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What a busy engaging month for Sustainability

Working Groups focus Sustainability Committee efforts

The **UTAS Sustainability Committee** provides an important structure that supports the activities of working groups made up of academic and professional staff as well as students across a range of focus areas.

Some working groups have a broader remit around engagement and academics, such as the **Education for Sustainability Community of Practice (EFS CoP)** (mainly internally focused) and **EFS Tasmania** (mainly externally focused, in conjunction with other education bodies in Tasmania).

If you are interested in finding out more about these working groups and exploring how you might contribute, please contact sustainability.utas@utas.edu.au.

Celebrating Sustainability Experience Day

We hosted our first Sustainability Experience Day this Semester. Recordings from all the day's events can be found on the **Students for a Sustainable UTAS** Facebook page.

The day started with a talk by the UTAS Pride Society. SIPS student Zoe Bucher-Edwards then introduced us to Wild Pollinator Count Week, and guest speaker, entomologist and PhD candidate, Shasta Henry presented on pollinators you might find on campus and in the local Sandy Bay area.

At the Sandy Bay campus the TUSA Muslim Society students were taking part in a Bike Basics learn to ride session with Bicycle Network.

We hope you enjoy watching the clips!

Ride2Uni Hits the Streets

A partnership between the University of Tasmania and Bicycle Network Tasmania is helping staff and students learn new bike riding skills on the road.

Teams of riders have headed off from the main bike hubs on Sandy Bay and Newnham campuses for four road riding education sessions.

During the sessions, riders learn defensive riding techniques, bike positioning on roads and intersections, effective route planning, advanced bike control and traffic and road awareness.

These sessions are just one of the University's **sustainable transport Initiatives** contributing to the **Sustainable Transport Strategy 2017-2021**.

If you are riding to University **you can register your bike** through a new bike registration form. Thank you to Xun Jin Wong for his work to create the bike register during his SIPS curricular placement with ISD.



Xun Jin Wong, untangling an old bike lock while reviewing bicycle locker and hub management as part of his SIPS placement project.



Launching – Green Impact students!

Aligning with the Communities Model, sustainability theme area, this year we have launched a new program called Green Impact students. The program includes a weekly newsletter featuring a sustainability action of the week for students.

Students from all colleges can **subscribe for Green Impact students!**

Reminder all students and staff can participate this year in the regular #ACTS of connection events, simply **sign up to receive info about the free online events!**



Bike Donations

The Sustainability team have also recently implemented a process to identify and donate abandoned bicycles on UTAS campuses. In March 2021, six abandoned bikes were donated to Hobart Bike Kitchen.

Learning to ride, maintain a bicycle and having access to free, sustainable transport can be very liberating and can foster a sense of independence.

Your UTAS email account allows access to a world of sustainability resources

With the University being an Australasian participant in the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Reporting System (STARS), everyone with an UTAS institutional email account can access a range of resources by creating an ACTS account and through the partnership agreement access AASHE resources, including the STARS Benchmarking Tool, STARS Data Displays and their Campus Sustainability Hub.

Interact and Engage

Click the button below to download the Useful Sustainability Links PDF, which includes a list of our programs, facebook pages, resources and more.



Upcoming Events

UTAS Landcare is hosting Lunchtime Landcare every Tuesday 1pm, meeting on the stairs at the TUSA building on the Sandy Bay Campus.

Where? Where? Wedgie! is a citizen science program run by Nature Trackers, with funding from Bookend Trust, which monitors populations of the threatened Tasmanian wedge-tailed eagle.

