

Sustainability Representative Network NEWS

Hello and welcome to the first edition of the Sustainability Representative Network NEWS. I have had the opportunity to meet many of you over the last few months, but for those I haven't met, my name is Cindy Cunningham and I am the coordinator of the SRN. This newsletter seeks to highlight people, projects and events at Macquarie to keep you up to date with sustainability happenings.

We currently have over 50 representatives from various areas of the University who are dedicated to making their workplace more sustainable. The aim is for every building on campus to have at least one sustainability representative, so if you know anyone who may be interested in getting involved please let me know.

Congratulations to SRN members who actively encouraged their colleagues to get involved in the 2010 Department Sustainability Challenge. With your help we were able to engage 30 departments from across campus!

We particularly thank Pavle Jeric, Juan Laverde, Anne Bowers, James Hazelton, Carlene Kirvan and Keryn Boland for their exceptional efforts on the SRN.



2010 Sustainability Achievements

- Installation of 2 new bike hubs and additional bike racks across campus, along with new directional signage
- 1265 trees planted by staff, students and school groups
- Procurement Leaders Group established and sustainable procurement training delivered to staff
- Installation of solar street lights on Link Road and solar panels on E6B
- Installation of energy meters in buildings across campus to monitor electricity usage
- Launch of Macquarie University Arboretum (which comprises all the trees and plants on campus) and the establishment of a series of self-guided walks through the Arboretum
- Final testing stages of Sports Fields sewer mining and stormwater harvesting project
- Online sustainability modules for all new employees through induction process
- Second Department Sustainability Challenge
- Commencement of new furniture reuse and recycling scheme
- Received 3 environmental awards including NSW Government Green Globe Public Award for Sustainability

Sustainability Focus for 2011

- Finalisation and actioning of Greenhouse Gas Reduction Strategy
- Development of participation units in curriculum for sustainability and community engagement
- Commencement of Mars Creek restoration works
- Further embedding sustainability into procurement through more staff training, new tools and resources
- Development of schools sustainability outreach program
- Establishment of new student engagement network
- New promotional and educational resources on sustainability features of new Library
- New on-line 'green office' educational resources



Mars Creek downstream of restoration site

DIARY & EVENTS

SRN Meeting @ 10am	1 February
Bushcare@MQ	3 February
SWAP Party	28 Feb- 2 Mar
Bushcare@MQ	3 March
Bottled Water Free Day	10 March
Clean Up Campus Day	23 March
Earth Hour	26 March

WELCOME TO NEW REPS

Cate Fredrickson - Macquarie ICT
 Wilhelmina Van Rooy - Faculty of Human Sciences
 Neville McElroy - Faculty of Human Sciences
 Lesley McKnight - Faculty of Human Sciences
 Rebecca Ohanessian - Faculty of Human Sciences
 Hiranya Anderson - Faculty of Human Sciences
 Jon Seltin - Faculty of Arts
 Claire Phelps - Human Resources