

Sustainability Bulletin

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Green Gown Awards Australasia – 2017 results

The University of Tasmania took out top accolades at the prestigious 2017 Green Gown Awards Australasia. An international awards scheme, the Green Gown Awards Australasia recognises excellence in sustainability within the tertiary education sector that demonstrate how Australasian institutions lead in delivering innovative and practical solutions to today's challenges.

FINALIST and WINNER videos are available from the ACTS website at www.acts.asn.au/initiatives/ggaa/2017-ggaa/2017-winners/.



Green Gown Awards **2017 WINNER** The 'University of Tasmania **Education for Sustainability** (EfS) Tasmania: a UNrecognised Regional Centre of Expertise – a new kid on the block project' won in the Community category.

EfS Tasmania activities highlight the University's commitment to incorporate sustainability literacy into learning and teaching, broad-based community engagement and partnership activities. www.efs.tas.edu.au

Green Gown Award

Inveresk Student Apartments won the Built Environment category, recognised for innovation and social, environmental and economic sustainability. The Apartments will also receive a minimum of 5 Star Green rating from the Green Building Council of Australia in 2017.

University of Tasmania student Thomas Crawford was highly commended in the ACTS Award of Excellence - Student category.

A past Environment Collective President, Tom is also a key member of Source Community Wholefoods, the on-campus cooperative cafe and sustainability education centre.

Tom secured a \$5000 City of Hobart grant to establish a community composting hub as a model for future organics waste management in southern Tasmania. He is currently a paid student intern with the Sustainability team, developing a proposal for addressing on-campus organic waste.



For updates, including Sustainability Committee members, news and events: www.utas.edu.au/sustainability

imple Actions Towards

ITS maximising community value from equipment disposal

ITS disposal data (in tonnes) noting options are in order of preference: 1) Donation; 2) Re-sale; and 3) e-Waste (for recycling and disposal).

	2016	2017 (YTD)
Burnie	1.7	0.8
Launceston	4.2	2.4
Hobart	4.3	4.1
Total	10.2	7.3

'Don't Mess With Burnie!' event shines again

300+ primary students participated in experiments demonstrating how greenhouse gases warm the earth, saw how recycled materials are sorted, collected litter from West Beach foreshore and created art from natural materials.

New multi-functional Help Points – now also water bottle filling stations!



More recycling/landfill bin sets at Inveresk and Newnham – thanks to the Northern Tasmania Waste Management Group grant scheme

SIPS Update

In coordination with our internal and external partners, Infrastructure Services & Development hosted 15 student interns in semester 2, including: 10 paid SIPS interns | 3 TSBE Corporate Interns | 2 I-PREP interns. Summer interns have also started

SIPS completed 14 curricular projects with more in the works!

Interested in getting involved in SIPS?
Contact SIPS.utas@utas.edu.au or visit: www.utas.edu.au/sustainability/sips

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Surveys noted.
Students advocated.
Staff supported.

The University of Tasmania is certified Carbon Neutral!

Certifiable emissions: $2016 = 27,476 \text{ t CO}_2\text{-e}$ $2015 = 30,273 \text{ t CO}_2\text{-e}$



