

# Our first sustainability report is online!

Live, learn and work sustainably



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Sustainability means a lot of different things to different people, but the oft-quoted definition of sustainability – living successfully in the present without compromising our ability to do so in the future – still holds true.

As one of Australia's leading research and teaching universities, UNSW recognises the vital role the university sector has in driving the change to sustainability as well as the urgency with which this change must take place.

The intention of our 2013 report is to provide an annual sustainability snapshot so that we can confidently and transparently give an account of what we have been doing in the last year, what has been improving and where we see opportunities for positive change.

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## Highlights

We're proud of our sustainability achievements. Here are just a few:

- » renewable energy generation more than trebled thanks to the world-renowned Tyree Energy Technologies Building
- » we hit a total of 5,450 volunteers, more than 1 in 10 UNSW students
- » a decade of sustainable transport advocacy helped confirm new light rail route (and stops for UNSW)
- » we launched our online gateway to environmental courses and research
- » we staged 'Food, waste and our future', a great debate for World Environment Day in June 2013.

At UNSW we're committed to sharing what we've done and what we're learning about being more sustainable in the way we live, learn and work.

We think the best way to share this story is to put it all online. We're sharing some of our work on environment and community with infographics.

We hope this makes our achievements even more accessible.

Check out our report. We hope you like what you see and please get in touch ([sustainability@unsw.edu.au](mailto:sustainability@unsw.edu.au)) to let us know how we can improve on this next year!

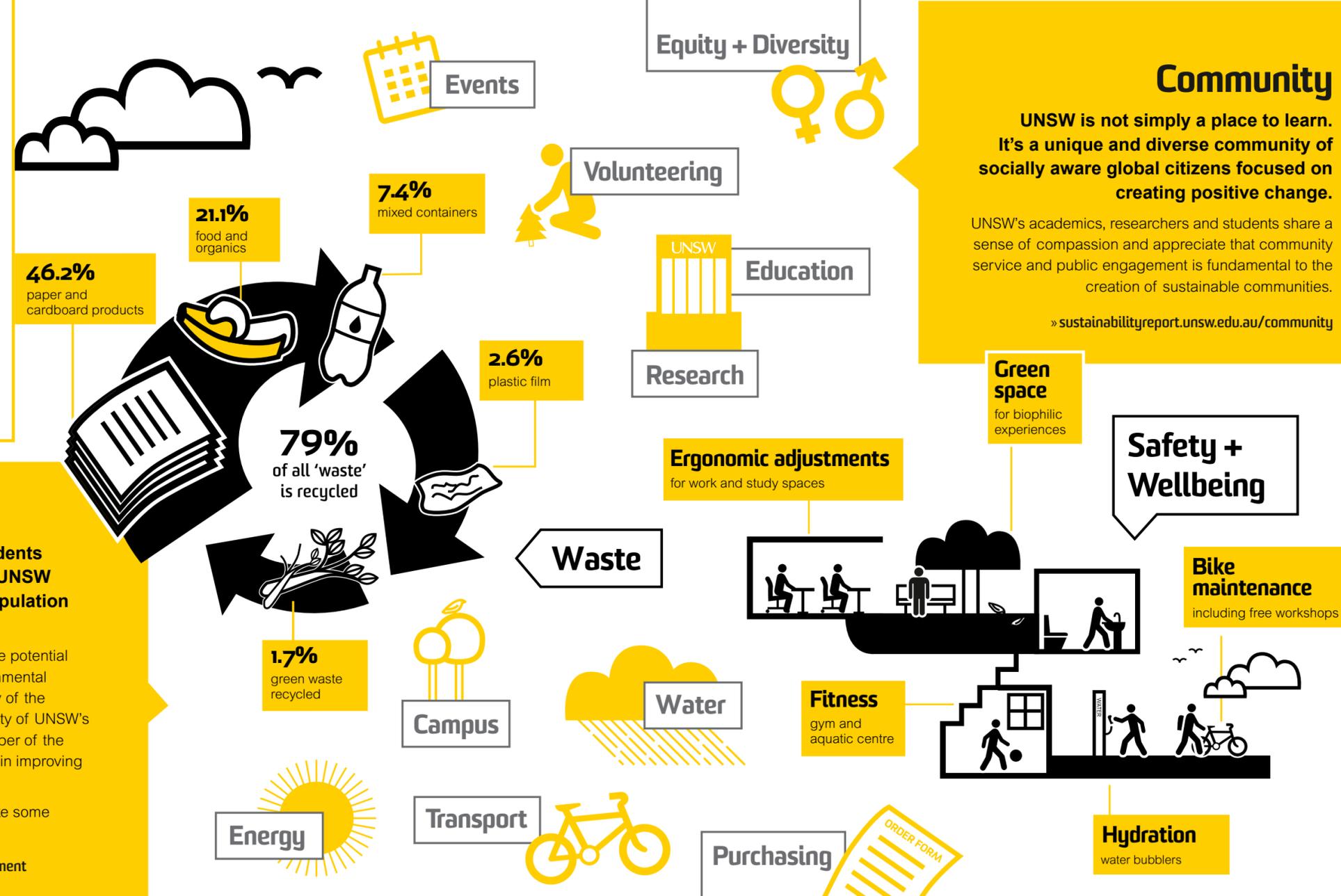
## Environment

With approximately 50,000 students and more than 4,500 staff, the UNSW campuses are equivalent in population to a small town.

These campuses consequently have the potential for significant and wide-ranging environmental and ecological impacts. Although many of the operational impacts are the responsibility of UNSW's Facilities Management unit, every member of the university community has a role to play in improving sustainability.

We hope our report inspires you to make some changes, too.

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## Community

UNSW is not simply a place to learn. It's a unique and diverse community of socially aware global citizens focused on creating positive change.

UNSW's academics, researchers and students share a sense of compassion and appreciate that community service and public engagement is fundamental to the creation of sustainable communities.

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## Fast facts

### The first

in Australia's Group of Eight to release a public sustainability report

### 217 mWh

of energy generated by the Tyree Energy Technologies Building

### 6,104

people work for UNSW  
52% women and 48% men

### 79%

of all campus waste is recycled

### 160 megalitres

of stormwater returned to the Botany Sands aquifer each year

### 77 PhDs

awarded in the topic areas of water, environment and sustainability

### 70%

of plants on campus are native

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