



July 2013

The days are getting longer- finally!

UTS NEWS



UTS Housing gets a worm farm

A team at UTS Housing have established a worm farm on the roof of the Gumal Ngurang building. The worm farm can take kitchen vegetable scraps and produce fertiliser for the rooftop vegie gardens. Any UTS Housing residents able to donate kitchen scraps should [email](#) Andrew Redgrave. More vegetable gardens will be constructed soon on Gumal and there are plans to establish a UTS gardening club for anyone interested in rooftop food gardening. More details coming in the next issue of Green News.



Sustainable Digital City of the Future

The Institute for Sustainable Futures is hosting a public forum exploring smart work centres and changing work patterns in cities, opportunities presented by Telecommunications and broadband, the impact of teleworking on transport, and how to make it all happen. 1 August in the Great Hall. [Details](#)

OTHER NEWS



Green Photo Competition

This year the Australasian Campuses Towards Sustainability (ACTS) Conference will be in Sydney in September. The organisers run a photo competition with all images exhibited at the conference (last year's winner by student Zaki Habibi at left). As an ACTS member, all UTS students and staff are eligible to enter. Closes 12 August.

[Details](#)

Staff Scholarship Opportunity

ACTS development Scholarship for employees of ACTS institutional members. This scholarship is for a person employed in a sustainability focused role, or working to embed sustainability into

learning and teaching, to undertake a project or study tour that will develop knowledge, experience and skills. Closes 18 July 2013. [Details](#)



New Green Guide for Apartment Living

This free guide gives practical help to improve building efficiency and save money. A step-by-step guide for apartment owners, managers and body corporates including tips on lighting, pools, hot water systems and heating and cooling. [Details](#)



Green Building Day

The Green Building Council of Australia is hosting a full day focusing on;

- Impacts of Green Star on the built environment over the past 10 years
- Trends impacting the building industry over the coming 20 years
- Q&A with building industry experts

Discounts for students. Wednesday 24 July. [Details](#)

UTS GREEN NUGGET...did you know...



Have you explored the new informal student learning spaces around Jumbunna on level 6 of Building 1 yet? Did you notice the recycled timber feature work, GECA (Good Environmental Choice Australia) certified furniture and energy efficient lighting? The floor covering in the Jumbunna student lounge and staff kitchen is particularly impressive. It looks like vinyl but is actually marmoleum, a fully biodegradable product. The underlay is made from jute and 100% recycled cork, and the top layer is a composite of natural materials including linseed, pine resin, wood flour, jute and natural dyes. At the end of its life (in 25 years) the floor covering can be ground up, put in the compost and turned into soil.

GREEN HEROES



Winners of the 2013 Green Hero Awards announced in June.

First place Vahid Vakiloroya (left) – a Phd student developing energy efficient air-conditioning systems, using approximately 60% less energy than conventional air-conditioning and dramatically reducing energy bills and greenhouse gas emissions.

Second place Chris Chapman – a Scientific Officer in the Faculty of Engineering who has modified his home in Mosman so it now generates more electricity than it uses.

Third place tied between Judy Friedlander – a postgrad researcher who has published extensively on the environmental impacts of meat and dairy production and coordinates Meat Free Monday events, and Natasha Lay – a student actively involved in Australian Youth Climate Coalition

helping to empower young people to take action on climate change. She led a youth delegation to the UN negotiations in Doha in 2012.

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