

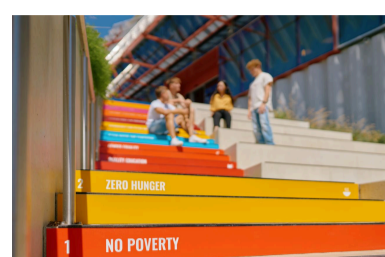
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A positive start to the year

We're well into 2025 and the University of Tasmania is a hive of exciting and sustainable activities. Take a look below to see a small sample of what's happening across our campuses.



Steps toward sustainability

The final piece of the puzzle in Launceston's Inveresk campus expansion is complete. The Shed recently had a set of beautiful SDG stairs unveiled - rainbow steps dedicated to all 17 of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

The Shed accommodates 160 staff and 1,500 students across health and science disciplines and has been built with strong sustainability principles at heart, including recyclable materials, Tasmanian timber and energy efficient services. While the SDGs are already embedded across the University of Tasmania curriculum, now they are also a colourful part of the landscape.

The Shed is linked with the rest of the Inveresk campus via the laykila/North Esk pedestrian and cycle bridge.



Innovation Award for UTAS Enviro Society

A new app that allows users to log their low-emissions commutes to work or uni has recently attracted an exciting accolade.

Grantees in last year's City of Hobart [Youth Climate Action Fund](#) program, the student-led Environment Society developed the [Commute4Climate](#) app, and gave out prizes to the biggest walkers, cyclists, bus catchers and ferry takers!

Over just one month, participants' mindful transport choices prevented more than 1,000 kilograms of carbon dioxide being emitted into the atmosphere (compared to car use).

The group have just been recognised with City of Hobart's Innovation Award. Stay tuned for Commute4Climate 2025!



O Week really jumping

The Sustainability team was out and about during Orientation Week: sharing plants, free kitchen items and basketball tips (Jack the Jumper got involved for a while there).

Students were also encouraged to get their hands dirty around our burgeoning edible campuses. We now have no fewer than [14 community gardens](#) across the University of Tasmania!



New food gardens blooming on campus

The newest additions to our edible campus mission have recently sprouted at Rozelle and the Medical Sciences Precinct (MSP) in Hobart.

In an initiative involving a UTAS [Green Impact](#) team, the Healthy MSP group and Viridi Tas, supported by the City of Hobart's Youth Climate Action Fund and the University of Tasmania's Sustainability team, more than 30 staff and students came together to make the beautiful MSP courtyard garden happen.

The University's Community Garden Coordinator, Jeff McClintock, helped to install a number of new wicking beds and plant everything from spinach, peas and coriander to tomatoes, strawberries, blueberries and apples. The courtyard garden is also home to some very healthy sunflowers, planted for mental health week in October 2024.

Students and staff are already heading out there to pick veggies and herbs to add to their lunch. Student Emily Walter says, 'the new garden space is a lovely place to relax and soak up the sun between classes'.

Plans are in the pipeline for Nutrition students to host a food literacy program in the garden but in the meantime, UTAS staff and students are encouraged to forage, harvesting only mature produce, of course!

Like to join a gardening bee?

Our [flagship community garden](#) at Inveresk is host to a public gardening bee every **Thursday 9:00am to 11:00am**. All are welcome.



UTAS shows its colours

Members of the southern University of Tasmania Sustainability team joined a big cohort of other staff and students to rejoice in Pride on Sat 1 February.

It was a joyful celebration of gender and sexual diversity, which the University is proud to support every year, bringing some serious colour - and an important message of inclusion - to the streets of Hobart.



Join the Fashion Revolution

This April's [#actsofconnection](#) event from [Australasian Campuses Towards Sustainability \(ACTS\)](#) takes a close look at fashion.

For [Fashion Revolution Week](#) - 22-27 April - ACTS are hosting a special webinar on how we stock our wardrobes ethically and sustainably.

Buying the Basics
12:00pm Thu 17 April via Zoom
[Register here](#)



Explore Australia's oldest art

The latest in the University's [Island of Ideas](#) series takes a closer look at the fascinating world of Indigenous rock art.

Join a Kwini researcher from the Kimberley, an Emeritus Professor of Geology and our own First Nations Professor Greg Lehman to discover how we might look at these ancient paintings through modern eyes.

Two Ways to See Indigenous Rock Art
6:00-7:30pm Wed 26 March at Sandy Bay campus/online
[Register here](#)

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The stories in the Sustainability Bulletin are written on the Country of palawa pakana people in lutruwita/Tasmania. We acknowledge that their sovereignty was never ceded and we pay deep respect to palawa pakana people as they continue to care for Country.



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