



Are YOU using Polystyrene Cups?

When organising events and providing tea or coffee, have you thought of using other choices to polystyrene? **Why Use Alternatives?** For example BP just by changing to ceramic cups avoided the landfill of 156,000 polystyrene cups and saved \$4,680 per year, reduced waste by approx 10% and enhanced their image!



For more info visit: <http://www.environment.gov.au/settlements/government/purchasing/successstories.html>

Additionally, post-consumer recycled paper, bamboo, corn plastics, etc. are renewable resources and they biodegrade when composted. Also, paper products are easy to recycle and...Every ton of **100% Post-consumer recycled paper** products **saves***:

- 12 trees
- 2,391 kilograms of solid waste
- 1,560 kilowatts of energy (2 months of electric power use at home)
- 1,196 gallons of water

*Source: <http://www.earthresource.org/campaigns/capp/c-app-styrofoam.html>

Green Purchasing Reminder



You can purchase Remanufactured Toner Cartridges, and help your office reduce its consumption of resources. You can find this product in the P&F Warehouse Stores in both St Lucia and Gatton campuses under the code:

Visit: http://www.pf.uq.edu.au/Cat_SS/CompProdct.html

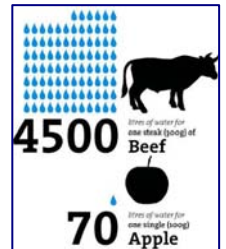


The importance of 'Getting a foot in the Green Door'

Sometimes we underestimate the value of small changes, but there is evidence that when a person agrees to be "concerned with a worthy cause", even by posting a little sign in their monitor reading: "Switch off, Save Energy" they are more likely to make greater changes in the future. The reason why: publicly acknowledging the value of being more environmentally aware makes us more inclined to internalising and accepting changes and therefore engaging in more environmentally friendly activities. Interested in this topic? Visit: www.scienceofyes.com and <http://recyclingweek.planetark.org/greenworksnews/38>

Current Topics to Consider: 'Virtual Water'

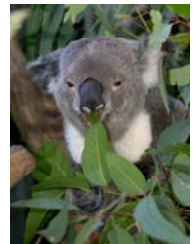
The term 'virtual water' is used to describe the water embedded in agricultural products, for example in Australia, it takes 100,000 litres of water to produce 1 kg of Beef! giving us another reason to reduce our meat consumption. Maybe trying to have a **'Meat free Day'** once a week, by sharing a vegetarian picnic lunch with colleagues (each one can bring a veggie dish!) could help reduce our water footprint, among other things! For an interesting article click on: www.clw.csiro.au/publications/water_for_food.pdf



Upcoming Events

Biodiversity Month – All September

- Australia has more than one million species of plants and animals!
- Biodiversity Month aims to promote the protection and conservation of biodiversity both within Australia and across the world.
- <http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/index.html>



National Threatened Species Day

- 7th September
- Encouraging the community to conserve Australia's vulnerable native fauna and flora
- <http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/ts-day/index.html>

Sustainable House Day

- 13th September
- More than 150 homes will open their doors for you to see what sustainable homeowners have done and get ideas to improve your home's energy, water or waste management. Free Entry to the houses!



- www.sustainablehouseday.com

Other Events (Click on each for more Information!)

- [World Car-Free Day](#) - 22nd September
- [2 Million Trees - neighbourhood street tree planting](#) - 5th, 19th and 26th September



For further information, contact Environmental Services:

- | | | |
|----------------------------------|------------|---|
| ▪ Green Office Coordinator (p/t) | Ext: 69959 | Email: greenoffice@pf.uq.edu.au |
| ▪ Environmental Coordinator | Ext: 52076 | Email: k.ollett@pf.uq.edu.au |
| ▪ Project Officer Environment | Ext: 57580 | Email: r.kirkman@pf.uq.edu.au |

Website: www.pf.uq.edu.au/Ems/GrnOffPrgrm.html

