



## Consider the environment everyday ... what you can do



- **Report Environmental Incidents** – if you notice something that might cause environmental harm, report it to Environmental Services, Property and Facilities Division or phone Security on 53333.
- **Minimise Waste and buy Environmentally Preferred Products**
  - Purchase environmentally preferred products at the [P&F Central Store](#)
  - View: [Purchase Environmentally Preferred Office Equipment Poster](#)
- **Recycle** paper, cardboard, polystyrene packaging, mobile phones, computers and associated equipment, toner and ink jet printer cartridges, plastics, glass and aluminium cans. For all your recycling needs, email [recycle@pf.uq.edu.au](mailto:recycle@pf.uq.edu.au)
- **Conserve energy** – Switch off, Save energy whenever possible. Keep doors and windows in air conditioned space closed. Turn off lights and non-essential equipment when not in use and at the end of the day. More details: <http://www.pf.uq.edu.au/Ems/EnrgyMgt.html>

## Current Topics to Consider: 'Zero Waste Initiatives'



In natural systems, there is **no waste**, as every output is an input for another process. There are initiatives worldwide to promote healthy communities and industries without waste. For instance, Scotland has set a visionary goal to become one of the world's first 'Zero-Waste' Societies, and has taken measures such as setting a ban on recyclable and compostable materials going to landfill; and using methane gas from landfills to produce electricity for thousands of homes, thus effectively transforming a liability into an asset. (Source: <http://greenbiz.com/news/>).



Zero Waste Australia is an advocate of designing infrastructure and resource utilisation in accordance with the environment. Also, the Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF) and other environmental groups have formed an alliance to campaign for 'Zero-Waste' in Australia. You can find out more by visiting: <http://www.zerowasteaustralia.org/> and [http://www.acfonline.org.au/news.asp?news\\_id=141](http://www.acfonline.org.au/news.asp?news_id=141)

## UQ signs Tallories Declaration

As part of UQ's commitment to environmental sustainability, UQ is one of about 400 universities internationally to become a signatory to the [Talloires Declaration](#).

This is a 10-point action plan for incorporating sustainability and environmental literacy in teaching, research, operations and outreach at colleges and universities.

## Upcoming Events



### Green Office sessions

<b>Tue 27 Oct 2009</b>	9.00am 11.30am	Ipswich campus Gatton campus
<b>Wed 25 Nov 2009</b>	9.30am	St Lucia campus

More details: [http://www.pf.uq.edu.au/Ems/Grn\\_Activities.pdf](http://www.pf.uq.edu.au/Ems/Grn_Activities.pdf)

## National Ride to Work Day

Enjoy the health, financial and environmental benefits of riding your bicycle to work!



- 14<sup>th</sup> October
- <https://www.registerridetowork.com.au/home/>

## National Water Week

Promote protection, rehabilitation and improvement of water environments. This year's theme is 'Securing Our Water Future'.



- 18<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> October
- Visit <http://www.nationalwaterweek.org.au/> for Events like: Logan City Water and Energy Expo 2009 (25<sup>th</sup> October) and Purified Recycled Water Open Day (18<sup>th</sup> October).

## International Day of Climate Action

Join people all over the world to take a stand for a safe climate future.



- 24<sup>th</sup> October
- For more information visit: <http://www.350.org/>



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