

## Top 50 environmental performance ranking for University

The University of Tasmania has been named in the world's top 50 for environmental performance in a recent international survey.

Universitas Indonesia's GreenMetric ranking system, released on December 29, assessed and compared 516 colleges and universities in 74 countries on criteria such as energy, water usage, waste management and education, including sustainability-related research.

The University of California Davis topped the list, with the University of Tasmania placing 42nd. Ranking by category does provide some clues as to how the University could improve its ranking, including Waste (184), Transportation (140) and Energy and Climate Change (81). The University ranked particularly well in the Education (22) and Water (26) categories.

Chair of the University's Sustainability Committee, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Students and Education) David Sadler, said the results demonstrated the University's ongoing commitment to sustainability, and were particularly pleasing in the University's first year of participation in the survey.

"The University's role in establishing the Education for Sustainability Tasmania: UN Regional Centre of Expertise last year helped to cement our position as not only a national but international leader in the field of sustainability, and this survey only adds to that standing," he said.

## Australasian Campuses Towards Sustainability (ACTS) – your organisation, too!

All of ACTS resources are available to you FREE as the University of Tasmania maintains an organisational membership. To get monthly newsletters, find out what our peers are up to, opportunities for conference scholarships and/or access resources, please register at [www.acts.asn.au/members-area](http://www.acts.asn.au/members-area)



The University's Sustainability Manager, Corey Peterson, said the results were testament to the efforts of many people across the University bringing sustainability strategies to life, in particular commitments to delivering Green Star-rated buildings and delivering on the sustainability policy.



Implementation of the Sustainable Transport Strategy over the past five years was an area of significant activity, Mr Peterson said, delivering many benefits including lower collective greenhouse gas emissions.

"We have delivered new bike hubs, carpooling and motorbike parking, bus stop shelters and service enhancements, vehicle fleet improvements, stakeholder partnerships and improved data collection and analysis, all contributing to this international recognition," he said.

"Our efforts in sustainable water use and a focused research effort on environment and sustainability have also put us at the leading edge of our peers around the globe."

## Upcoming Activities

- Launch of updated Sustainability portal and website
- Transport data collection – movement counts and Travel Behaviour Survey
- Clean-up Australia Day at Inveresk
- Recycling displays
- "Kill-A-Watt" energy challenge in Accommodation Services
- 'Close the Sash' campaign for lab users
- Deployment of 'threatened species' signage on the Sandy Bay campus

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

[www.utas.edu.au/sustainability](http://www.utas.edu.au/sustainability)

# Re-use Program Stage 1 success!

Each year the University generates a large quantity of unwanted furniture and other materials that can be re-used. For years these items have been informally re-distributed within the University through the efforts of Commercial Service and Development (CSD) Facilities Service Officers and other resourceful staff.

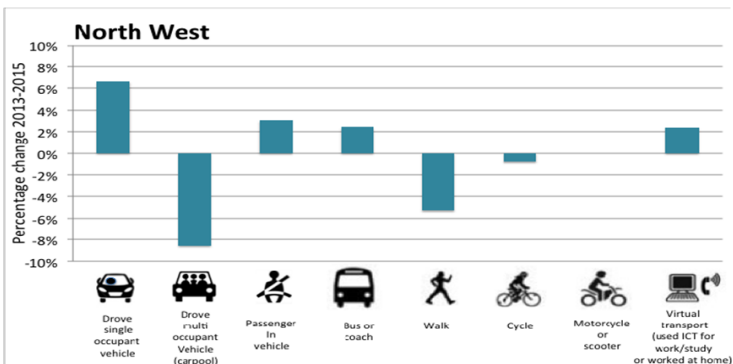
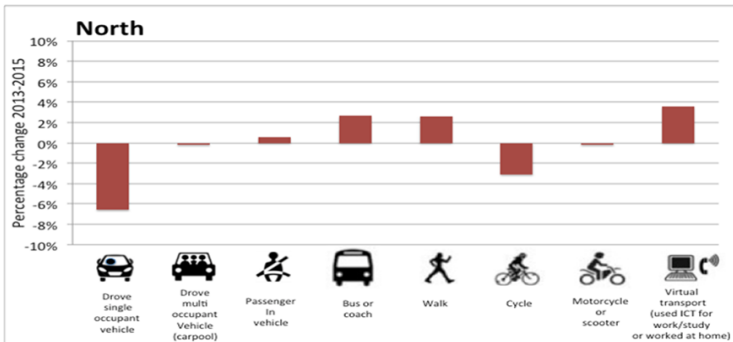
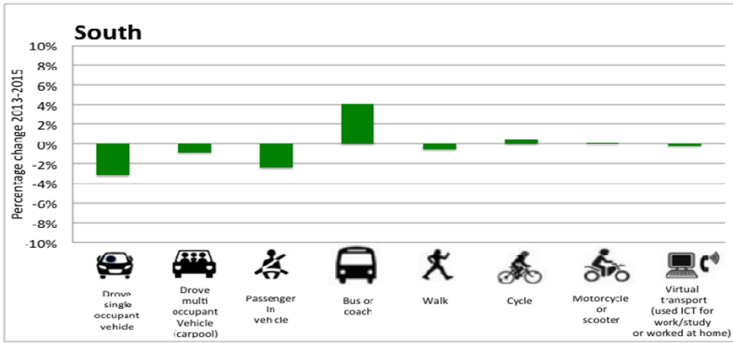
In October 2016, CSD began trialling an online process for the cataloguing and claiming of re-usable furniture across southern facilities. To date 739 items have been catalogued with 13 staff participating. These staff have helped find a new home for 163 items from bookshelves, desks, chairs, to filing cabinets, saving over \$85,000 from buying new, and reducing waste to land fill by 3 tonnes. With a successful trial, it is envisioned that the system will be expanded to include all Tasmanian campuses.

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Item Name	Item Ref	User	Location	Available	Expires	Added
Rectangular table	1610/41255/7	Admin	Old Commerce Building	9 Nov 2016	31 May 2017	9 Nov 2016
Rectangular table	1610/40955/1	Admin	Wilmot Street	4 Nov 2016	31 May 2017	4 Nov 2016
Reception desk	1610/40801/4	Admin	Old IMAS Building	3 Nov 2016	31 May 2017	3 Nov 2016
Pedestals/ desk storage	1610/40790/2	Admin	Old IMAS Building	3 Nov 2016	31 May 2017	3 Nov 2016



## TIME AGAIN – Share your transport story!

### Travel Behaviour Survey 20-31 March 2017

The University's bi-annual Travel Behaviour Survey seeks your travel story for 2017. This year's data will be used to compare to that collected in 2013 and 2015. See graph to the left for changes by region. Have we as a community continued to build on moving ourselves more sustainably?

Look for bulk emails, social media and News@UTAS announcements.