LAUNCH OF EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABILITY TASMANIA
a United Nations Regional Centre of Expertise

Tasmania’s significant contribution to sustainability education has been formally recognised by the United Nations, with the multi-regional launch of Education for Sustainability (EfS) Tasmania: a UN Regional Centre of Expertise. The launch was the culmination of four years’ work by a state-wide Community of Practice driven by the University of Tasmania to boost sustainability education and collaboration.

Partnering with the University, other founding members include: TasTAFE, Department of Education, Independent Schools Tasmania, Northern Tasmania Early Years Group, Launceston Church Grammar School, Greening Australia, Tassal and Sustainable Living Tasmania.

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Tasmanian Community Achievement Awards

The University was recognised with two awards at the 2016 Tasmanian Community Achievement Awards announced on 5 November:

• Finalist for the 5 year implementation of its Sustainable Transport Strategy, noting delivery of bike hubs, bus stop shelters, bus service enhancements, vehicle fleet improvements, additional carpooling and motorcycle parking, stakeholder partnerships and all underpinning data collection and analysis.

• Winner as a major partner in Sustainable Living Tasmania’s Get Bill Smart program. A highly valued project delivered by Dr Phillipa Watson, Dr Millie Rooney and Dr Michelle Gabriel providing proven improved living conditions and lower energy bills for thousands of lower income Tasmanians, while delivering improved environmental outcomes.

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

www.utas.edu.au/sustainability
• 100’s of in-class projects
• 19 completed student internships
  - 6 TSBE Corporate Internship interns (unpaid)
  - 1 UTAS I-PREP intern (unpaid)
  - 12 SIPS interns (paid)
• 10 study program areas:
  - Management and marketing
  - Accounting
  - Architecture
  - Agricultural science
  - Gender studies
  - Education
  - Journalism
  - Engineering (renewable energy)
  - Engineering (civil)
  - Biological sciences
• Intern Projects:
  - Life Cycle Assessment
  - Ride2Uni breakfast
  - Promotional videos
  - Website content
  - Waste reduction campaign
  - Energy audits
  - Bike hub design
  - Carbon accounting
  - EfS Tasmania
  - Data collection
  - Sustainability Induction development

Don’t mess with Burnie

Organsied by University of Tasmania
Sustainability with support from a Keep Australia Beautiful grant, a Beach Clean up - Burnie foreshore West Beach had 71 primary students participate as part of a Kids 4 Kids Conference with 11 partnering organisations.