New online course offers practical advice on sustainable design

Home renovators and would-be home owners will now be able to access practical advice and industry know-how on sustainable design through a new online course.

Sustainable Design for Houses is a fully online course which aims to help people make appropriate choices for the environment, their health and their own unique needs and circumstances.

“It would be ideal for people who have a planned project – whether buying a house, or planning to build a home or to renovate/extend their existing home,” Unit Coordinator Dr Ceridwen Owen said.

The unit is being offered by the University’s Faculty of Science, Engineering and Technology and is a HECs waived course for domestic students.

“The unit won’t tell you what to do, or how to do it – there is no single sustainable design solution and we can’t turn people into experts in sustainable design in one unit,” Dr Owen said.

“However, it will help people ask the right kind of questions, to think broadly about sustainability and what it means in relation to housing design and to critically question their needs.

“This is vital as housing is one of the largest investments anyone makes in their lifetime.”

Participants who complete the unit will produce a housing brief, identifying their needs in relation to buying a home or outlining their priorities and needs when approaching an architect or building designer.

The unit begins on April 3 and includes a combination of online lectures, activities, discussions and practical exercises.

Applications close on 31 March.
For more information about the unit visit [www.utas.edu.au/set/sustainable-design](http://www.utas.edu.au/set/sustainable-design)

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