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Green Offices at UWA

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- Centre for Advancement of Teaching and Learning
- Currie Hall
- EDFAA Library
- Facilities Management
- Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (Deans Office & Student Office)
- Faculty of Education
- Finance and Resources Directorate
- Financial Services
- Governance Services
- Graduate Research & Scholarships Office
- Human Resources
- Information Technology Services
- Medical and Dental Library
- Organisational & Staff Development Services
- Reid Library
- School of Animal Biology
- School of Environmental Systems Engineering
- Student Administration
- Student Services
- University Club
- University Theatres
- UWA Childcare Centre
- Vice-Chancellery
- WA Institute of Medical Research
- Perth International Arts Festival
- School of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine
- AIMS

September will see me jetting to Melbourne to take part in the World Sustainable Buildings Conference. Am really excited about hearing the 4D animator from Disney Studios and the Senior Architect from The University of British Columbia. UBC have an exceptional, holistic sustainability program on their Vancouver campus, see for yourself at <http://www.sustain.ubc.ca/>

In this (small but substantial) issue we take a look at some snaps and banter from Pick it Up day, communicate some updates on UWA Sustainability committees and the waste audit, and find out about sustainability at some US universities. Happy reading!

Other Campus Inspirations



University of Arizona are:

1. Harvesting rainwater



Harvard University define environmental sustainability as: 'a moving target that requires a rapid and wide reaching escalation in the pace of organisational change across every university. At its heart, the challenge posed by the environmental imperative is an organisational change challenge.'



The University of California San Diego:

1. Are replacing their vehicle fleet with hybrid, bio-diesel and electric cars;
2. Are designing future campus buildings to meet standards of the nationally recognised green building rating system; and
3. Have recently hired a sustainability coordinator to do a campus sustainability audit



Columbia University have established a PhD program in Sustainable Development. Through this they aim to generate scholars and professionals equipped to deal with some of the most crucial problems of the world today.

Pick it up—August 6th



Dave Kerr, Murray Rogers, Eline Van Raak and Desiree Kerr



Eline Van Raak and Gerald Stack



Ryan Wilson, Leon Wilson, Gordon Walsh, and Eline Van Raak recruiting in the background



Gordon Walsh and Kai Chong inspect rubbish.



Ryan Wilson, Leon Wilson, Gordon Walsh, and Eline Van Raak recruiting in the foreground



Ryan Wilson, Gordon Walsh, and Eline Van Raak

Beneath a bright blue winter sky we cleaned. In preparation for Expo 08 and to promote a clean campus culture, UWA Grounds and Environmental Services established the 'Pick it Up' campaign. Six teams, consisting of UWA staff and students, showed up (some accosted by our Eline Van Raak!) to clean up for cash prizes. Teams were sent off around campus with two bags, one for general waste and one for recyclables. Students, Ryan Wilson and Leon Wilson won the \$100 prize for most recycled material. Gail Blake, Maria Brown and Jen Smith from records won the \$100 prize for the most litter. The special mystery prize of \$100 was found later by Leon Wilson. Special commendation went to Eline Van Raak, fairest and best was Kai Chong, Desiree Kerr was the best interchange player and Dave Kerr was named best water man. Thankyou to Gordon Walsh, Helen Whitbread, Alain Twynham and Murray Rogers for all of your various contributions that helped to make the event work.

Since January, UWA has recycled 120 tonnes of waste through the green office program. We're hoping to double this by the end of the year. Also our e waste collection week saw several tonnes of computer equipment taken from the campus to be recycled. Thanks for your commitment.

Highlighting — UWA Sustainability Committees

Significant movements in sustainable thought and deed at UWA have contributed to the instillation of two new committees. The first is the UWA Sustainability Advisory Committee, which will engage in strategic discussion and advise the Executive on sustainable campus initiatives. The second is a Finance and Resources group called the Sustainability Steering Committee. This committee will provide linkage to the Sustainability Advisory Committee through strategic discussion on sustainability initiatives pertinent to Finance and Resources. The establishment of these two committees represents a new way forward for sustainability at UWA. We can now anticipate a tangible movement in sustainable culture on campus.

Sustainability Photo Gallery



A festival-goer is cautioned by Glastonbury Festival's force of green police for an 'environmental offence' at the Glastonbury Festival 2008 in Somerset in south-west England.



A velo taxi, a cycle-powered people mover, is seen on the streets of Sapporo in Japan's northern island of Hokkaido.



High gas prices are encouraging some San Francisco commuters to try an unorthodox travel strategy called casual carpooling, an efficient but unofficial way to move between home and work.

Waste Audit Update

Anne-Marie and Jenny from Encycle completed their final field visit to the UWA campus on Tuesday August 5th. They were keen to survey the waste situation during term, having done most of their visits on semester break. They communicated their surprise at seeing the relatively clean nature of a campus, now full of students. They aim to get a draft copy of the Waste Management plan to staff at Environmental Services by early September.



Ideas wanted from you!

Got any other energy saving or environmental ideas or issues fit for reporting? Then contact the Environmental Officer at elisha.ladhams@uwa.edu.au or 6488 7391.

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