To restore, maintain and enhance biodiversity

An International Year of Biodiversity is underway this year, with the University of Tasmania being a part of the Global Biodiversity Framework, otherwise known as the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, in 2022, making an effort to contribute with its role as a global university in terms of knowledge. This article will focus on how the University of Tasmania is working towards the establishment of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, and the role of the Vice-Chancellor’s Division in promoting the restoration of natural habitats.

The Biodiversity Plan is unequivocally enormous in scope. The plan focuses on the protection and restoration of marine and terrestrial ecosystems, and the importance of fostering environmental sustainability and conservation. The University is proud to highlight the significance of ongoing efforts aimed at ensuring the survival of plant and animal species, as well as fostering ecological and human well-being.

The University of Tasmania has committed to the UN's Global Biodiversity Framework, which aims to protect and restore terrestrial, marine, and freshwater ecosystems by 2030. The University is committed to achieving the UN's Sustainable Development Goals and working towards a world that is more sustainable.

Electric vehicle infrastructure boost

At the Tamar Central site, the number of dedicated charging spaces continues to expand. The University has recently added two new EV charging stations, bringing the total number of charging points to five, with two more planned for the near future. This expansion is part of the University's commitment to sustainability and reducing its carbon footprint.

The University has also introduced a new EV charging package for residents and staff. This package includes access to five rapid EV charging stations, with plans for additional stations to be installed in the near future. The University is committed to providing a supportive environment for the adoption of electric vehicles.

A sweet partnership

The University of Tasmania has entered into a partnership with the Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture (TIA) to establish a new sustainable dairy herd. The partnership aims to promote sustainable farming practices and support the University's commitment to sustainability.

The University has recently launched a new dairy farm in the Geelong area, and the herd will be used to conduct whole-farm system research. The farm will focus on the development of sustainable dairy production systems, with an emphasis on reducing carbon emissions and improving soil health.

LGBTQIA+ Room launch at Inveresk

The University of Tasmania has launched a new LGBTQIA+ Room at Inveresk, providing a safe and welcoming space for students and staff to celebrate diversity and inclusion. The launch was attended by the University's Provost, Tanya Hall, and her team. The space is designed to be a hub for events, services, and programs that promote LGBTQIA+ inclusion and diversity.

The room will feature a range of resources, including LGBTQIA+ literature, online courses, and virtual events. It will also provide a space for students and staff to come together and learn about LGBTQIA+ issues.

Green Impact underway for 2024

As part of the University's sustainability efforts, the Green Impact program will be launched in 2024, aiming to engage students, staff, and the broader community in sustainability initiatives. The program will encourage individuals and groups to take action on sustainability issues and promote a culture of environmental responsibility.

The University has recently announced that it will be implementing a new policy to limit single-use plastics on campus. This policy reflects the University's commitment to reducing its environmental impact and promoting sustainability.