

Sustainability Representative Network NEWS

Join in on the ACTS

Interested Professional and Academic staff on the Sustainability Representative Network (SRN) are invited to lodge an application to attend this year's 11th international Australasian Campuses Towards Sustainability (ACTS) conference in Adelaide. Macquarie University Sustainability will fund ONE successful SRN member to attend. This covers flights, conference attendance and accommodation. The applicant's work area is asked to endorse the Expression of Interest and give paid release to the successful candidate.

ACTS is the primary forum for sustainability in the Australian and New Zealand tertiary sectors. Its mission is to promote the integration of the principles of sustainability within the curricula and operations of these sectors. Building the case for embedding sustainability into core business remains a major challenge for tertiary institutions. This year's conference, 'Sustainability as Core Business: Building the Case for Change' will tackle this challenge, exploring how sustainability fits into core business and providing tools and techniques to enable the required change.

The conference will take place from 28th-30th September 2011, hosted by the University of Adelaide at the National Wine Centre, South Australia. The conference will reflect the new direction of ACTS by moving away from a traditional conference format to create an interactive environment to learn and engage with like-minded colleagues. An Expression of Interest Application Form to attend the conference can be found at www.mq.edu.au/sustainability/srn.html. Forms are to be returned to Cindy Cunningham by **August 12, 2011**.

Each application will be reviewed by the Director of Sustainability, in conjunction with the Sustainability Engagement Officer. The successful SRN candidate will be notified accordingly.

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The Games Begin

The Department Sustainability Challenge kicked off on Monday 25 July 2011 and runs until Monday 26 September. It is open for all Departments to take part in. The last two year's Challenge were found to be rewarding experiences that facilitated staff engagement and motivated staff initiative.

This year's Challenge is shorter and punchier, with meaningful actions over 6 categories in the scorecard: participation; energy & emissions; governance; transport; procurement and a BONUS section as well. With great prizes to be won along the way as stars are accumulated, the Challenge provides a fantastic opportunity for Departments to work together as a team for sustainability actions.

Please register your Department at www.mq.edu.au/sustainability/departmentchallenge.html - the earlier the better as some actions can only be done in the first month of the challenge! Campus Experience (CE) and the Faculty of Human Sciences are off to a flying start, with most of their Departments registering already. This year CE has their own challenge category with internal departments competing for the title of Most Sustainable CE department.

Other awards up for departments to win include: Most Improved (Professional and Academic), Runners Up (Professional), Winning Faculty and Winning Department (Professional, Academic, and Campus Experience). This year a total of 8 Macquarie University interns have been recruited in the role of Challenge Liaisons to make coordination and administration of the Challenge easier. Check out which Liaison will be guiding you along the journey at www.mq.edu.au/sustainability/departmentchallenge

The winners will be announced at the Awards Night on Thursday 6th October. Good luck!



DIARY AND EVENTS

- 2 August: next SRN meeting
 - 10 - 12 August 10-3pm E7B Courtyard: Swap Party
 - 11 August: Sustainable Procurement Training
 - 1 September 2-4pm: Bushcare
 - 16 September: Walk to Work Day
- For more information, visit www.mq.edu.au/sustainability/newsandevents.html

WELCOME TO NEW REPS

- A warm welcome to new SRN members:
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| Cristal Hayes | Banksia Cottage |
| Janet Robertson | Mia Mia |
| Paul Yeates | Robert Menzies Cottage |
- It is a pleasure to have you join our Network.

