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## **Future green skills being developed on North West coast**

Green skills underpinning the jobs landscape of the future are being shaped today by a group of North West coast UTAS students.

Second and third year Bachelor of Regional Resource Management students at the UTAS Cradle Coast campus are looking at how sustainable living and working precincts are created.

As part of a four-day workshop, the students are identifying the green skills needed to implement the precincts, using the UTAS Cradle Coast campus as a test model.

The group will recommend a range of external sustainable landscape and planning concepts and ideas, while also taking into account the broader learning precinct in Mooreville Road, Burnie, which incorporates the campus, Burnie Primary School and the Tasmanian Academy, Polytechnic and Skills Institute.

“More and more there is a demand for businesses and communities to be sustainable and environmentally accountable not only across Australia, but the world,” project co-ordinator and Institute for Regional Development (IRD) Director Professor Janelle Allison said.

“Green skills will characterise the 21<sup>st</sup> Century job market and we are aiming to get a head start.

“We want to identify what are the green skills which will underpin future jobs, and how do we harness and develop these skills in our region.

“The North West coast’s unique environmental setting offers a huge advantage when it comes to sustainable precincts, and it’s how we can make the most out of our natural assets for future job development and growth.”

The group will be joined by visiting consultants landscape architect Associate Professor Glenn Thomas and town planner Eleanor Sommers, a specialist in sustainable transport systems, especially bikeways.

Tasmanian Academy Hellyer Campus students are also participating in the project. As part of the four-day workshop, which finishes tomorrow, students will develop an application for future funding.

***Suggestions and examples from the workshop will be presented tomorrow (Thursday, September 10) at the Cradle Coast Campus from 12.30pm to 1.30pm.***

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