They also participate in office harvest where staff bring in excess food for sharing.



Winner – **Innovation Excellence**

Australian Sports Commission

After joining the program in 2013 the Australian Sports Commission implemented their own on-site organics system, transforming a clay tennis court into a worm farm.

Now with more than 160,000 worms and four worm farm beds, the project recycles approximately 3,400kgs of organic waste per month.



Winner – **Minister's Award for Leadership**

Ollie McInerney – US Embassy Canberra

Ollie is responsible for the profound impact on waste reduction throughout the US Embassy in Canberra.

Ollie has shown innovation in reaching out to the entire embassy community across Canberra. He has increased awareness for hundreds of local citizens and shown leadership to the diplomatic community.

Five quick questions with...

Eden Hair and Beauty



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

Our main goal joining the program was to work together with Acts smart to see if the ways in which we could improve our current recycling programs.

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

We have definitely seen an improvement in staff recycling, we are already a salon which focuses on sustainability and have our own salon specific recycling program in place. However it was great to have the Acts smart team visit and create more excitement and enthusiasm around recycling.

Our clients often ask about it when they see the Acts smart logo or our award which is a great point of conversation in the salon.

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

We found all of the in-house recycling to be very easy to implement, as it complimented a lot of the systems we already had in place.

It was great when Acts smart visited and conducted an assessment of the business pointing out the changes we could make. One difficulty though was that some of the changes which were structural to the premises weren't an option for us being in a rental property. We implemented as many of the recommendations as possible.

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

One of the biggest benefits of the program for us as a small business is recognition and marketing. We have attracted some new clients since being accredited by Acts smart, and that is great.

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

I would absolutely recommend businesses to get involved with Acts smart. The team have been extremely friendly and helpful. It is really good to make positive changes to the environment in our businesses and a great opportunity to also get exposure.

Anytime Fitness Gungahlin



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

Our main goal of signing up to the Acts smart Business Energy and Water program was to look at smart environmental ways to invest into our club to make long term savings and help our bottom line.

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

We have definitely seen a significant saving in our energy costs as well as small savings to our water.

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

We have in fact found it's surprisingly easy to implement the changes. We thank Acts smart for investing in local businesses to prompt change.

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

The biggest benefit is being made aware of where changes can be made. Until it is brought to your attention it can be difficult to identify areas of opportunity.

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

Most certainly.

“The biggest benefit is being made aware of where changes can be made.”

Actsmart Business accredited recyclers:

- ACT Auditor General's Office
- ACT Companion Dog Club
- ACT Legislative Assembly
- Adelphi Digital Consulting Group
- Ainslie Football & Social Club
- Allbids.com.au
- AMC Training Centre
- American Embassy Canberra
- Appletree House Child Care and Education Centre - Communities@Work
- Atlas Business Services
- Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies
- Australian Medical Association
- Australian Sports Commission
- AIS Aquatic Centre
 - AIS Arena
 - Basketball and Netball Centre
 - Sports Visitor Centre
- Barmco Mana McMurray Pty Ltd
- Baker Deane & Nutt
- Belconnen Concrete
- Belconnen Early Childhood Centre
- Bentleys of Canberra - Garran
- Beyond Bank Manuka
- Beyond Bank Mawson
- Biotext
- Bond Hair Religion
- Boston Consulting Group
- Bottles of Australia
- Brema Group
- Brindabella Hearing & Speech Centre
- Bruce Early Childhood Centre
- Bruce Ridge Early Childhood Centre
- Calibre Consulting (ACT)
- Calvary Health Care
- Calvary John James Hospital
- Canberra Airport
- Canberra Aluminium Warehouse
- Canberra Audiology
- Canberra BMX Club
- 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
 - Land Development Agency
 - Manuka Oval
- Access Canberra
- Canberra Avenue
 - Macarthur House
 - Mitchell
 - Dickson Motor Vehicle Registry
- Shared Services
- Allara Street
 - Eclipse House
 - Mitchell
 - Nara House
 - Winyu House
 - Telstra House
- Ciao Cafe & Cakes
- Civil Aviation Safety Authority
- Claire Naidu & Co
- Club Googong
- Coca-Cola Amatil
- Coffers Cafe
- Comcare
- Communications Design & Management
- Community Services Directorate
- Child Development Service
 - West Belconnen Child & Family Centre
- Conder Early Learning Centre
- Conference Logistics
- Conservation Council
- Continuity Capital Partners
- Cooleman Court
- 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
 - John Gorton Building
- Director of Public Prosecutions
- East Hotel
- Eden Hair and Beauty Pty Ltd
- Education Directorate
- Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning
 - Northbourne Avenue
- Elections ACT
- Embassy of Hungary
- Engineers Australia
- Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate
- Dame Pattie Menzies
 - Murrumbidgee depot, Casuarina Sands
- Five Star Electrical
- Focus ACT
- GHD
- Gillian Beaumont Legal
- Ginninderra Early Childhood Centre
- Gold Creek World of Learning
- Googong Township Realty
- 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 - Communities@Work
- Indigenous Community Volunteers
- Instant Colour Press Pty Ltd
- IP Australia
- Isabella Plains Child Care & Education Centre - Communities@Work
- 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 - Communities@Work
- KBT Overnight Express
- KDN Group
- Kindy Patch Queanbeyan
- Koala Playschool
- Kowalski Recruitment
- KPMG
- Kwik Kopy - Canberra
- Labor Club
- Belconnen
 - City
 - Ginninderra
 - Weston Creek
- Lavender Lane Gungahlin Childcare
- Lendlease Building Pty Ltd
- Lifeline Canberra
- Macquarie Childcare Centre
- Manuka Swimming Pool
- McDonald's - Gungahlin
- McMillan Staff Development
- Michael Holmes Chartered Accountant
- Mooseheads
- Morgans Group
- Much Pty Ltd
- NAB Canberra Business Bank
- National Convention Centre Canberra
- National Electoral Education Centre
- National Library of Australia
- National Rural Health Alliance
- Netball ACT
- Ngunnawal Child Care & Education Centre - Communities@Work
- 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 - Communities@Work
- Riverview Projects
- Robson Environmental
- Royal Norwegian Embassy
- 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
- Sportscore & Physiotherapy Barton
- Sportscore & Physiotherapy Dickson
- The Firm
- The Green Shed
- The Rehabilitation Specialists Pty Ltd
- Threesides Marketing
- Totom House Multicultural Early Childhood Centre
- Trade Guardian
- Transport Canberra and City Services Macarthur House
 - 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
- Yellow Belly Cafe & General Store
- Yerrabi Ponds Early Learning Centre

Get involved today!

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