



## Sustainability @ UB

### TravelSmart Website is Go!

Forget all the other links on UB's homepage, the TravelSmart website is now the most important link. It's your complete guide to travelling by sustainable means. From now on, there will be no need to drive by yourself to work, or take a UB vehicle to Melbourne. The TravelSmart website will provide you with all the information you need to save money, emissions, and hassles.

Included in the website is:

- UB's online carpooling system
- Bus timetables for all campuses
- V/line train timetables
- Cycling and walking information
- Viclink journey planner (showing you how to get to your destination by all modes of public transport)



To check out the website go to:

<http://www.ballarat.edu.au/vfed/sustainability/travelsmart/index.shtml>

### Recycling Gets a Boost

Expect to see more recycling bins around UB. NCS has secured a \$ 20,000 grant to install additional recycling bins around each campus. The grant will help improve our recycling rates and reduce landfill. Currently 69% of waste is still going to landfill, a poor result.

The funds will be used to install recycling bins in the cafeterias at Horsham, SMB and Mt Helen. Staff tea rooms may also be considered.

### Toyota Yaris Coming to UB

Physical Resources are downsizing their security vehicle by replacing a six cylinder vehicle, with a Toyota Yaris. This vehicle will be used by security guards at night for commuting between Ballarat's campuses (lets hope those burly security men can fit into the car.....)

Every kilometre travelled in this car will reduce fuel costs and emissions by 36%.



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#### Calendar

- > Sustainable travel day 14<sup>th</sup> October
- > Enviroweek, October 11<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>



## Free Wood Off-cuts for Staff and Students



Do you have a wood fire at home? Or, are you one of those handy people who can use wood off-cuts?

SMB's Building & Construction Centre now have 10 specially coloured and labelled bins to divert wood off-cuts from landfill. Students fill the bins, which are emptied by cleaning staff into 'spud bins'.

Staff and students are encouraged to come and take the wood. It's great for burning or home projects.

For more information contact Sustainability Officer, Dale Boucher on 53278414.

## Staff member Builds 7+ Star Home

TDU staff member Raylene Reese (shown) is elegantly pointing out some of the sustainable features on her new home in Mt Clear.

Prior to working in the TDU, Raylene worked at the National Centre for Sustainability for 5 years (she must have been paying attention when NCS talked about good house design....)

The house includes 2 kw solar panels, solar hot water, water tanks, double glazing, hydronic heating, additional insulation, and energy saving lighting.

My favourite feature of the house is its' North orientation, with eaves and double glazed windows. In winter, sunlight streams into the house providing natural warmth during the day time. In summer, eaves stop direct sunlight from heating up the house.

Well done Raylene!



## Free Garden Mulch for staff and students

If you like using old newspapers for garden mulch then we have a deal for you. SMB library has a large stockpile of old newspapers which staff and students can utilize for mulch in their garden.

For more information contact Karen Pruis on 53278230. Using newspapers as mulch, helps save water, improves soil structure, keeps the soil warmer in winter, and reduces weed growth.

<http://www.abc.net.au/gardening/stories/s972620.htm>

## Free myki's

Ballarat departments can still obtain free myki cards to travel between campuses for work purposes.

Myki takes the hassle out of paying for your trip and they're easy to top up. It's also much cheaper than using a carpool vehicle.

Contact Dale Boucher to obtain your card

## It's Cool to be in Lycra!

There's no excuse for not riding to Mt Helen campus next year. TravelSmart has approved a \$ 70,000 bike facility for Mt Helen campus complete with secure storage for bikes, safety lights, paths and swipe card security.



TravelSmart has also approved:

- \$ 20,000 for bike storage at Technology Park
- \$ 8,000 for student bike storage at Damascus College
- \$ 8,000 for teacher bike storage at Mount Clear College
- \$ 35,000 for signage and safety barriers along Canadian Creek bike trail
- \$ 6,000 for a cycling education program at Mount Clear Primary School
- Funding to support Emmaus Primary Schools' Walk on Wednesday (WOW) program



## Are your meetings Paperless?

If your meetings still involve printing mountains of paper then you should talk to Sally Boyle from Corporate Services.

The Curriculum committee previously provided over 680 pages of agenda items to each committee member, at each meeting.

Now the agenda is available online via a website accessible via passwords. Each member takes along their laptop to view agenda items.

The Curriculum committee is saving 25 reams of paper and \$ 680 in printing costs for every meeting.

## Information Services Gives e-waste the Heave Ho!

Information Services staff were sick and tired of the large stockpile of unused computers and laptops (e-waste) building up at their Mt Helen campus. They used their own funds to send all the waste to a company called PGM Refiners. This firm specialises in recycling all electronic components. 90 – 98% of the old computers will be recycled into other products. It's important to safely dispose of e-waste due to the elements and chemicals found in the products.

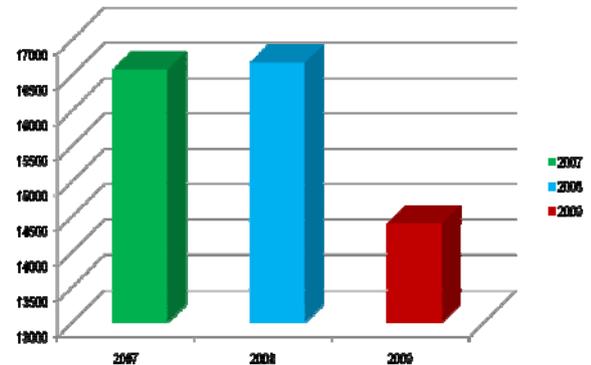
If staff and students have unwanted computers at home, they can drop them off at Officeworks in Creswick Road. The Officeworks Byteback program is free of charge and will safely recycle the e-waste.



## UB – Cuts Paper consumption

Finally! UB's paper consumption is going down. Schools are finding smarter ways to provide materials to students. Utilizing blackboard and USB sticks have dramatically reduced the demand on paper and other associated costs with printing and copies student material. For January to June 2009, 2000 reams of paper have been saved. That's a saving of 1 million sheets of paper.

Well done UB!



## 2009 Ride to Work Day – Now Sustainable Travel Day

Don't drive to work on the 14<sup>th</sup> October. Get your workmates together and join us for sustainable travel day. Here's the highlights:

- **BIG** breakfasts at Mt Helen, SMB and Horsham campuses
- Participants can ride, walk and use public transport
- Fantastic prizes to be won for departments and individuals (including an espresso machine for your department, movie money and cycling goodies).

To register just email your name and campus to [sustainability@ballarat.edu.au](mailto:sustainability@ballarat.edu.au)

## UB Joins Sustainable Campuses Group

UB has joined with 11 Victorian institutes to form the sustainable campuses group. The group is encouraging institutes to promote a sustainable behaviour in education programs and workplace practices.

A copy of the 2008 report can be found here

<http://www.monash.edu.au/research/sustainability-institute/assets/documents/victorian-sgc-report2008.pdf>

In the report you will notice that UB is a leading institute in emissions, consumption and waste.

### Did you know..?

UB used to require students to hand assignments in on single sided paper.

The Curriculum Committee has changed their guidelines and students are now permitted to submit assignments on double sided paper.