



June 2013

It's Green Week, a full week of events, activities, exhibitions, talks and other funky stuff to see and do. Now in its second year, Ultimo Precinct Green Week is a collaboration between UTS, Ultimo TAFE and ABC Ultimo. Below is a quick overview of highlights - or see the [full program](#).

Green Week Highlights



Electric car display

Electric car display featuring the Nissan Leaf, Holden Volt and plug-in electric Prius developed and modified by UTS researchers.

[Details](#)



Sex in the Sea

This talk by Professor Bill Gladstone covering some of the weird and bizarre examples of the sex lives of fishes from the deep sea to the Red Sea, the evolutionary pressures, and how the science of sex in the sea is being used for conservation purposes. The talk will be followed by the opening of the Living Data Atrium, an art installation

using live scientific data. [Details](#).



Debate

This year's Green Week debate sees the UTS Debating Society take on the Institute for Sustainable Futures on the topic "*Worms Farms Should be Mandatory in Every Kitchen*". It's bound to be full of laughs, interesting facts and the occasional squirm. [Details](#)



Films

Documentary film screenings at TAFE including [Sun Come Up](#) with Q&A featuring UTS student Natasha Lay, member of [Australian Youth Climate Coalition](#) and leader of a youth delegation to last year's climate talks in Doha. [Details](#)



Photo exhibition

The Green Week Photo exhibition – images taken by staff and students of participating organizations. The theme is *Think. Eat. Save* focusing on food consumption and waste. ABC foyer all week or on [Facebook](#).

Other Green Week Events

- > Monday, 3 June: Market Stalls
- > Tuesday, 4 June: Cloths Swap
- > Tuesday, 4 June: Green Week dinner, TAFE Apprentice Restaurant
- > Wednesday, 5 June: 2SER live cross from Bluebird Brekkie Bar
- > Wednesday, 5 June: Food and entertainment stalls at TAFE
- > Thursday, 6 June: More films, Waste Not and Bag It.
- > Thursday, 6 June: Green Trivia
- > Friday, 7 June: Green Week blanket knitting session.

Competition Winner



Refill-it water bottle competition

The winning entry in the Refill-it water bottle completion was an awesome app. See the [youtube](#) video.

Borrow a Power Mate



The UTS Library now has power meters for loan. Identify energy guzzling appliances, or find out how much more it costs when you flick the heater from low to high. Easy plug-in use, available for staff and students to borrow for up to two weeks. [Details](#)

Green Gown Award Nominations Open



Nominate your project or initiative for a prestigious Green Gown Sustainability Award. Last year the Bluebird Brekkie Bar won the National award for best Student Initiative. Open till 4 July. [Details](#)

UTS Green Nugget ...did you know...



More roof top gardens

The UTS Union are trialing a roof top herb garden to grown herbs for use by the Aerial Function Centre. The suppliers, Elevated Gardens are running a rooftop gardening workshop on site on the Friday of Green Week.

[Details](#)

Annual Green Hero Awards

2013 Nominations

The Annual Green Hero Award winners will be announced on 5 June World Environment Day. Below is a list of the (very impressive) nominees;

Vahid Vakiloroaya - Phd student developing energy efficient air con systems that save 50-60% of energy and cut greenhouse gas emissions.

Adwoa Humphreys – A passionate student advocate for sustainability, manages the Bluebird Brekkie Bar and organises weekly student welfare collective meetings.

Judy Friedlander – Postgrad researcher who has published extensively on the environmental impacts of meat and dairy production. Coordinates Meat Free Monday events.

Natasha Lay – Student actively involved in Australian Youth Climate Coalition helping empower young people to take action on climate change. Led youth delegation to UN 2012 Doha negotiations.

Pang Take Lim – The 'go-to' guy within DAB who helps reuse equipment and resources, keeping material out of land fill and saving the faculty money. (every faculty needs a Pang)

Adrian Bancilhon – IT whizz who helped install Greentrac software on the university's computers, saving \$250,000 per year in power bills, not to mention greenhouse gas savings.

David Murphy – Building manager who helped roll out new systems in building 10 including LED lighting, air con, smart meters, and improved procedures to reduce energy, water and gas use.

Alex Jackson – Another quiet hero who trudges into empty class rooms and turns off the lights and AV equipment, over and over and over again.

Kathryn Burton – Works in creative arts and recycles up to 100 canvasses year, removing staples, repairing and reframing each one so students can reuse – saving money and reducing landfill.

Scott McWhiter – Part of a team who developed and introduced online Ethics Application forms, so far cutting 8763 sheets of printing, saving money, time and trees.

Anna Stern – A personal inspiration to many of her colleagues advocating (and practicing) walking to work as a form of sustainable transport, with health and environmental benefits.

Chris Chapman – Chris has modified his suburban Mosman house so it generates more electricity than it uses. He is a personal inspiration to the next generation of young engineers.

Nicky Ison – Works at the Institute of Sustainable Futures on energy saving work and in her

'spare time' helps develop community renewable energy projects.

Rod Hahn – Another building manager who has been instrumental in upgrading new automated lighting systems, aircon controls and smart meters. Rumour has it he also collects and recycles cork from wine bottles – a time honoured but fading tradition.

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