



GREEN IMPACT INSIGHTS

July 2024



2024 GI Cup participants, EcoTox Crusaders, showing us their seasonal produce for Week 1!

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ARE YOU READY?

The Green Impact Cup has kicked off and it's not too late to start! This month-long competition aims to get you feeling excited about sustainability (although I'm sure you already are 😊)! As a team, you are already registered to participate. Just login to your toolkit and you'll find the 3 remaining weekly challenges at the top of the toolkit. A challenge will disappear from your toolkit each week so be sure to complete your challenge & upload your evidence by the due date. Don't forget to also complete two additional actions from the toolkit to get your Cup points!

Congratulations to those teams who have achieved the following award levels:

WTB - EcoTox Crusaders, PPP Earthlings

BRONZE - DVCE Gweelas, Student Eco-nnect GC

SILVER - Green Library

GOLD - Ferning Futures, Forest Faeries



TEAM INTROS

GREEN LIBRARY

>>> MEET THE TEAM:

The Green Library team consists of our University Librarian Maureen, Sara, Catherine, Kysira, Donald, Leanne, Ameeta, Zoe, Michelle, Sharron, Alex, Jessie, Sophie, and Ryan. The Library has about 111 staff (102.4 FTE) and works online and across all campuses, so activities like Green Impact bring library staff together.

>>> GI HIGHLIGHTS:

The team have held two fundraisers so far this year, Pride Morning Tea for the Open Doors Youth Service, and a Wear Spots and Stripes Day for Indigenous Literacy Fund. They had allyship bracelet making, pronoun badge making, Pride Trivia, and a book display of LGBTIQ+ resources. Last week they broke their goal of \$350 to raise over \$660 for the Indigenous Literacy Fund!

>>> 2024 GOALS:

The team started this year's Green Impact with a schedule of all the timed events and planned tasks to hit for each month's meeting with the hope that of reaching platinum. The team intends to keep the momentum going through the colder months, knowing it can often be a busy time of year.

>>> A CULTURALLY RESPECTFUL LIBRARY:

Griffith Library has been working to embed Griffith's Reconciliation Statement commitment into their department in a meaningful way. Aligning with National Sorry Day on May 24th, the library launched its [Culturally Respectful Library](#) webpage. Library staff worked on personalising Acknowledgments of Country, including a library-specific Acknowledgement to ensure their services are inclusive and apply appropriate cultural protocols.



"In the spirit of reconciliation and truth telling, the Library acknowledges that it is on a continual journey of learning about First Nations' knowledges."

"Our South Bank, Nathan and Mount Gravatt libraries are situated on the land of the Yugarabul, Yuggera, Jagera and Turrbal peoples."

"Logan library is situated on the land of the Yuggera, Turrbal, Yugarabul, Jagera and Yugambeh peoples."

"Gold Coast library is situated on the land of the Yugambeh and Kombumerri peoples."





PLASTIC-FREE JULY

RUTH'S TOP SWAPS:

Don't be overwhelmed by the idea of removing plastic completely this month. Instead, choose to swap when you can based on your personal circumstances! Our GI Mentor, Ruth, has some great swaps listed below:

PLASTIC	SWAP	EXAMPLE
Bottled soaps, shampoo, etc.	soap & shampoo bars	Shampoo with a Purpose
Toilet rolls covered with plastic	Toilet rolls covered with bamboo or recycled paper	Who Gives A Crap
Plastic toothbrush	Bamboo toothbrush	us+the earth
Gladwrap	Beeswax wraps, reusable containers	Beeswax Wraps Australia
Laundry detergent packaging	Detergent sheets	Lucent Globe
Soft drink bottles	Sparkling water-makers	Sodastream
Women's hygiene products	Period underwear	modibodi
Plastic fresh produce bags	Choose loose or carry your own reusable fruit bag	Biome
Plastic bin liners	Use newspaper or scrap paper to line bins or 'go naked' & wash out instead	
Tea bags	Choose loose leaf	Tea Shop
Disposable razors	Durable, reusable razors	Evereco
Plastic plates & cutlery	BYO reusables	Heapsgood Packaging
Household cleaning sprays	DIY sprays	See recipes on the PFJ Instagram page
Small food containers (e.g. yogurt snack packs)	Buy in bulk and use a reusable container to portion	Reusable Nation

Obviously, this list is not extensive by any means. Rather, it is intended to help you get started in your plastic-free journey. Similarly, the examples listed are a means to help you investigate your best plastic-free options.

You can find out more on the Plastic Free July [website](#) and [Instagram page](#).

UNDERSTANDING WILDCARDS:

Wildcard actions are an opportunity for teams to:

- get creative about ways to implement sustainability into their lives
- focus on their niche areas/department
- use the resources at their disposal, which other teams may not have access to.

Basically, if you have a great sustainability idea that is not covered in the toolkit already, a wildcard is your chance to implement it. Here are some guidelines for which wildcard is most appropriate for your action:

- Bronze wildcard actions (5 points) are about promoting.
- Silver wildcard actions (10 points) are about engaging.
- Gold wildcard actions (15 points) are about actioning.
- Platinum wildcard actions (20 points) are about all of the above, over an extended period of time.
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To get approval for a wildcard action, please email the [Sustainability Team](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS:

EVENT	DETAILS	RELATED ACTION/S
Plastic Free July Green Impact Cup	Both run the whole month of July	G012 (PFJ) G019 (GIC)
NAIDOC Week	7th - 14th July	S022
Green Impact Gathering	Wed 31st July (12pm)	B005
National Tree Day	28th July	B040
World Day Against Trafficking in Persons	30th July	S029
Wear It Purple Day	30th August	S016

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