



**Sustainability Advocates is a forum for the communication of Sustainability issues, and for Advocates to raise Sustainability issues. All interested staff and student members are welcome to attend.**

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## Minutes

A meeting of the Sustainability Advocates Forum was held on Tuesday 14 March from 10.00am – 11.00am. The meeting was hosted by the Law Faculty, with 38 people in attendance.

### Sustainability Plan Update

**Professor Rachel Webster**

- The University's Sustainability Plan is generating interest internationally, specifically Harvard University and Oxford University.
- This is not a rigid plan – don't be afraid to raise new ideas, even if \$ are involved

### Solar Update

**Ned Halliday**

- Discussion around opportunities for publically displaying how much electricity we are generating from solar on each building, as a way to raise engagement with sustainability initiatives.
  - Masters of Energy Research students association may want to be involved (contact Jill Bunnell, GSA)
  - Suggestions of an app or screen display on individual buildings

### Green Impact Engagement Tool

**Sue Hopkins**

- Green Impact will launch on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017
- Sustainability Advocates should start to think about making teams of a manageable size
- No deadline for sign up, but actions must be completed by 29<sup>th</sup> August 2017
- Link to videos – a helpful and fun way to engage people and explain what you are doing:
  - Contained in email

### Sustainability Update Law

**Megan Price**

- Megan Price, Law Faculty Facilities Coordinator, gave an update on the Law Faculty's sustainability actions, including new matching bin sets, Green Team meetings and the drafting of a Sustainability Plan specific to the Law Faculty, to be completed in 2017.

### Sustainability Advocates

**Open Discussion**

Kate Denver-Stevenson (UMSU Environment):

- Invitation for Sustainability Advocates to look at and post on the MU Sustainability Watch website, as an accountability tool to track the targets and commitments laid out in the Sustainability Plan: <https://www.musustainabilitywatch.org/>
- Invitation for Sustainability Advocates to join new Facebook page, Lockout Lockheed, regarding the UoM's recent deal with Lockheed Martin: <https://www.facebook.com/lockoutlockheed/>



Claire Denby (MSSI):

- Link to MSSI website, please join MSSI newsletter by pressing subscribe on the homepage: <http://sustainable.unimelb.edu.au/>

Hans Baer (School of Social & Political Sciences):

- Hans commented that there is not enough being done in the area of staff air travel at the University
- Andrew Glover from RMIT University has done research in Australian academic aeromobility; link to academic paper here: [http://www.demand.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/DEMAND2016\\_Full\\_paper\\_161-Glover.pdf](http://www.demand.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/DEMAND2016_Full_paper_161-Glover.pdf)

Rob Snelling (Architectural Engineering Student):

- 8 shops involved in offering 10-20 cent discount on coffee for bringing your own cup
- Next step to sell Keep Cups at affordable/discounted rate
- Sustainability Advocates can get a free Keep Cup from the Sustainable Campus team by emailing [sustainable-campus@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:sustainable-campus@unimelb.edu.au)

Jill Bunnell (GSA):

- GSA will announce its first ever Sustainability Prize for postgraduate students launching on 21 March. The theme will be related to biodiversity awareness.

Annabelle Pontvianne (Faculty of Science):

- Annabelle raised concerns about waste and recycling practice in the Bioscience 4 building
- Judith Alcorn (Sustainable Campus) to meet with Annabelle and organise audit of building to improve bin infrastructure and use

### Meeting dates for 2017

Month	Date	Time	Venue
March	Tuesday 14 March	10-11am	Rm 609 (lvl 6), Law Building, 185 Pelham St.
May	Tuesday 23 May	10-11am	GSA, 1888 Building
September	Wednesday 13 September*	10-11am	TBC
December	Thursday 7 December*	10-11am	TBC

\*Dates and times may be subject to change

