

Sustainability Bulletin



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O-Week Wrap-up

Sustainability made its presence known at O-week with stalls at the Sandy Bay and Newnham campuses. We shared with students our experiences with sustainability at UTAS, what UTAS does to be sustainable and how they can get involved.

NORTH



(From left to right) Will Plaister, Carmen Primo Perez and Gabrielle Stannus, your friendly Sustainability team at Newnham

Ya pulingina (hello and welcome!)

Having just started as the new Sustainability Projects Officer at Newnham, I was very impressed by the warm atmosphere to be found during Orientation Week. We were privileged to be welcomed onto country by staff, students and community from the Riawunna Centre. Our Sustainability display received a great deal of interest, despite having to 'compete' with free paella, burgers and ice-cream (yes, there was an ice-cream van!). The SIPS internships and the Metro Greencard offer were very popular. It was encouraging to meet so many new students who are already switched on to sustainability. 2019 is going to be a great year in the north!

By Gabrielle Stannus, Sustainability Projects Officer

SOUTH

The stalls embodied sustainability by having minimum paper waste, chocolates with compostable wrappers and give away items. This provided a valuable outlet to engage with international and local students on second-hand shopping and sustainable student living.

I enjoy having conversations with people and stalls are a good way to do this, we collected feedback on what students think

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about sustainability and UTAS does well or could do better, some examples are presented below:

- "I recommend the campus have e-waste facilities"
- "add compost bins"
- "I think we need to have more conversation with the university about the future of sustainability and act on those discussions"
- "promote using public transport, use of keep cups and provide cycles for rent"
- "sustainability should be a closed looped system for consumption, but it should also include economic and mental sustainability"
- "saving the planet"

Special thanks to Doris, Nina and Ella for sharing their passion towards sustainability and helping me with setting up and packing down. Also, palawa kipli for feeding us with some amazing locally and ethically sourced wallaby hot dogs.

By Varunjani Jayaseelan, Sustainability Projects Officer



(From left to right) Nina Hamasaki (volunteer), Varunjani Jayaseelan, Ella Hilder (SIPS Fellow) and Guozi Liang (SIPS Intern)

welcome

to a new year



Launch of Travel Behaviour Survey 2019

Win prizes and help us plan for better university transport outcomes!

Your participation will help the University and our communities improve its transport outcomes and will give you the chance to win one of five \$200 vouchers.

The survey runs from 25 March - 07 April, open the link to find out more or go direct to the survey by choosing the survey most relevant to you.

Go to the student survey: <https://tinyurl.com/TBS2019students>

Go to the staff survey: <https://tinyurl.com/TBS2019staff>

The survey only takes 10-12 minutes.



Welcoming the new SIPS students

We are off to a huge start with over 100 applications for the paid SIPS internships. We look forward to welcoming the passion and brain power these students bring to addressing our various sustainability challenges. Special thanks to UTAS Infrastructure Services and Development and the Tasmanian University Union for providing the core funding to support the paid internship opportunities.

green impact

Green Impact 2019 launch and toolkit opening

Green Impact has been piloted, now we are set to launch UTAS-wide in 2019, so get ready to get your team together and start effecting change towards sustainability in your area. The Program will launch in April with details coming soon.

Sustainability around UTAS

Procurement and ITS

Conformance With ISO 20400 – Sustainable Procurement Standard

UTAS Procurement commits to conform to ISO 20400 (the international standards organisation's sustainable procurement guidelines) by December 2020. The roadmap to deliver this is due by mid-2019. For more information, please contact UTAS Procurement at Jennifer.Birch@utas.edu.au.

More from Procurement...



Certifications available are listed here: <https://ws01.cos.net.au/c/social-responsibility#planet-friendly-habits>.



Welcome! GJK Cleaning is the new UTAS cleaning contractor. GJK uses Good Environmental Choices Australia (GECA) accredited cleaning agents. GECA follow ISO14024 principles for global best practice in ecolabelling. GJK's policy framework for Sustainability is to maintain an Environmental Management System certified to ISO4001. UTAS looks forward to working with GJK to deliver new innovations in efficiency and sustainability, particularly in waste management.

NORTHERN CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS - Sustainability is included as a weighted criterion in the evaluation for Cradle Coast Campus at West Park construction tender. The design principles are based on 5 Star Green Star accreditation, including carbon, waste, renewable energy, experience in 'green roof' construction and commitment to the Modern Slavery Act 2018.

ITS News - MyPrint - Print Management Contract



UTAS monitors the savings and reduced environmental impact from MyPrint, especially the 'cancel before print' and 'automatic deletion after 8 hours' that takes the amount of paper, printing, energy and waste not being created into consideration. Given that MyPrint is yet to be fully implemented (40% of printers still outstanding) this is a positive outcome financially, and has lowered resource use and carbon emissions.

	Jobs	Pages
Total MyPrint print jobs to date	169,869	1,377,685
Jobs cancelled by users	3,664	86,543
Jobs automatically deleted after 8 hours	8,195	126,634
<i>Value of Avoided Printing</i>		
1,355kg CO₂-e avoided \$9,688.00 saved		

Information and Technology Services (ITS) will review the printing replacement and impacts once full roll out is complete to reveal some of the energy savings and reduced environmental impacts.

Celebrate Earth Hour



We invite all current students and staff members at the University of Tasmania to be a part of Earth Hour 2019. Switch off for one hour at 8.30pm in your home or at work on the 30th March 2019 and share a picture of what you're doing for Earth Hour 2019 or what inspires you to be sustainable on your twitter, Facebook or Instagram with the hashtags **#switchoffchallenge** and **#Connect2Earth**. To be eligible to win a sustainability gift pack don't forget to add the hashtag **#earthhourUTAS2019**. Nominate your friends to take part in the challenge and tag **@EarthHour_Au** and **@wwf_australia** to spread the conversation for stronger climate change action.



Events and Activities

Travel Behaviour Survey 2019

25 March – 07 April

Earth Hour 2019

30 March

SIPS Fellow Wednesday Workshop “How to effectively communicate to a wider audience about sustainability/storytelling for engagement – Millie Rooney”

10 April

North West Ecofest (Ulverstone)

13 April

SIPS Fellow Wednesday Workshop “Mental wellbeing in sustainability”

01 May

Australia and New Zealand University Mental and Wellbeing Health Day (UMHD)

07 May

SIPS Fellow Wednesday Workshop “FUN WEEK: practical cooking, growing, making”

15 May

Sustainability Team on the Road – 3 campus tour with focus on composting and food gardens, and working bee in Burnie

April – May

A student-designed and built game to test your co-mingled recycling savvy.

Total players: 94 (a 92% increase in relation to last year's competition)

Total games played: 522

Max score: 228,285 (last year's winner remains unbeaten with a score of 234,468)

New record of games played by one player: 153

If you are a winner, don't forget to check the app for instructions on how to claim your prize



Coming up in the next Sustainability Bulletin

- Marketing leads the way
- Re-use Program has impact
- Travel Behaviour Survey results shared