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UTAS' green credentials awarded

UTAS' sustainability credentials were recognised at the annual 2012 Green Gown Awards, which honour excellence in environmental sustainability in the tertiary education sector.

UTAS was the winner of the Australasian Campuses Towards Sustainability (ACTS) Award of Excellence Award, which recognises continued efforts for improvement to the sustainability achievements of an institution.

UTAS was also highly commended for the "Continuous Improvement and generating Institutional Change Award".

This category recognises sustained and successful activities to improve the sustainability performance of tertiary education institutions, faculties and buildings at a holistic level, over a number of years.

Jacinta Young, Executive Director, UTAS Commercial Services and Development, said the awards recognised the University's commitment to sustainability.

"We have a range of sustainability initiatives, including our yearly energy reduction challenge where different University areas compete to save the most energy, recycling bins and rain water harvesting at our accommodation on campus.

"The development of our Sustainable Transport Strategy, which includes car pooling, new bike sheds to encourage sustainable transport and other improved transport solutions, is another key initiative.

"We are also working collaboratively with a range of councils and the State Government to implement a range of integrated sustainable solutions in the broader community," she said.

"The university community has really embraced these initiatives, which indicates how strongly people feel about respecting the environment and making a commitment to sustainability as an institution."

UTAS Sustainability Manager Corey Peterson said the recognition of UTAS' efforts in advancing the sustainability agenda is very exciting.

“Congratulations go to all members of our UTAS community, from the Sustainability unit, through to our partnering academics and students, through to our many Sustainability Representatives across the University who work every day to improve our eco-efficiency.”

The Green Gown Awards were founded in the UK to recognise sustainability excellence.

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