



# GREEN IMPACT INSIGHTS

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## ➤➤➤ GI CUP IS COMING...

Now into its fourth year, the **Green Impact Cup** is an anticipated event on the GI calendar! Starting in July, all GI teams can participate in the Cup by engaging in sustainability actions and weekly challenges with some amazing prizes up for grabs! There were a number of very competitive teams from Griffith last year and we've made the challenges really fun and interactive this year! Keep an eye out on our Teams chat for more details throughout the month ahead! We look forward to revealing all the details soon!

### Congratulations to those teams who have moved award levels this month:

**WTB** - Griffith University Repair Cafe, Green Guardians, Campus Life Engineering, GGRS

**BRONZE** - Green Library

**SILVER** - Forest Faeries



Thank you to everyone who attended the May **GI Gathering** (in one meeting or another). For those that we present, you will know we had some significant technical difficulties 🙄 and so we have decided to move the Gathering to Zoom. Isabelle has kindly updated the link in the calendar invitation that was initially emailed to you and so this will be the link for all future online Gatherings. Thanks so much for your patience & understanding everyone!

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81653285406?pwd=CV2vyOTVHb2bCNMDOiMVGCS9a1g1yL.1>

# TEAM INTROS

## GRIFFITH PLANETARY HEALTH CLUB

### >>> MEET THE TEAM:

New in 2024, Aiko, Cicely, Leslee, Sakshi & Sneha are already off to a flying start in Green Impact! They held their first GI event in early May; a screening of 'Climate change or politics? Why Madagascar is going hungry'. They have already held a second lunchtime screening to raise awareness of eco-ableism. Most of this team are studying global public health and are a part of the Planetary Health Alliance (<https://www.planetaryhealthalliance.org/>).

### >>> ABOUT THE SCREENING:

The short film was presented over lunch, highlighting the complex issues that surround water scarcity in southern Madagascar. It highlighted social and political challenges, which were then discussed following the screening. Points raised included the interconnectedness between loss of biodiversity and political challenges faced by the communities in the film. Members also discussed social & political tensions in their home countries & how to bring awareness to the issues discussed and how to bring about positive sustainable change.

### >>> PLANNING 2024:

This team is on-the-ball...they have already created an Instagram page for their team to promote their team and events, show off what they are doing on campus and share their ideas to promote health and sustainability at Griffith! You can follow them here - [@planetaryhealth\\_griffith](https://www.instagram.com/planetaryhealth_griffith) and can sign up to one of their Gold Coast campus events [here](#).



## GOALS

To make a community where people can connect and take action for planetary health.



# GET INVOLVED:

## GRIFFITH REPAIR CAFE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Some of you met Leanne Wiseman in last months GI Gathering. Her current research is centered around the international Right to Repair movement and her and her amazing colleagues have been instrumental in the development of the [Australian Repair Network](#).

### »»» WHAT IS A REPAIR CAFE?



Put simply, they are a space (permanent or pop-up) where people can take their broken items for repair. Think clothing, electronics, whitegoods etc. How many items do we throw out simply because we are incapable of repairing them ourselves? Imagine if you could get your items repaired instead of disposing of them - saving you money, reducing landfill and other environmental problems. The Griffith University Repair Cafe travels between all campuses each trimester to help you give your items a second life!

### »»» HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

There are a few different ways to get involved, starting with promoting repair cafe pop-ups on campus and dropping by to get an item fixed (B058).

Better yet, become part of the solution. For those that are handy with the sewing machine, love tinkering with electronics or really enjoy problem-solving, the Repair Cafe team are always looking for volunteers. Please email Leanne if you'd like to help out (either as a one-time or regular occurrence) - [l.wiseman@griffith.edu.au](mailto:l.wiseman@griffith.edu.au)



## RUTH'S MENTORING TIPS:

It can often be challenging to communicate about Green Impact outside of your direct team. Here we have recapped Ruth's top tips for spreading the word (repeat from one of the Gatherings last month so that we are all up-to-speed).

- Ensure that GI is a regular topic on team meetings to plan events and delegate responsibilities.
- Ask for a regular topic in newsletter emails, even 5 minutes is manageable.
- Use unique to your advantage. For example, Boronia & Tallowwood are an ELC and so children created artwork posters to advertise events.
- Create information boards for display in your area to promote actions & events!
- Make events and plans fun and ensure small success, quickly to promote engagement!
- Have informal discussions to brainstorm other wildcard events, again, using your team's uniqueness to your advantage!

# ACTION HIGHLIGHT:

## >>> B017: LET'S CHAT!

Have you come across an interesting sustainability article recently? Maybe you've got a sustainability event to promote or just want to share a good news story/team success with our Green Impact community? Just by sharing to the private Green Impact Gatherings 2024 Teams chat, your team can complete action B017 for 5 points! We really want this Teams chat to be for you, the participants, so let's get sharing!

# UPCOMING EVENTS:

EVENT	DETAILS	RELATED ACTION/S
Pride Month	starts Sat 1st June	S016, G006, S015
Mabo Day (as part of Reconciliation Week)	Mon 3 June	B022, B023, S018, S021, G011
World Environment Day	Wed 5th June	Wild Card
World Day Against Child Labour	Wed 12th June	S029
GI Gathering	Fri 20th June	B005
Family Koala Fair at the EcoCentre	Fri 28th June (9am - 3pm) <a href="#">Register here.</a>	Wildcard
GI Cup	starts Mon 1st July	G019
Plastic Free July	starts Mon 1st July	G012
NAIDOC Week	7th - 14th July	B023, S022
National Tree Day	Sun 28th July	B040
World Day Against Trafficking in Persons	Tues 30th July	B022, S018, S021, G011

### The Clothing Library:

This wonderful initiative aims to reimagine how society consumes clothing while improving student equity and employment opportunities. Do you have business clothing no longer being used? Consider donating them to the Clothing Library (N11\_0.02) or promote the library, earning points for action B045! [Learn more here.](#)

