



Green Gown Awards *Australasia*

SHARING SUSTAINABILITY EXCELLENCE

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Green Gown Awards Australasia



- Managed by Australasian Campuses Towards Sustainability (ACTS) – www.acts.asn.au
- Governed by cross sector steering group
- International Awards founded in 2012 between UK, Australasia, French-speaking Europe and Canada. USA set to join in 2016.
- Aim of the Awards:
 - Recognise and reward leading institutions
 - Raise the profile of sustainability issues
 - Disseminate and share best practice



Award Winners



- Awards increasing in size, reputation & prestige
- 2011 – 2014: 33 Winners and 31 Highly Commended
- Representing 39 institutions
- Currently 11 categories

- 2014 – 8 winners across 4 themes:
 - Partnerships & Engagement
 - Learning, Teaching & Research
 - Leadership & Governance
 - Facilities & Operations

- Two case studies from Facilities & Operations:
 - University of Tasmania (Facilities & Services)
 - University of the Sunshine Coast (Carbon Reduction)



2014 Award Winners



Partnerships & Engagement

Student Engagement: Macquarie University 'Tap it – its Fresh and Free'

Social Responsibility: University of Western Sydney 'Youth Eco-Summit'

Learning, Teaching & Research

Learning & Teaching: Swinburne University of Technology 'Give them wings and they will fly!
Transforming VET Teachers into Sustainability Champions

Skills for Sustainability: Monash University 'No one can do everything but everyone can do something!'

Facilities & Operations

Carbon Reduction: University of the Sunshine Coast - Total Waste Management

Facilities & Services: University of Tasmania - Thinking outside the rectangle: beyond the carpark for sustainable transport

Leadership & Governance

Continuous Improvement Institutional Change: RMIT University 'Shaping Sustainable Cities'**

Best Newcomer: University of Canberra 'Late Starter, Fast Runner- Collaborate to Innovate'

** 2014 International winner

What have been the benefits to your institution since implementing the project?



Tap It – It's fresh and free!

GGAA Student Engagement Award 2014



- Campaign encouraging students and staff to switch to reusable bottles
- Encourage refill with tap water
- Student-run campaign, incorporating:
 - blind water tasting
 - student music performances
 - digital signage
 - free bottle giveaways
 - pledges
 - bottled-water process information
- Australian bottles made from sugar cane
- Learning and Teaching element
- Staff engagement



 **50+ REFILL LOCATIONS
ACROSS CAMPUS**

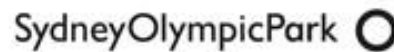




Youth Eco Summit (YES) is a partnership between 3 **regional stakeholders** under the RCE-GWS banner

YES is a **curriculum-based sustainability festival**

YES exemplifies the shift to a **21st Century model of education**



Do one thing

Each year Monash University encourages staff and students to do just one thing to contribute to environmental sustainability on campus.

Whether you choose to ride a bike to campus one day per week, use a reusable coffee cup for a month, or try to reduce your energy use for the year, it's completely up to you.

What will your one thing be this year?



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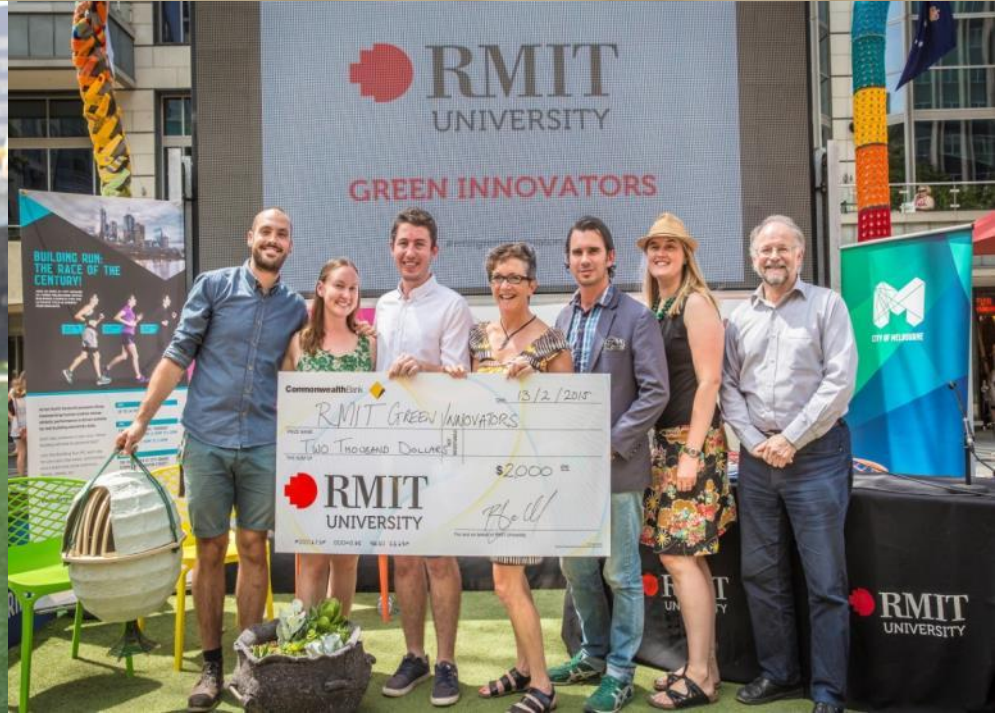
RMIT University CBD Campus: Towards a Climate Adaptation Plan

Interim Report: Phase 2

June 2014
Alexei Trundle & Darryn McEvoy







2014 Winner - Carbon Reduction “Total Waste Management”



University of Tasmania: Winner – Facilities & Services “Thinking outside the rectangle: beyond the carpark for sustainable transport”



Facilities and Services Category

What were the most significant challenges you encountered in your initiative?



Challenge



1. Resistance To Cultural Change
2. Communication Plan
3. Tweaking The Process

CHALLENGES

YOU DON'T NEED A PHILOSOPHY DEGREE TO CHOOSE WISELY



WALK

Walking can be a pleasant experience. It's good for your health, it's better for the planet, and it's free. It's also a great way to get to know your campus. 20% of people in Great Britain use walking to get to work. All you need is a decent pair of shoes!



CYCLE

Cycling is a healthy and fun way to get to work. It's good for your health, it's better for the planet, and it's free. It's also a great way to get to know your campus. 20% of people in Great Britain use cycling to get to work. All you need is a decent pair of shoes!



CARPPOOL

It's a great way to get to work. It's good for your health, it's better for the planet, and it's free. It's also a great way to get to know your campus. 20% of people in Great Britain use carpooling to get to work. All you need is a decent pair of shoes!



CATCH A BUS

It's a great way to get to work. It's good for your health, it's better for the planet, and it's free. It's also a great way to get to know your campus. 20% of people in Great Britain use catching a bus to get to work. All you need is a decent pair of shoes!

Simple Actions Towards
Sustainability



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TASMANIA

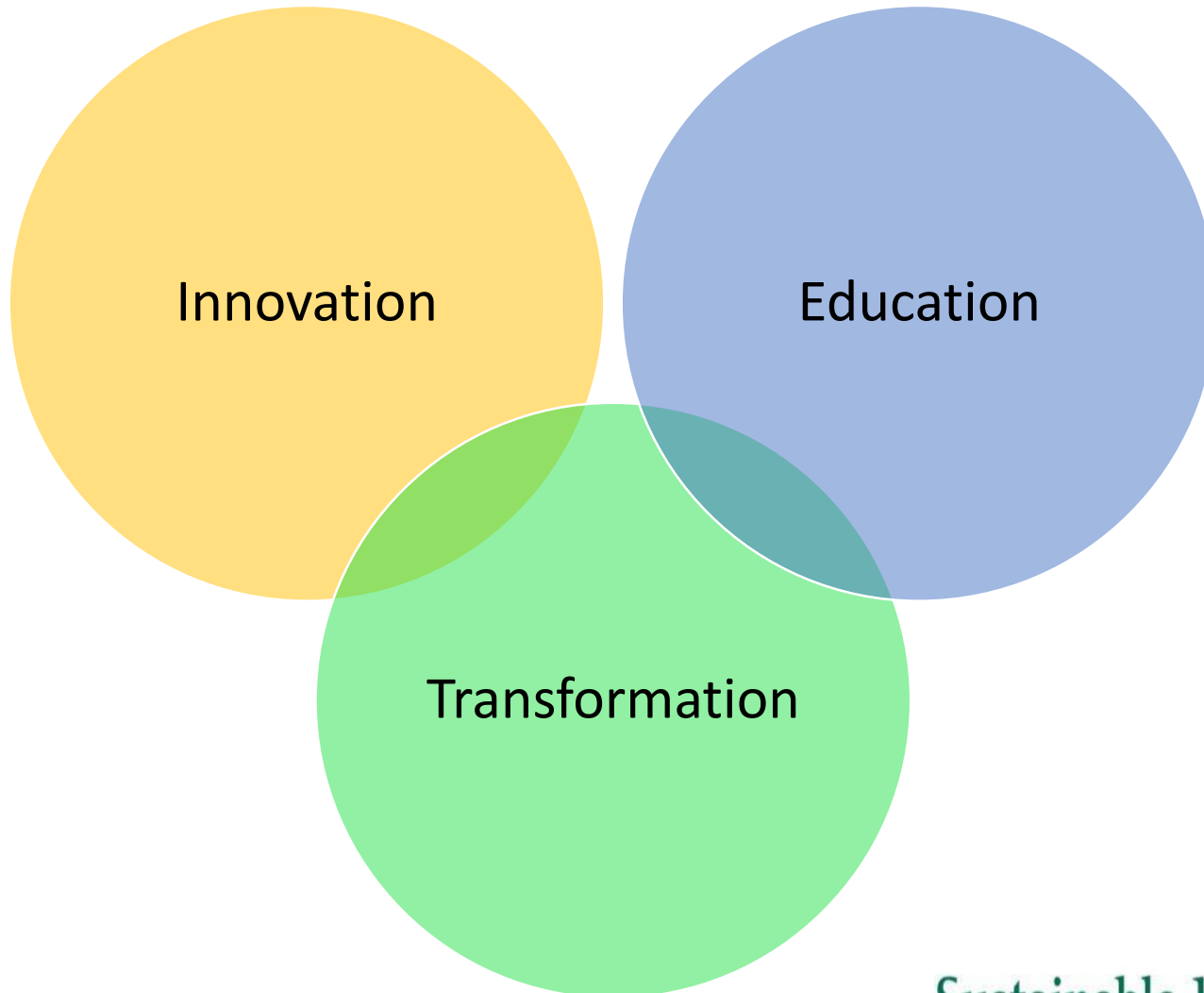


SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT STRATEGY 2012-2016

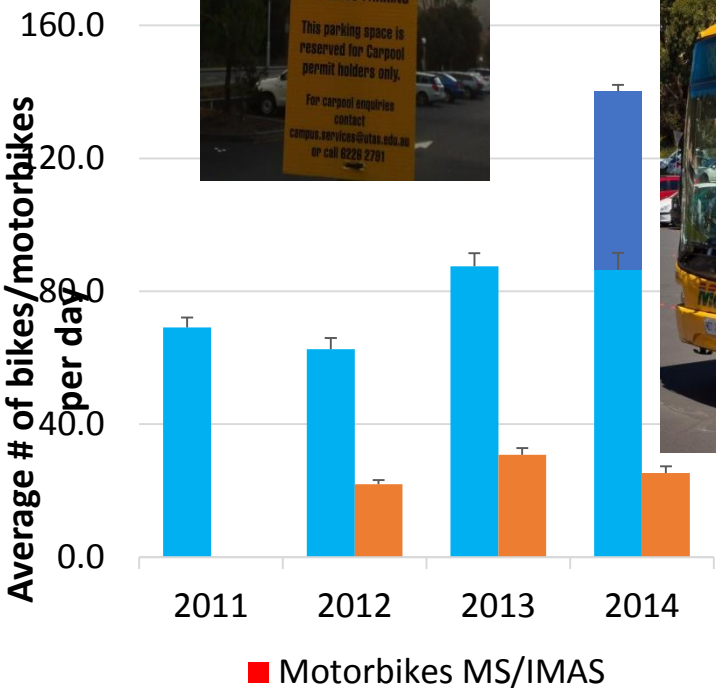
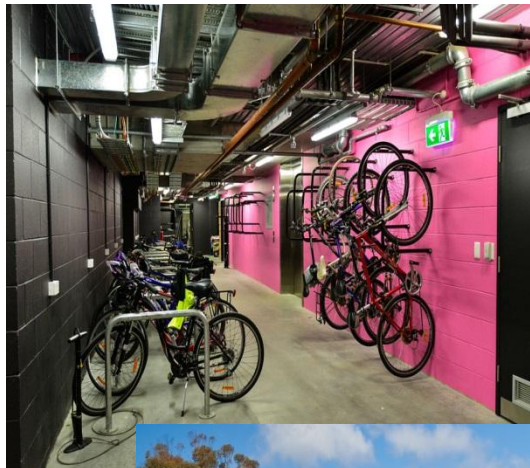
What does the future hold
for your initiative?



The Future



FUTURE



INTERCAMPUS BUS SERVICE BETWEEN HOBART & LAUNCESTON

INTERCAMPUS BUS

"Stress free compared to driving my own car"

"I can use the time to get things done..."

"It is safe, economical, & sustainable"

"...review lecture notes, catch up on emails, read a book, or even take a nap!"

WHERE? Launceston to Hobart and Hobart to Launceston
WHEN? Monday to Thursday 6am, during semester
HOW MUCH? Students \$15 and Staff \$25

More information on routes, booking, and return options:
<http://www.utas.edu.au/campus-services/intercampus-bus-service>



Thank you! Any Questions?



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Best practice:

www.acts.asn.au/initiatives/ggaa/sharing-awards-success/