

What is happening already in libraries to respond to the climate crisis?

LIANZA
statement
declaring a
climate crisis
(as councils
have done)

**Not
covering
books in
plastic**

reduce-reuse-recycle -
all waste, including
food waste and
clothing

**Motivational
signs to
encourage
people to take
lift, recycle ..**

**Repair
workshops**

Public Workshops
forming a
sustainability series.
Led by a member of
the community but
library staff will
develop additional
resources or talks as
demand dictates.

Google Gerry
McGovern- author and
public speaker. Latest
book 'World Wide
Waste.' I summarised
his keynote speech at
the VALA conference
and presented it at
our LLS at Torrens Uni.

Green Impact AUT
<https://greenimpact.acts.asn.au/>

**Opotiki -
potato
packaging
from suppliers**

**Green
plants in
the library**

Display the UN
development goals
and feature one
goal each week

Green Star building -
adds \$\$ to building
budget, audited eg.
Turanga

**AUT Library -
Meat free
shared
lunches - soup
day/ morning
tea**

**Green
Star
Rating for
buildings**

Professional
development
sessions around
engaging with
Parliamentary
processes (e.g.
creating petitions,
submitting to select
committees)

**Sustainability
embedded in
all AUT
tertiary
courses ...**

**Looking at
reducing the
amount of
data we
collect**

**Encourage
people to turn
off lights,
computers,
save water.**

Matamata - plastic
covering on books - is
it needed. Passive
energy for new
buildings. Council has
waste minimisation
initiative. Cloud serves
- reducing data. Kotui
libraries ?

**AUT -
Compostable
packaging/
courier bags
for interloans
etc**

**Clothes
swaps**

Procurement
contracts for supply
include a section
with considerable
weighting on
sustainability and
proof of/plans for

We send an email
with suggestions to
our team every several
mths, eg: suggest:
delete all emails in
trash, unsubscribe to
emails etc. Shut down
computer to save
energy.

Consider air-con
settings - having less
extreme differences
between outside and
inside temperatures
can be beneficial
<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/how-to-prevent-air-co>

Rechargeable
batteries &
providing battery
recycling collection

Sharing UN
Sustainable
Development Goals -
there's a colourful and
informative poster
available online:
<https://sdgs.un.org/goals>

What other actions can libraries take?

Reducing data collection

Promoting libraries as a shared space - to hang out in the hot/cold weather (reduces air-con at home), shared work spaces, reducing isolation in facing the future

Advocate sustainable buildings

"What get measures gets done" - how much of an improvement are the things we are doing going to make? eg, distance of plastic saved in not covering books

Community education and building resilience in the community

Being part of seed catalogues and pollination pathways

Providing accurate up-to-date information incl access to recent research

Modelling sustainability - eg. veg meals, pen recycling

Mending workshops ... darning, buttons

Climate action panel in library as part of community eco-fest

Garden spaces for communities and education ...

Helping advertise, support community sustainability groups/ activities

Sustainability is about well-being of people too (e.g. SDGs)

Promoting libraries as a model for sharing resources - good information that does not cost a lot or add to waste

Council procurement requires sustainability evidence from vendors/contractors ... or what is their plan for being more sustainable

Flights - carbon miles ...

Debate - democratic processes - making submissions - helping library communities

Seen to be actively modelling - make sure changes are actually publicised within the library

Use old newspapers as liners for bin liners

Try to get to zero waste in resources for our activities and programmes

We should know what our suppliers are doing re green initiatives and sustainability of resources (eg, books - quality of binding is notably reducing)

Ask our vendors what they are doing

empowering people eg. helping them know how to make submissions

Help people to take action...

What can LIANZA do to support libraries to take action?

Resources | Discussions | Platform | Advocacy | Knowledge | Connections | Sharing

LIANZA setting standards for sustainability in libraries

Include sustainability in the LIANZA code of ethics

Connection between Government guidelines with local government and businesses - backed with research and evidence

Include climate change action as a BoK

Have a conference stream based on climate change action

Gather research together

Including sustainability and climate change issues into the library spaces guidelines

Library Life to have a column on sustainable library initiatives - sharing info

A interlibrary challenge - evidence of sustainability actions/ photos/ stories/ case studies at the conference

A LIANZA guide to sustainable libraries (similar to LIANZA guide to tikanga Māori) and a Position Statement

A national sustainability challenge for libraries - a place to showcase studies, initiatives ...

What can LIANZA do? Another discussion session, compilation of relevant resources, develop a LIANZA gamified programme, along the lines of Green Impact, tool to measure lib impact

... or adapt (specifically to include indigenous voices) something like the CILIP Green Libraries Manifesto.

a statement / policy on climate action

Use LIANZA Connect as a place to share ideas and resources ...

A LIANZA Standing Committee on Climate Change

LIANZA Position Statement on Climate Action

CILIP Green Libraries Manifesto

Journal discussion group on climate action change

Help with comparisons, eg, physical post-it note v jamboard; covering with plastic v having to replace books more often

Electric vehicles for mobile and pop-up libraries and electric vehicle parking outside libraries, as well as cycle lanes to libraries and safe places to store bikes

Representing Libraries in wider Sustainability/Climate Change conversations at the higher levels.

