



# GREEN IMPACT INSIGHTS

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## ➤➤➤ SUSTAINABILITY SUCCESS

As we move (very) close to the end of the 2024 Green Impact program at Griffith, we have some time to reflect on all the amazing achievements of our teams throughout the year. In this edition of our GI Insights, enjoy reading some of **your** articles, submitted as part of the toolkit! Read about the wins from around the university (and maybe gather ideas for next year 😊), just like the Student Eco-nnect GC team above, who created an amazing area for their student-facing waiting area! The Wall of Peace, where students can write messages of peace, including in their own language, to the 'tree of peace' & where free plants are given to students (planting seeds of peace).

Congratulations to those teams who have achieved the following award levels (since our August newsletter):

**BRONZE** - Green Guardians

**SILVER** - Campus Life Engineering, Student Eco-nnect GC

**GOLD** - Guiding Lights, GGRS

**PLATINUM** - Forest Faeries, DVCE Gweelas, Green Library, Ferning Futures, Griffith Repair Cafe



# TEAM ARTICLES

## GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY REPAIR CAFE

Our Griffith University Repair Cafe team has participated in the Green Impact challenge last year so this is our second year of participating. We organise and run Repair Cafes on each of our University campuses. These events are very popular with students and staff as they help to reduce waste, save money and build a community of repair skills and knowledge and promotes the move to a circular economy.

### 2024 Highlights include:

- Working as a team to achieve a Gold Award
- Developed a model to establish and run Repair Cafes on our campuses for our students, staff and community
- We all worked together as repairers and helpers to promote the Repair Cafe on our campuses

### Our Repair Cafe events have:

- helped staff and students to save money
- reducing waste by fixing the things we own
- provides an opportunity for students to apply their academic knowledge in a practical way
- built a community where students and staff can share knowledge of repair skills.

### Lessons we have learned:

- to make sure that there is enough lead time to recruit our volunteers and advertise the cafes
- to build up enough volunteers so that there is not too much demand on individuals' time
- to offer the Repair Cafe on Market Days or when there are other events on campus to increase awareness and foot traffic
- to celebrate each repair for saving waste from landfill
- to ensure our venues are accessible & visible
- to gather data on the number of items brought in, the success rate of repair and gather feedback on visitor's experience as this helps the broader Right to Repair movement by identifying the barriers to repair.



*Well done to Leanne too, who participated in Green Impact from Europe!*



# TEAM ARTICLES

More team articles next month!

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## GREEN LIBRARY

This year for the Green Impact program the Green Library team has been busy spreading the word about Green Impact and supporting the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We've also been highlighting how you can incorporate impactful yet easy SGD awareness activities into your life. Since we started on March 7th this year we've made some significant gains in supporting the SDGs.

**Here are our top five activities:**

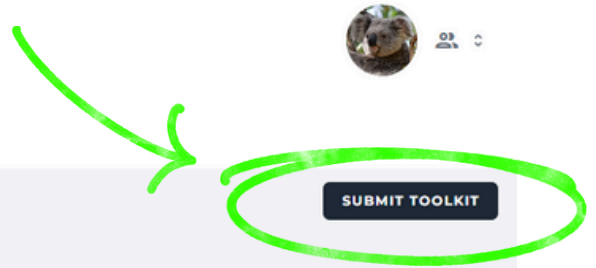
- Celebrated NAIDOC Week and promoted our work in creating the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research Guide with the Indigenous Research Unit (IRU) and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reading list with Ren Perkins. We also highlighted some of our prominent First Nations researchers. Check out the Griffith Staff News article [here](#). **SDG 4**
- We contributed to improving literacy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across Australia by raising money for the [Indigenous Literacy Foundation](#) (ILF). Our dress in Stripes or Spots Day raised \$660 for the ILF! **SGD 4 SGD 10**
- Across the Library we promoted and supported the Student Food Pantry. Each campus Library had collection points and the food we donated helped stock the food pantry supporting our students with reduced circumstances. **SDG 1 SDG 2 SDG 10**
- On June 19th we threw a Pride Morning Tea. A great chance to celebrate and support the diversity we have within the Library & across the university. Aside from a fun and entertaining morning tea, we also raised money for [Open Doors Youth Service](#) supporting LGBTIQAP+ young people. **SDG 5 SDG 10 SDG 16**
- We also undertook a diverse range of skill and knowledge development. Various members of the team undertook MATE Bystander training, Cultural Competency training and Staff Ally training, building on our understanding and ability to provide safe, inclusive and empathetic services. **SDG 4 SDG 5 SDG 10 SDG 16**

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# HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR TOOLKIT:

Once you have uploaded all the evidence to support your completion of 'done' actions, submitting your toolkit is very simple. Just click the 'SUBMIT TOOLKIT' button! This can be done by one or all team members, as long as it is done! ✓



## Griffith University 2024 Toolkit

Team: Example Team

All the available actions in your toolkit can be seen below. Not all actions will necessarily be relevant to you, so you can use the filters to find and sort the actions. You can also star actions for easy access on your dashboard, and assign actions to other team members (assigned actions will also appear on the dashboard).

# UPCOMING EVENTS:

EVENT	DETAILS
Toolkit Closes	Fri 4th October
Griffith Aviation Reimagined webinar series	Thurs 10th Oct/ Thurs 17th Oct/ Thurs 24th Oct <a href="#">REGISTER HERE</a>
Toolkit Audits	Tues 15th October
World Mental Health Day #aoc Cultivating Calm webinar	Thurs 10th October (12pm) <a href="#">REGISTER HERE</a>
#aoc Spring Planting webinar	Thurs 17th October (12pm) <a href="#">REGISTER HERE</a>
Green Impact Awards Event	Tues 29th October
International Day for the Abolition of Slavery	Mon 2nd Dec - <a href="#">LEARN MORE HERE</a>
International Day of Persons with Disability	Tues 3rd Dec - <a href="#">LEARN MORE HERE</a>
Human Rights Day	Tues 10th Dec - <a href="#">LEARN MORE HERE</a>