World Environment Day
This year we celebrated World Environment Day (WED) on June 5 with a breakfast, the Green Office Award Presentation, a talk by Professor Andrew Griffiths “Innovating in response to Climate Change” and an update on UQ’s carbon strategy and sustainability, presented by Geoff Dennis. The winners for the Green Office Program 2009 were:
Best New Area - UQ Boilerhouse, Ipswich campus (Leonie McGuire)
Most Improved Area - Architecture and Music Library (Tennille Thomas) Congratulations!
The Annual report for the Green Office Program can be found in: http://www.pf.uq.edu.au/Ems/GrnOffPrgrm.html
Good Work everyone!

Have you thought of where our “stuff” comes from?
The Story of Stuff, by Annie Leonard is a video that explores what is beneath our production and consumption patterns. It shows us how environmental and social issues are connected, and “calls us together to create a more sustainable and just world”. If you can spare some time (during tea break!), visit: http://www.storyofstuff.com/
…it may change the way we look at the “stuff in our life”.

Why not make World Environment Day, every day?
Each day, we can make a difference, just by changing habits and “thinking globally, acting locally and personalising our response”. Here are some tips of little things we can do to help lessen our environmental impacts:
• To reduce our carbon footprint, the best way is to avoid driving. “Power Down” and try biking, walking, carpooling, public transport or if it is possible...an occasional telecommute!
• If you have to drive to work, keep your tyres inflated to the correct pressure. It uses less fuel!
• Have a cup and reusable bottle for water in your office to eliminate buying bottled water. “80% of plastic bottles are recyclable but only 20% are actually recycled”!
• Every day we can change, find out more at: http://www.unep.org/wed/2009/english/content/tips.asp

World Oceans Day
Commencing 2009, "World Oceans Day" has been officially declared by the United Nations as June 8th each year! Designation by the U.N. is an important step in conserving and protecting our world’s oceans. This day provides an opportunity each year to celebrate our world oceans and our connection to the sea!
How does the ocean relate to us? It generates most of the oxygen we breathe, gives us food, regulates our climate and cleans the water we drink.
What can we do to protect our Ocean? During ‘smoke breaks’ don’t let cigarette butts end up in our waterways. Use a disposal canister instead. Say no to plastic bags - Every time we use one it may end up in our ocean and kill marine life.
“One ocean, one climate, one future”
For more on what we can do visit: http://www.theoceanproject.org/wod/wod_about.php

Just a Recycling Reminder
Contact recycle@pf.uq.edu.au to ask for recycling bins, boxes and collection to recycle: Mobile Phones, Glass, Plastics, Aluminium Cans, Toner and Ink Jet Printer Cartridges and Obsolete IT Equipment.

New Green Office Coordinator
Jessica Walsh, our 2008-2009 Green Office Coordinator is leaving us this June. She helped us increase the number of areas involved in the Green Office Program in UQ and thus boost awareness and enthusiasm for our offices to be more sustainable. Good Job Jess!
Vanessa Losada, our new Green Office Coordinator, is a Masters of Environmental Management student in UQ’s School of GPEM. Welcome!

Upcoming Events
Green Fest: 5th – 7th June, Brisbane Botanical Gardens.
World Oceans Day: 8th June (Above)