



Hold on to Your BUTT!



A startling 1 in 3 cigarette butts ends up as litter, making cigarette butts the world's leading litter concern.

7 billion cigarette butts are littered by Australia's 3.7 million smokers every year.

Cigarette butts can leach chemicals such as lead, cadmium and arsenic into our marine environment within an hour of contact with water and it can take up to 12 years for a cigarette butt to break down.

Unigreen Volunteer and staff member Triny Roe helps keep the university beautiful by collating and distributing reusable pocket cigarette butt canisters to over 20 outlets/areas around the St Lucia Campus.

The ashtrays are designed to make it easy for smokers to do the right thing with their cigarette butts by storing it in the canister until they find a bin.



Box of cigarette butt canisters (above left) and Unigreen Volunteer Triny Roe, filling up a butt canister box at Mr Beans (above right).

Footpaths, garden beds and storm water drains are not acceptable receptacles for cigarette butts. If you are a smoker, help keep our campus beautiful and keep your butt out of the environment.

For more information on cigarette butt litter see www.buttout.net and www.planetark.com.au

Green Office Initiatives around Campus

One Green Office has a system where the last person to leave at the end of the day has a responsibility to do the rounds and check that all equipment (computers, monitors, printers, photocopiers, air-conditioners and lights) are turned off. By turning off equipment overnight, total energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions are likely to be halved.

Email us with the initiatives that you have found works in your area.

New Green Office Areas

- AusCERT
- Centre for Advanced Wastewater Management
- Centre for Mined Land Rehabilitation
- School of Chemical Engineering
- Sustainable Minerals Institute
- UQ Sport
- UQ Union

2007 started with a bang for the Green Office Program. Seven new Schools/Centres/Administration Units joined UQ's program at the first Information and Training Session for the year. Several staff members also joined the program for existing areas to help out the Green Office Representative in their area or to take over from someone who was moving on from their position.



New Green Office Representatives and UQ's Green Office Coordinator (Stefanie Butler) at the Information and Training Session held in February 2007.

Coming events - mark these in your diary!

World Day for Water – 22 March 2007

World Water Day is an initiative that grew out of the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development.

See the website at www.worldwaterday.org/



Green Office Environment Day Activity

Tuesday 05 June 2007 (World Environment Day)

Green Office Awards Presentation

Other Activities to be advised

All Green Office Reps are invited!

Next Green Office Information Session

Tuesday 24 April 2007 at 10am (Ipswich Campus)

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

To register interest please contact Environmental Services



For further information, contact Environmental Services:

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