

Sustainability Bulletin



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Launch of Metro, TUU, UTAS Greencard initiative

The University of Tasmania, Tasmania University Union State Council and Metro Tasmania are working together to encourage students to save money, fight congestion, and travel sustainably by using public transport. Across the state, UTAS students can redeem a free Greencard and \$5 bonus fare credit from Metro Tasmania outlets from 18 February to 31 March 2019. The promotion will be offered while stocks last, with between 800 and 1700 students expected to benefit.

TUU President Sharifah Syed-Rohan notes the bus is a better transport option for students as they are often cheaper and easier than car travel when expenses like petrol, maintenance and parking are factored in.

The University is pleased to support the TUU's lead in this initiative as part of a broader sustainable transport strategy, which has also involved installing electric bike, motorcycle and car charging stations, cycling infrastructure like secure storage, repair stations and changing facilities and bus stop shelters at all campus stops. The University of Tasmania is committed to support a range of transport options, including active and public transport, available for our staff, students and visitors.

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Student-produced videos show you “How to use a Metro Bus”

Supporting the promotion is a series of six student-produced videos Metro Tasmania commissioned from participants in the UTAS Sustainability Integration Program for Students (SIPS). UTAS students Lexi K'ng and Ngoc Vy Pham produced the “How to Use a Bus” video series and said they hoped the helpful tips and advice would encourage more people, including new and international students, to give the bus a try.

For more information about this promotion, timetables, fares, concession entitlements and Greencard, visit www.metrotas.com.au or call 13 22 01.

Video Links

<https://protect-au.mimecast.com/s/z-TBCgZovVCgKM3wfnVMY?domain=youtube.com>

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLd-OFTp2bGOQFgHDddBpO1Vy9Nxq7hdQC>

FREE GREENCARD



Metro Bus videos – student directors (Le K'ng and Ngoc Vy Pham) and student actors

welcome

to the 2019 Sustainability Team



Corey Peterson (Manager), Catherine Elliott (SIPS Coordinator), Ella Hilder (SIPS Fellow), Varunjani Jayaseelan (Projects Officer), Jasper McCormack (Projects Officer)

The Sustainability Team revamps and brings on some new faces for 2019. We ask new team members to share their thoughts on two questions.

Varunjani (Varu) Jayaseelan (Sustainability Project Officer)

What does a sustainable future mean to me?

In an ideal world it would be a place where plastic and packaging are myths. In a realistic world a sustainable future would be a continuous change of mindsets and lifestyles driven by the love for one another and mother nature.

Why do I love a sustainable Tasmania?

Tasmania is my little green oasis and as a city girl from a busy world Tasmania has become my haven for all things mother nature. A sustainable Tasmania works towards protecting my little green secret garden and that's why I dedicate myself towards protecting what I love.

Jasper McCormack

What does a sustainable future mean to me?

Realistically, true sustainability will stem from a mindset change across communities and industries with a view to safeguarding the future and everything that entails. And what better place to start such a change than in the education sector?

Why do I love a sustainable Tasmania?

Tasmania has always been my home regardless of where in the world I find myself, and as weather patterns change with the climate it is painfully obvious how delicate our unique island is. A sustainable Tasmania is one which collectively works to slow the tide of change that will otherwise leave beautiful ecosystems a mere shadow of what they once were.

Ella Hilder (SIPS Fellow 2018-2019)

What does a sustainable future mean to me?

A sustainable future means to me a closed cycle system that ensures the quality of life and environmental wonders that we enjoy now for our coming generations. I love a sustainable Tasmania because it is in our roots, we have a recent political history of environmentalism as well as a much deeper history of aboriginal sustainability and care for this island.

Why do I love a sustainable Tasmania?

I love a sustainable Tasmania because it ensures that the beauty of our island and the well-being of our peoples continues past my lifetime.

Will Plaister (SIPS Fellow 2019)

What does a sustainable future mean to me?

A sustainable future exemplifies a collective commitment to future generations of all sentient life on this planet. Sustainable thinking signifies a deeper, selfless understanding of the interconnected nature of the world around us.

Why do I love a sustainable Tasmania?

With some of the cleanest air in the world, along with boundless untouched wilderness; Tasmania easily has the potential to be a world leader in all-things-sustainable. My only hope is that we can learn to nurture the social and economic spheres in harmony with our 'clean and green' roots.



Gabby Stannus (Project Officer), Carmen Primo Perez (Sustainability Officer), Will Plaister (SIPS Fellow)



Celebrating Sustainability event

The Celebrating Sustainability event for staff on 05 February, with Professor Margaret Otlwoski (Chair of the Sustainability Committee) and Corey Peterson (Sustainability Manager) giving an overview of past activities and plans for 2019. Catering and an informative talk were provided by palawa kipli a local business focussing on Indigenous foods and cultural understandings of sustainability around the world.

Gabby Stannus

What does a sustainable future mean to me?

Looking to the future, I see a world where sustainability is integrated into everything we do, and not tacked on as an afterthought. We will look to nature for inspiration and innovation in all the things we do. There will be no such concept as 'waste' or 'pollution'. As global borders morph and change, the cultural legacies of indigenous peoples will continue to be respected. Conflicts will be resolved peacefully. Prosperity will be enjoyed by all humans whilst the existence of other species will be protected.

Why do I love a sustainable Tasmania?

Tasmania is a great place to live, work and study! Our island home is famous for the beauty of its environment, the clarity of its air and water, the freshness of its local produce and the friendliness of its people. Protecting all these natural 'assets' is imperative if we are to continue to enjoy the lifestyle we have now.

UI GreenMetric Results – Top 10%

The University of Tasmania continues to do well relative to international peer institutions with respect to general environmental sustainability performance as determined by the annual Universitas Indonesia (UI) GreenMetric World Universities Ranking. Based on 2017 data, the results for 2016-2018 consistently has the University ranking in the top 10% (#58 of 719) of participating universities, which includes a broad cross section internationally from global to regional institutions. <http://greenmetric.ui.ac.id>



Campus catering steps up (again!)

Chartwells our primary campus caterers have continued their sustainability efforts with the removal of plastic straws, providing sushi without plastic packaging at Suzy Lee, Pepperz and Trade Table cafes and now ensuring that organic waste from Lazenbys, Suzy Lee and the Newnham campus Uni Bar Courtyard is no longer going to landfill. These efforts on top of many others over the past few years are to be applauded!



Events and Activities



Sustainability Integration Program for Students

Sustainability Integration Program for Students (SIPS)

Applications open 12 February and closing midnight on 03 March, find out more via the [Careers Hub](#).

Find us at sustainability stalls during Orientation Week and the TUU Market

February

Celebrating Sustainability event (statewide)

05 Feb

SIPS Fellow Wednesday Workshop "How to be a sustainable student"

27 Feb

SIPS Internship applications open

12 Feb – 03 March

Falling Trash Game Competition

04 – 17 March

SIPS Fellow Wednesday Workshop "Visioning and setting goals"

13 March

SIPS Fellow Wednesday Workshop "How to achieve change at UTAS and the TUU's role"

27 March

Travel Behaviour Survey 2019

25 Mar – 07 April



Coming up in the next Sustainability Bulletin

- Travel Behaviour Survey
- Green Impact 2019 launch and toolkit opening
- Ride to Campus Day and other transport activities
- Welcoming the new SIPS students
- More Wednesday Workshops from our SIPS Fellows!

Simple Actions Towards
Sustainability

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

 www.utas.edu.au/sustainability