



## World Environment Day

World Environment Day was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1972. The slogan for 2007 is 'Melting Ice- A Hot Topic'. The Green Office Program helps to promote awareness of environmental issues such as Climate change which is affecting ecosystems and communities all over the world. To acknowledge those people at UQ who are making a positive contribution to the environment by recycling and reducing energy use, we presented awards to the top achievers on Environment Day.

## Green Office Awards Presentation and Morning Tea

The Green Office Awards Presentation and Morning Tea was held on the 5<sup>th</sup> June. As part of the Green Office Program's activities for World Environment Day in 2007, the second Green Office Award presentation was held.

Thank you to all who attended and congratulations to everyone for improving the environmental performance of their office. If you are not a Green Office Representative and you would like to join the Program you can do so by contacting Environmental Services.

## Supplier Displays of Green Products

Displays were set up by Imaging Technology Australia, Paperlinx and Pentel at the awards presentation. We hope everyone found the displays informative and enjoyed the free samples; including new 100% recycled manilla folders.



## Award for Best New Green Office

The award for the best new Green Office was presented to Andrea Mitchell on behalf of the Centre for Critical and Cultural Studies. Andrea received a framed certificate and a \$100 for environmentally preferred products from the UQ store.

## Award for Most Improved Green Office

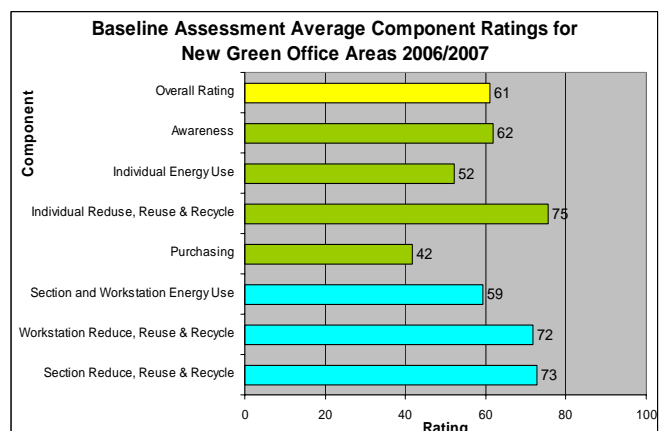
The award for most improved area was given to Betty Hall who is the Green Office Representative for the University Health Service. This area improved its overall rating by 26%.



## Baseline Office Environmental Assessment Results for New Green Office Area's in 2006/2007

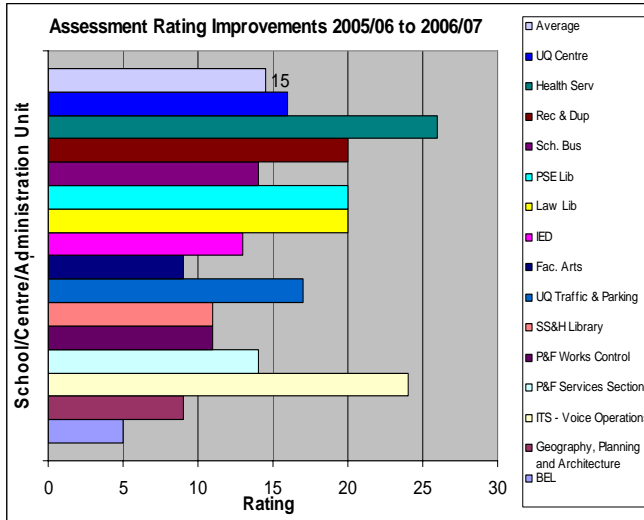
Between July 2006 and June 2007 14 new areas joined the Green Office Program. Eleven of these areas undertook baseline assessments to determine energy use, waste minimisation practices and environmental awareness in their office.

Most Green Office areas performed best in reduce, reuse and recycle whilst purchasing was identified as the area requiring most improvement. The graph below shows the average component scores for the 11 offices. The blue represents the walk through assessment and the green represents interviews.



## Second Annual Office Environmental Assessment Results for Existing Green Office Area's in 2006/2007

Fifteen Green Office Representatives completed their 2nd annual assessment in 2007. Showing an average improvement of 15%. There were improvements in all areas; the most significant was in purchasing and energy use.



## Green Office Survey

To ensure the programs ongoing effectiveness and improvement, a survey was conducted to gain feedback. Thanks to everyone who completed the survey, the feedback will be carefully considered.



Sandeep Sarathy from the School of Chemical Engineering was the lucky winner of the survey competition. He received five coffee vouchers from the Faculty of Business, Economics and Law. Thank you to Tony Lam for providing the vouchers.

## Unigreen Mugs



Green Office representatives received a Unigreen thermal mug at the Green Office Environment Day awards presentation and morning tea. Remember to take your Unigreen mug to the coffee shops on campus and help to reduce the use of polystyrene and paper cups.

## Environmentally Preferred Products at the UQ Store

The UQ store stocks a range of environmentally preferred products including refillable and reusable pens and pencils, recycled paper, remanufactured toner cartridges, reusable envelopes and eco bags. For the complete range of products view the catalogue online at [www.pf.uq.edu.au/StoresCatalog.html](http://www.pf.uq.edu.au/StoresCatalog.html)

## Farewell Stefanie, Hello Jessica!

The new Green Office Co-ordinator is Jess; whom some of you may have met at the Green Office Environment Day awards presentation and morning tea. Jess is a third year Environmental Management Student and is passionate about sustainable development; especially recycling. Jess is looking forward to working with everyone and is more than happy to help with any problems or questions you may have regarding the Green Office Program and recycling.



## Upcoming Events – Mark these in your diary!

### Gatton 2007 Green Office Update Session

Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> July 2007 at 10:30am. (Date to be confirmed). Green Office presentation of results from the first round of assessments. All Gatton Green Office Reps are invited.

### Green Office Information Session- Gatton

Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> July 2007 at 11:30am. (Date to be confirmed). Personnel wishing to get involved in the program are invited (not for existing Reps).

*To register interest contact Environmental Services*

We would love to hear from anyone who has ideas and feedback! You can email Unigreen, see below for details.



### For further information, contact Environmental Services:

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