



GREEN IMPACT INSIGHTS

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WELCOME GREENIES!

Welcome to our new and returning Green Impact participants! 2023 was another successful year for Green Impact at Griffith and we are excited to continue the program in 2024. You will soon see that we have introduced a few NEW ways to support you this year, including this; our first monthly newsletter! Each month, you can expect to see team highlights & successes & lots of shared ideas to complete GI actions. We look forward to sharing insights with you each month!

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TEAM INTROS

GUIDING LIGHTS

➤➤➤ 2023 GREEN IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS:

The Guiding Lights team have said that they most enjoy **learning** - about the SDGs, Griffith's sustainability initiatives, and learning about practical actions that contribute to making a big difference to the environment. They love a good competition, noting that Green Impact has allowed the team to compete in a fun & challenging program! Bronwyn says that she's learned that the SDGs "are about so much more than climate change."

➤➤➤ ADVICE FOR OTHER TEAMS:

"Plan ahead, especially for timed events, otherwise the year goes by fast and you miss them! Choose actions that you find interesting and fun - you are more likely to stick to them. Ensure all team members have a similar level of commitment from the start!"

2024

Guiding Lights is a cross-campus, cross-element team. They achieved a Gold Award in 2023. This year they have welcomed 4 new participants!

GOALS

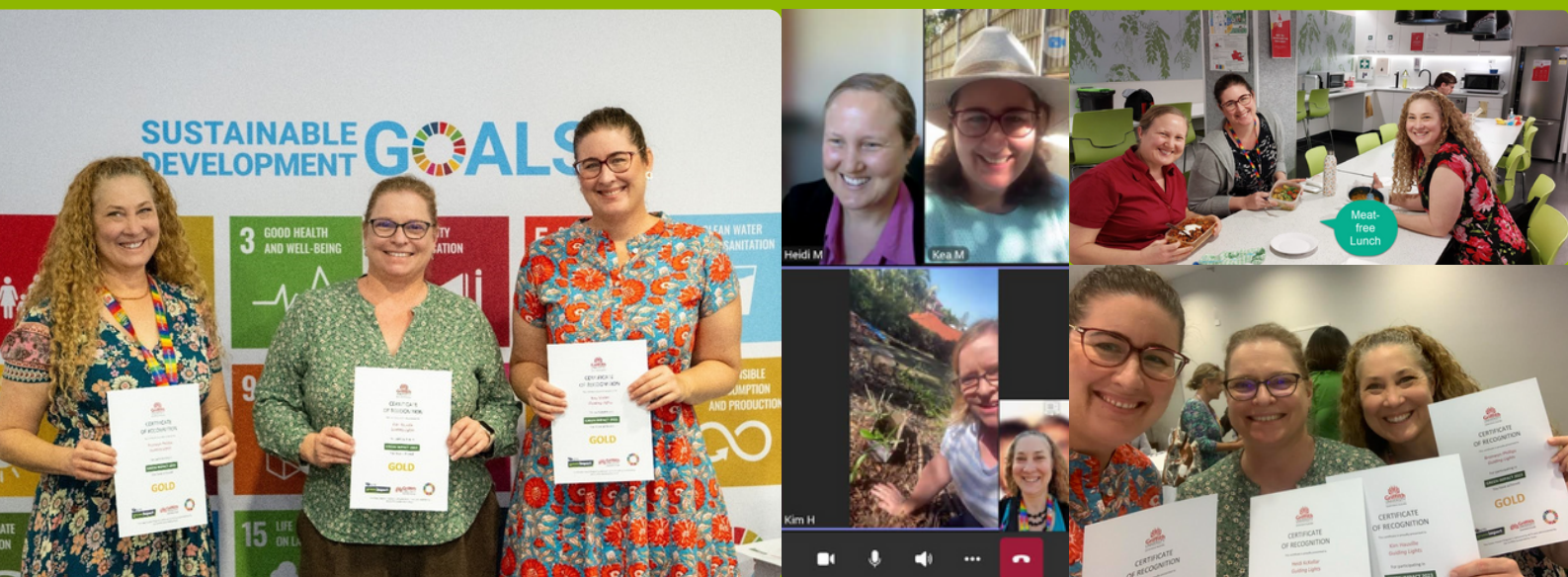
Grow the team and spread the word!

➤➤➤ CHALLENGES

"We all have busy schedules and sometimes it is hard to meet as a group at a time that suits everyone. Another challenge was maintaining momentum throughout the year, especially with competing priorities."

The team worked around these challenges by:

- Organising meetings on different days each time to support different schedules
- Scheduling regular times in personal diaries to review and action assigned tasks
- Setting regular goals to help maintain momentum
- Communicating outside of the planned in-person monthly meetings
- Using technology - using Teams to meet online & complete actions virtually



NEW TOOLKIT ACTIONS

WHICH ACTIONS WILL YOUR TEAM WORK THROUGH?

REFERENCE	CRITERIA	SDG'S
B005	Participate in at least two Green Impact Gatherings this year.	ALL
B008	Explore the Inner Development Goals (IDGs).	ALL
B024	Watch to the Griffith 'Do You Mind If I Ask?' video.	10
B035	Attend a Beam Safety Academy training.	3, 11
B060	Attend an event for Enviro Week at Griffith.	6, 14, 15
S013	Watch 3 short videos created by the Kombumerri Together Project.	4, 10
S020	Watch 2 of the Australian Wars episodes.	10
S025	Make a food donation per trimester to the Student's Food Pantry.	1, 2, 10
S034	Visit Nathan Campus to explore Griffith's artworks.	3, 11
S035	Visit the 3 student collaboration murals at Logan Campus.	3, 11
S036	Visit and/or participate in an event, performance or exhibition.	3, 11
S048	Investigate the institutions where you invest their money.	12, 13, 16
G014	Collect recyclable containers and take them to Containers for Change.	12, 16
G017	Make the switch to an independently certified ethical, sustainable or responsible bank or superannuation provider.	12, 13
G018	Collaborate with a Green Impact team from an external organisation.	ALL

*This table is just a brief overview of the new actions in 2024. Please be sure to check the toolkit thoroughly to ensure your team meets the criteria for each action. You can filter the *NEW actions using the Theme filter.*

➤➤➤ COMPULSORY ACTIONS

Please note that we have a few **COMPULSORY** actions in the 2024 toolkit. These are:

- B001 - Confirm your Green Impact team, hold a meeting & set a goal.
- B002 - At your first meeting, the team discusses Griffith's Sustainability Strategy 2023-2030 & completes the short quiz.
- B003 - All members complete Module 1 of the NEW Griffith SDG learning modules.

Be sure to organise your first meeting to knock over these important actions. Only when these actions are completed, will your team achieve the Working Towards Bronze award.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

EVENT	DETAILS	RELATED ACTION/S
Trans Day of Visibility	Sun 31/3 Participate HERE	S016
#actsofconnection (Fight Fast Fashion)	Tues 16/4 (12pm AEST) Register HERE	B016
Bush Tucker & Yarning Circle Tours (Logan Campus)	Tues 16/4 (9am) Wed 29/5 (10am)	S001, S019
Griffith Repair Cafes Open	Gold Coast Campus - Wed 17/4 (book here) South Bank Campus - Mon 22/4 (open soon) Nathan Campus - Wed 24/4 (open soon)	B058, S043
Earth Day	Mon 22/4 Learn more HERE	
Griffith Enviro Week	22 - 24 April Learn more HERE	B060
Green Impact Gathering (our NEW monthly meeting)	Tues 23/4 (12pm AEST)	B005
2030 SDG Game Workshop	Wed 24/4 (2:30pm - 4:00pm) Register HERE	B060

➤➤➤ NEW GREEN IMPACT GATHERINGS:

We want to support our amazing Green Impact participants more in 2024! Starting in April, we will host a monthly online check-in...an opportunity to connect and learn from other teams, to share ideas and to have your questions answered. Jess from ACTS will be hosting, sharing her knowledge, along with Isabelle and the team, plus our NEW mentors! We can't wait to connect with you on 23/4/24!

Got a question you want answered at our first gathering? [Submit it here!](#)

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