

SUPPLY CHAIN SUSTAINABILITY **SCHOOL**

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The School Newsletter

Welcome to the last of this year's monthly School Member newsletters. It has been an exciting year for the School since the website went live in March. Several hundred organisations have joined the School as it advances the role of sustainability to improve practices and productivity across construction and infrastructure supply chains. Official launch events were held in NSW and Victoria, hosted by School Partners Laing O'Rourke and Dulux respectively. The School also received significant media and conference event coverage during the year. All this is most encouraging for the School, its Partners and Members as we look forward to extending our reach and influence during 2016.

The resources of the Australian School are FREE to all supply chain members. These resources complement existing construction sector standards, rating schemes and frameworks developed by the Green Building Council of Australia, the Infrastructure Sustainability Council of Australia, and Federal and State Government Departments.

[**Visit the School's website here**](#)



ISO14001:2015 EMS Standard reissued

ISO 14001:2015 is hot off the press – the world's favourite International Standard for environmental management has been brought firmly into the 21st century. Our impact on the environment is increasing, there's no denying that. And we need to



Construction Sector Innovation and Productivity

In a recent Construction Leaders Forum hosted by the Faculty of the Built Environment at the University of New South Wales and supported by the Australian

better understand and manage our impact. Responding to our planet's ecological challenges, the revision of ISO 14001 supports organizations in reducing their environmental impact and understanding the effect the environment has on their business. Read more [here](#)



Energy Productivity – a Renewed Imperative

Mid-tier commercial office buildings in Australia: A national pathway to improving energy productivity takes a snapshot of the nation's mid-tier office building sector, outlines key stakeholders, and identifies barriers and the opportunities to improve energy efficiency. The Australian Government's Department of Industry Innovation and Science commissioned School Partner the Green Building Council of Australia (GBCA) to undertake the project, with support from School Partner Sustainability Victoria, City of Melbourne and EY. Read more [here](#)



Royal collaboration delivers Australia's first 6 Star residential building

The Prince's Australian Terraces, a collaboration between the Prince's Foundation for Building Community and Defence Housing Australia (DHA), has achieved 'world leadership' status in sustainable design, after achieving a 6 Star Green Star 'Design Review' rating under the Green Star – Design & As Built rating

Constructors Association and the Australian Institute of Building, 25 leaders from Australia's largest contractors came together to share ideas around increasing innovation and productivity in the construction industry. Read more [here](#)



UK Supply Chain Sustainability School Thrives

As the Australian School comes toward the end of its first year, it is worth reflecting on the progress of the [UK School](#) which launched the idea of a supply chain sustainability school. Now in its fourth year the UK School has just celebrated some significant achievements welcoming it's 10,000th member and launching a [Homes School](#) to complement the FM and Construction and Infrastructure Schools it already had. Corporate Partner numbers have also grown rapidly with nearly forty partners. We look forward to the Australian School following a similar success path.



It's been a Big Year for Sustainability!

The times suit us. As the global population heads towards 7.4 billion and our collective ecological footprint continues to grow, the need for a sector wide initiative such as the Supply chain Sustainability School becomes ever more apparent. As we come to the end of 2015, we can appreciate what a significant year it's been from a sustainability perspective: the Pope's [Laudato Si](#) in May, the UN [Sustainable Development Goals](#) in September and now the [COP21](#) in Paris. We wish all our

tool. Read more [here](#)

Members a restful and reflective holiday season and look forward to bringing you fresh ideas and initiatives in 2016.



The School operates for the benefit of its members. Please share this newsletter with others by forwarding it to colleagues and others in your sector. To be effective over time, we need your feedback and comments. We look forward to hearing from you about your experiences with the School website and its resources – [email us](#).



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