



November 2013

Lace up your walking shoes

UTS EVENTS



Walk to Work Day

National Walk to Work Day is Friday 8 November, so slip on your walking shoes and be in the draw to win prizes. Maybe you live too far to walk to UTS? No worries, teams are meeting at Redfern and Wynyard stations then walking from there.

Redfern Station

Meet 8 am on corner of Lawson Square and Gibbons St.

Email Campbell.Lee@uts.edu.au for details and booking

Wynyard Station

Meet 8 am at Wynyard Park.

Email Lisa.carolli@uts.edu.au for details and booking

Prizes for the longest walk, best picture taken, school/unit with the most walkers, lucky draw and more. Check-in at the registration desk on arrival on level 3 of the Tower. Along the way post snaps on social media using the hashtag # utswalks. Images must be taken on the walk. [More details](#) or [Register here](#).

OTHER EVENTS



Aussie coal miners in Indonesia

Australian coal miners are major investors in the expanding coal industry in Kalimantan. BHP Billiton and Cokal are lobbying the Indonesian government to fast track plans to clear tropical rainforests for open cut coal mines. Come and hear about the issues. Amnesty Offices in Chippendale. 12 Nov. [Details](#).

E-Waste drop-off day

City of Sydney Council has an E-waste drop off day on Sunday 1



December. Deliver to Bay St depot, easy walking distance from UTS. [Details](#).



Animal liberation

The Cruelty Free Festival is a free annual event run by Animal Liberation NSW highlighting animal cruelty issues in a non-confrontational way. Lots of stalls and information encouraging people to make everyday choices such as buying products not tested on animals, making kinder dietary choices, buying clothes, shoes and accessories not made from animal skins, etc. Belmore Park, 3 Nov. [Details](#)

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



Rainwater harvesting

With all the concrete and construction it's hard to imagine a green Alumni Green, but work on the actual Green is finally underway! The first half is due to open in March and a tank is currently being constructed beneath the access ramp that will provide recycled water for irrigation. Rainwater will be collected from both the Thomas St building and the Green itself and recycled to provide

approximately 80% of Alumni Green's water needs. [Details](#)

GREEN HERO



Waste crusader

Ami Dave is passionate about reducing plastic waste. Within a month of arriving in Australia earlier this year she volunteered for Clean up Australia Day, joining other UTS students and staff cleaning up Bondi beach. "I met so many inspirational people that day including parliamentarian Gabriella Upton and lots of community volunteers", said Ami. She also got inspired to join the 'Kick the Can' campaign promoting container deposits for drink bottles and subsequently participated in a major event in Martin Place talking to people and spreading awareness about plastic bottle waste. "I was shocked how many drink bottles get purchased by Australians. At home in India there's a much stronger culture of people carrying their own bottle and refilling it", she said. 'We also have a culture of using small earthen mugs to drink water and other beverages like tea and buttermilk.'

Ami also entered the Refill-it competition earlier this year encouraging UTS staff and students to refill water bottles (watch this space for further developments) and is keen to keep spreading the message. "Plastic waste is a huge global problem and virtually all the world's oceans and beaches are now affected." The good news is every single one of us can make a difference. We simply need to choose to refuse plastic. "Even if it's not practical all the time, sometimes is better than never. Every little bit helps," says Ami.

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