Bringing home the green at the Green Gown Awards Australasia

Congratulations to all the incredible nominees and finalists in the 2022 Green Gown Australasia Awards! You can be inspired and find out about the amazing sustainable student, staff, and academic role models across the region.

The University of Tasmania won awards in the Benefitting Society, Next Generation Learning and Skills, and Student Champion categories. Check out more about the projects below!

**WINNER**: Eve Poland - Student Champion

Eve practices her passion for the environment through her chemistry degree and through inspiring the University community to reduce waste to landfill. In three years, she helped set up a recycling wall, paper collection, a worm farm system, and a FOGO service to help minimise waste at her student accommodation.

Eve created the Jane Franklin Hall Waste and Sustainability Committee to ensure these projects can continue when she leaves the University and founded the UTAS Zero Waste Society that holds clean-up events, talks, and online tutorials for students.

**WINNER**: Curious Climate Tasmania - Benefitting Society

Curious Climate Tasmania (CCT) delivers public-powered scientific engagement, bridging the gap between experts and audiences with credible, relevant information about climate change. It asks the Tasmanian community what they want to know about climate change, and responds directly to their questions.

**WINNER**: Re:Cycle - Creating Impact

Re:Cycle is a small program with a big impact, a partnership between the University of Tasmania (UTAS) and Big Picture School in Launceston. Big Picture students are taught how to repair abandoned bicycles for either donation or sale to the community.

**WINNER**: Diploma of Sustainable Living - Next Gen. Learning and Skills

The Diploma and Undergraduate Certificate in Sustainable Living are fully online courses developed by the University of Tasmania. The courses have made substantial and new contributions to education in sustainability by reaching over 6,000 students to date.

**NOMINEE**: Graham Wood - Staff Champion

Graham is a philosopher in the School of Humanities at UTAS, interested in the relationship between human values and a scientific understanding of the human condition. While Karl Marx said that "the philosophers have only interpreted the world, in various ways, the point [...] is to change it" Graham seeks to change the world, and to change it in a very specific way. He seeks to facilitate authentic and autonomous sustainability literacy so that many more people understand in a deep and reflective sense what 'sustainability' means.

**NOMINEE**: Landcare Society - Student Engagement

The Landcare Society is an initiative that connects students with volunteer land management and restoration opportunities across Tasmania, to create resilience in our landscapes and in our communities.

**NOMINEE**: Eco Runners - Student Engagement

The Eco Runners is a small program with a big impact, a partnership between the University of Tasmania (UTAS) and the Tasmanian Conservation Society. They run marathons on campus to raise awareness about environmental issues and engage with the community.

**NOMINEE**: Jane Franklin Hall Waste and Sustainability Committee

The Jane Franklin Hall Waste and Sustainability Committee is an initiative that connects students with waste and sustainability projects on campus. They run regular clean-up events, workshops, and awareness campaigns to educate students about waste and sustainability.