

Green Impact

Impact report for 2021



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Thank you so much for everything you've put into Green Impact this year. We're really proud of what the program's achieved, and hope you are too.

This document confirms your achievements this year, lets you know about the combined impact of teams and updates you on what's going on with Green Impact across Australasia and internationally.

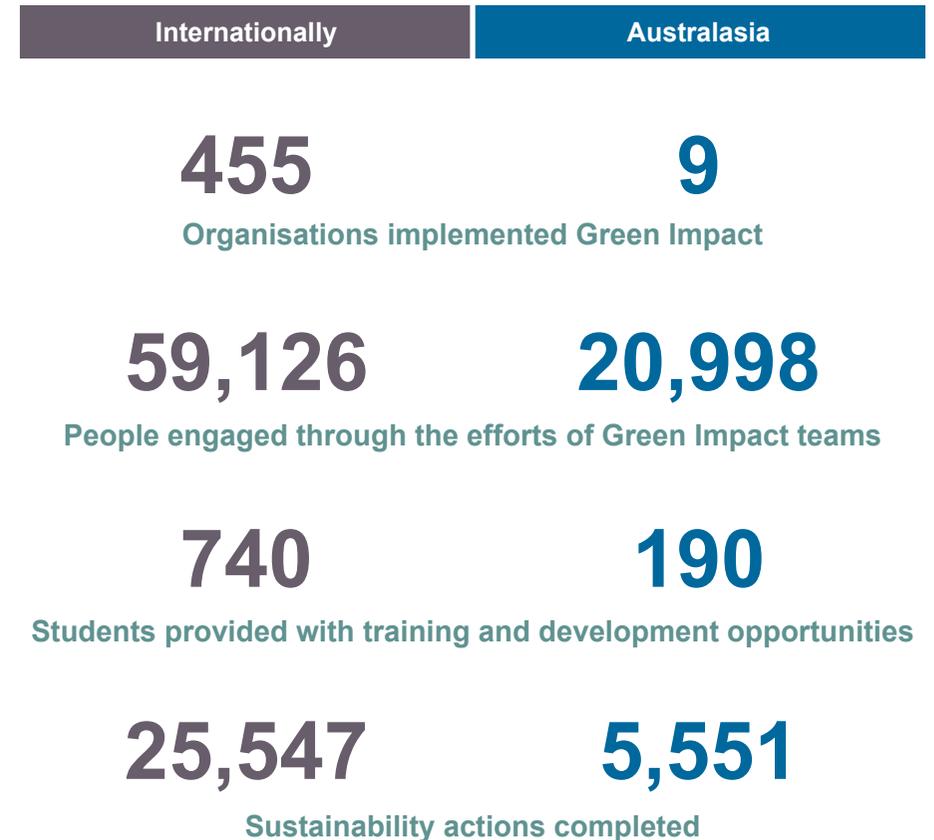
Green Impact is global



Overall since Green Impact began



2021 Overview



2021 in review

Since its inception in the UK over 13 years ago, Green Impact has helped engage thousands of staff and students to drive environmentally and socially sustainable practice at their institution. It has engaged campus communities and empowered champions so that they can work together to help transform campuses and generate positive sustainability impacts within local communities.

Whilst this award-winning program is well established in the UK, 2021 was only the fourth year that ACTS supported delivery of Green Impact for the Australasian sector. In just these few short years, our community of participating institutions has celebrated significant sustainability engagement outcomes; so much so that we now collectively contribute over 25% of the overall actions reported globally through Green Impact!

Overall, the 2021 program year brought with it a range of unique challenges, as the world continued to respond and adapt to the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite these challenges, our aim was to continue provide a platform that connected people at UWA and throughout the Green Impact community with the common goal of creating a better world for all.

We did this by including more toolkit actions that teams could complete under working from home conditions, as well as emphasising health and wellbeing, and diversity and inclusion actions. We continued to support teams to be as creative as possible with adapting toolkit actions to their specific work and study conditions while following COVID safe practices. We also expanded our popular #actsofconnection virtual engagement series to provide further learning opportunities and connections to the Australasian Green Impact community.

UWA continues to play an integral role in the growth and development of Green Impact throughout Australasia. We would not have achieved the phenomenal program success without the support of your sustainability team and the ongoing efforts of your new and returning Green Impact participants!

Your engagement

10 active teams were created

With 56 active team members

Your average team size is 6

Who engaged 1,162 colleagues

Teams collectively completed 208 actions

165 actions as a result of Green Impact

Trained 14 student auditors

6 months the toolkit was open

1 person has attended registered #AOC events

Your awards

We had an impressive variety of teams taking part this year. Some were just beginning their sustainability journey, and we supported them to gain bronze awards.

Others are leading the way, achieving the highest scores and innovating how sustainability can be put into practice across different areas of the university.

Achieved 3 bronze awards

Achieved 1 silver award

Achieved 1 gold award

Achieved 6 WTB (Working Towards Bronze) awards



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Contributions to the SDGs

Your toolkit was mapped against the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This provides an opportunity to demonstrate how the university contributes to action towards the goals at a local level through Green Impact.

For each individual toolkit action, we mapped all of the Goals that were potentially influenced by the outcomes of that activity being completed. The icons for these Goals were included in the online toolkit for each action, providing a visual cue for participants and demonstrating how their efforts contribute not just to environmental sustainability, but to all the themes the SDGs cover, including good health and wellbeing, equity and diversity, quality education and peace and justice.

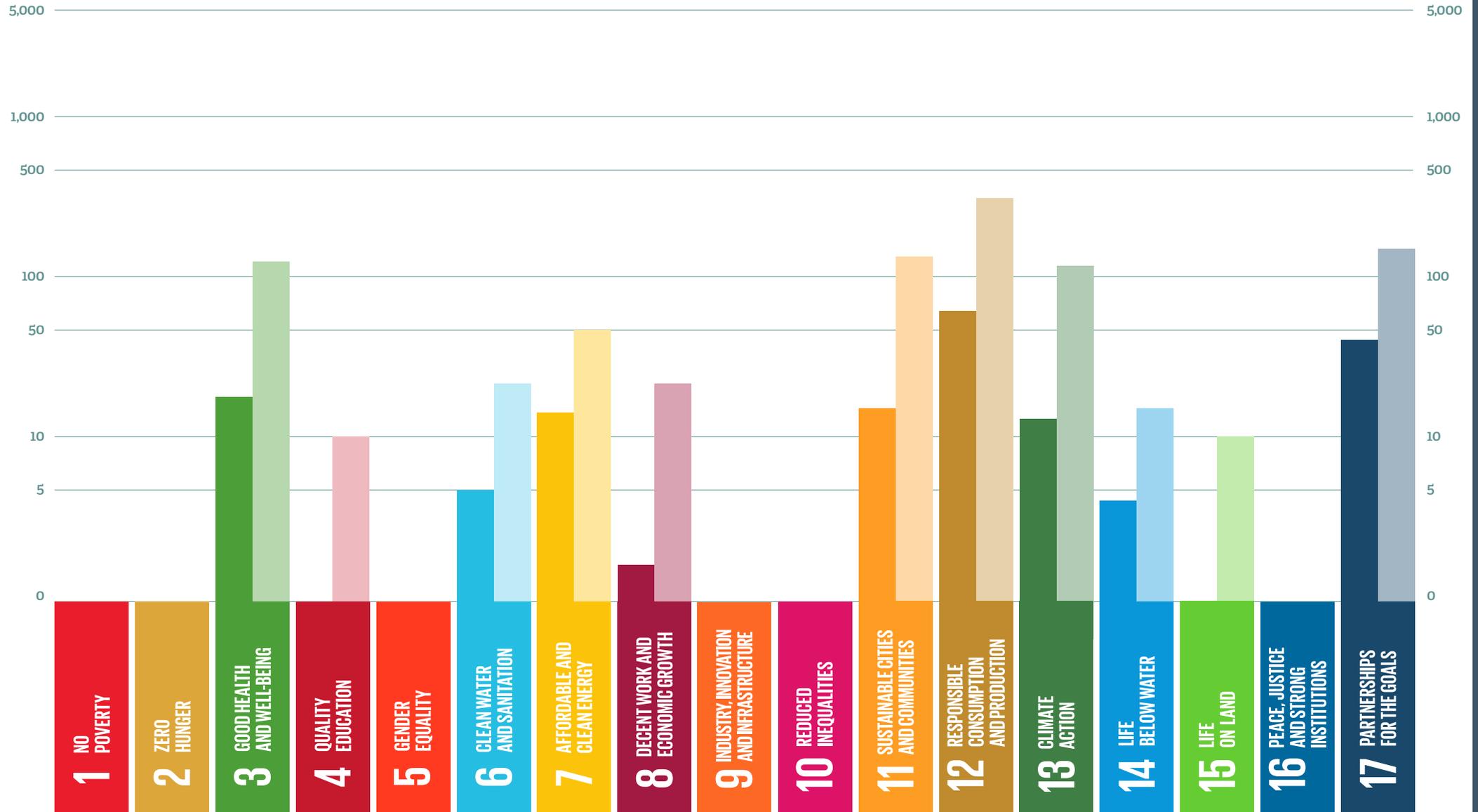
The number of times an SDG was listed against an action in the toolkit is represented in the figures to the right.

The graph on the next page represents the **potential** of Green Impact to support action towards the individual Goals, as well as the **actual** outcomes as a result of team's efforts throughout this program year.

The potential figures are determined by multiplying the total number of actions mapped against each Goal by the number of active teams this year (ie. the outcome if all active teams completed every single action in the toolkit). The actual figures reflect the total number of actions completed by participants this year and the Goals those actions were mapped to.



Toolkit actions mapped against the SDGs



Program snapshot

Delivery year	Third
Launched	22 February 2021
Submission	20 August 2021
Audits	9 September 2021

Top 3 most popular actions

B006 Engagement

All members of the Green Impact team have subscribed to enACT.

B003 Engagement

A team member has read a book, listened to a podcast or watched a film on sustainability and/or climate change AND shared the resource.

S007 Health and Wellbeing

The team has one edible plant or herb that they have grown, located in the department.

Program highlights

- + UWA has now implemented Green Impact for three continuous years.
- + Since first launching UWA teams have logged 1039 sustainability actions.
- + This year Green Impact team actions had the strongest alignment with SDG 12.



2021 Participant survey results

43%

took part in Green Impact to make positive changes to their workplace

90%

found being in a Green Impact team made them feel part of something

86%

have a better understanding how sustainability relates to them, and how their actions impact on issues connected to sustainability

100%

had fun being part of Green Impact

3.7/5

Green Impact participants' overall program rating

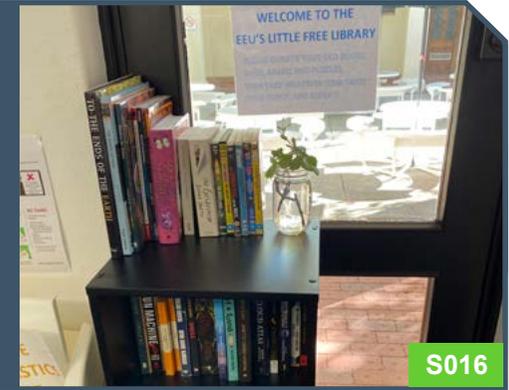
"I would have loved to have joined more events this year but it was all a bit crazy. I'll be sure to get them in the calendar early next year."

Program highlights

2 teams have hosted a Harvest swap day



4 teams have set up a sharing table for their office/department, where staff can donate unwanted personal items for reuse by other staff



2 teams are growing food from seeds or scraps



1 team have made efforts to collect rubbish whilst walking or jogging outdoors



2 teams have recycled food and organics waste using either the compost bin at the community garden in the Guild Village or the organics recycling bin in some kitchenette



5 teams have at least one edible plant or herb that they have grown, located in the department



Student auditors

Green Impact provided 14 students with training and development opportunities as Student Auditors. This role not only provides a fantastic opportunity to engage students in Green Impact, it also us to verify the teams' results and identify examples where teams have been particularly creative and innovative.

- 91%** undertook Green Impact auditor training to develop their skills
- 45%** are studying Accounting
- 82%** felt confident in conducting an audit following the training they had received
- 91%** mentioned that their understanding and knowledge of sustainability in their day to day life has increased
- 100%** felt good about themselves as a result of being part of Green Impact
- 100%** felt that the training will have a positive impact on their employability

“I have always been very passionate about sustainability, so this has just taught me more about the practical side of sustainability, and how to tangibly achieve it in departments.”

“I like that it makes sustainability easy and is really encouraging for those who may not know where to start. I think more sustainability efforts should be designed like this program.”

“It makes me consider my everyday choices which I can contribute to sustainability and reduce my footprint.”

“It reinforces how important little actions can make a positive impact.”

“It’s a highly positive experience and I hope the program will be made know to the wider community within campus and encouraged to participate.”

“What a wonderful experience! I would love to get involved with ACTS and UWA Sustainability club.”

Green Impact has trained over 6000 students across the global program.



Thank you for participating in 2021 Green Impact.

We look forward to working with you in 2022!

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