



Green Office Program 2007

2006 Was a fantastic year for the Green Office Program. We would like to thank all the Reps who have made it so successful!

The Green Office Program will look a bit different in 2007, with sponsored events and guest speakers featuring on the agenda.

The program will also be expanded to Ipswich and Gatton Campuses. Activities will be run on a campus basis so there is no travelling time required and to facilitate Reps working together in smaller teams.

By the end of 2007, we are aiming to have Green Office Representatives working to reduce our environmental impact in over 50 areas across the University!

UQ is looking for more Reps to join the 2007 Program, so if you are passionate about our environment and want to get involved, contact Stefanie Butler, UQ's Green Office Coordinator.

New Green Office Areas

- Centre for Critical and Cultural Studies
- Finance and Business Services - Printery

2006 Green Office Report Released

Office Environmental Assessments were carried out in 9 schools/centres at UQ during the first semester of 2006 as part of the Green Office Program.

Most areas performed highly in the area of reduce, reuse and recycle. Most improvement is required in;

- Environmentally responsible purchasing;
- Environmental awareness; and
- Energy management

The Green Office Assessment Report January-June 2006 is now available from the Green Office Website www.pf.uq.edu.au/Ems/GrnOffPrgrm.html. Take a look and compare the results for each area.

Got Some Polystyrene You Need Recycled?

Email recycle@pf.uq.edu.au with a request to collect polystyrene. Property & Facilities cleaning section will arrange to have it collected from the School/Centre/Section's nominated location. Please store this material until you have a quantity of it.

A contractor is currently recycling UQ's waste polystyrene for use in photo frames and products used in the building industry.



UQ Top Water Saver in 2005/2006



The University of Queensland has been advised by the Brisbane City Council that it has saved the most water of any large company in the past year.

UQ had reduced its annual water consumption from 880,000 kilolitres in 2004/2005 to 640,000 kilolitres in 2005/2006 and so far has exceeded all expectations by achieving an average monthly reduction of 27 % since June 2005.

Examples of water conservation initiatives at UQ are:

- Sporting ovals and some of the grounds are irrigated with recycled water from the Fairfield Sewage Treatment Plant;
- Great Court irrigation is from harvested stormwater;
- Ongoing installation of rain water tanks;
- Using stormwater to supply ablutions;
- Ongoing retrofit program of water saving devices for ablutions;
- Transforming the landscape to more drought-resistant species of plants;
- Running water and energy efficiency programs to increase awareness and commitment of the University community.

This year the University has committed an additional \$400,000 to water conservation in addition to other environmental programs. UQ has also received Government grants for water conservation projects.

Coming events - mark these in your diary!

Clean up Australia Day – 4 March 2007

The day provides an opportunity for Australians to help improve the environment and work towards reducing waste.

Register a site at www.cleanup.org.au/register/

Next Green Office Update Session

Tuesday 13 February 2007 at 2.00pm

Topic: Waste Minimisation & Office Environmental Assessment Refresher Training
All Green Office Reps are invited!

Next Green Office Information Session

Tuesday 13 February 2007 at 3.00pm

Personnel wishing to get involved in the program are invited (not for existing Green Office Reps).

For further information, contact Environmental Services:

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