

SIPS of Sustainability lead to life-long addictions

The Sustainability Integration Program for Students (SIPS) hit the ground running in 2017 with a group of passionate students undertaking internships and in-class learning activities. SIPS has a range of ways for student involvement, including in-class activities through to curriculum-based and independent paid internships.



SIPS Intern Imelda Chandra 'shakes' it up at Ride to Campus Day in March

Congratulations to the ICT students who in 2016 developed the *Digitran* digital 'app' to replace the manual method used by the sustainability team and other SIPS students to conduct our annual sustainable transport counts.

The group were recognised with the Undergraduate Tertiary Students iAward for Tasmania on 2 June and off to Nationals in August. An added vote of confidence comes with Cycling South and the City of Hobart hiring the students to expand the app to include additional areas for broader data collection across Southern Tasmania.



The 2016 Sustainability Survey message was clear – engage better with students around sustainability. Thank goodness for our fabulous SIPS intern Rachel Hay! Rachel is organising a student sustainability event including a mini sustainability festival, a soup evening at Source Wholefoods, a student led discussion on carbon neutrality and much more!



SIPS Intern Rachel Hay is organising our first student sustainability events for 26 July and 8 August.

For more information visit:
www.utas.edu.au/sustainability

Interested in getting involved in SIPS as staff or student?

Contact SIPS.utas@utas.edu.au or visit:
www.utas.edu.au/sustainability/sips



TSBE Corporate Intern Angela Bain discusses unintentional unsustainability in University marketing

'SIPS HAPPENS' thanks to:

\$30,000 TUU

\$2,500 City of Hobart

\$35,000 University of Tasmania
Commercial Services & Development

13 Academic/professional
staff mentors from a
variety of disciplines

For updates, including Sustainability Committee members, news and events:

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SIPS continued:

Other SIPS Intern projects include:

Alice Wanders	TUU Sustainability policy
Jian (James) Tan	Bus shelter design at Hobart Medical Science Precinct
Pixie Gerba	Re-use program/transport data
Jipeng (Philipp) Xie	Carbon accounting for disposable food containers
David Thorn	Research viability of (electric?) bike share program for students
Yuxuan (Sara) Li	UN Sustainable Development Goals mapped to LiFE Index

Upcoming Activities

June/July	Sandy Bay	Deployment of 'threatened species' signage
5 June	South campuses	Launch of the University Re-use Program
16 June	All campuses	'Supply Chain School' presentation on their FREE online resource on sustainability in supply chains
29 June	Newnham	'Towards Carbon Neutrality' by the University of Tasmania Sustainability Team
26 July	Sandy Bay	Student Sustainability Fest (see p1)
8 August	Sandy Bay and online	Student Sustainability Forum (see p1)

OTHER NEWS:

University Council approves the Sustainable Transport Strategy 2017-2021!

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South Re-use Program goes live



A large quantity of unwanted furniture and other materials is generated each year by the University that can be re-used elsewhere. An online cataloguing system is now available to ensure we harness the cost savings from re-using these items - as well as realising the carbon emissions reductions from less transport and packaging and reducing waste to landfill. The trial from Nov 2016 – March 2017 saw over 500 items re-used resulting in savings of over \$100,000 if items had been purchased new and reducing waste to landfill by 8 tonnes.

The system is now live for southern facilities and will expand to include all Tasmanian campuses. For system access information please contact: Kamal Singh, Sustainability Project Officer: Kamal.Singh@utas.edu.au

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