

## **AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY**

This Award acknowledges outstanding contributions to the life of the campus community. It recognises staff and visiting fellows who have volunteered their time, expertise, skills and knowledge and who have demonstrated exceptional dedication and service to the campus community beyond the normal expectations of their position.

*NB: In 2004 this award was called the University Medal for Outstanding Service to the Campus Community.*

## **The Environmental Management Plan/ANUgreen Program**

ANUgreen is the University's environmental management office. Through a range of targeted initiatives developed and implemented by the ANUgreen team of consultants, the University has excelled in areas such as water conservation, waste and recycling, energy and greenhouse gas emissions, biodiversity and community education.

This award is in recognition of the outstanding achievements of the ANUgreen Program that have improved the campus environment. Initiatives include:

- In 2003, the University reduced its water consumption by 20%, saving over 135 million litres of water.
- The University recently diverted over 1200 computer items and 400 pieces of furniture from landfill.
- The ANU has shown leadership in its waste strategy, particularly in the recycling requirements for buildings and construction activity. In 2003, the University received the ACT Environmental Achievement Award for initiatives implemented during the Chifley Library refurbishment.
- Several recently constructed buildings on campus have passive heating and cooling systems that reduce building energy use by up to 50%. A new solar system developed by ANU scientists, has been installed on a new student accommodation building and provides up to 60% of the building's domestic heating, hot water and electricity. In recognition of the University's contribution to architecture and the public interest, the ANU received the 2003 Clem Cummings Award from the Royal Australian Institute of Architects.
- The biodiversity assessment of the University campus and surrounding areas is the first peri-urban biodiversity assessment undertaken in Australia. The project received a Highly Commended award at the 2003 ACT Landcare Awards.
- In 2002, the ANU reduced its greenhouse gas emissions by approximately 12%. In recognition of this outstanding achievement, the ANU received the 2003 Australian Greenhouse Office Silver Award, placing the University second out of 800 signatories to the Greenhouse Challenge.

- In 2003, in recognition of the integration of environmental management into its practices the University also received an eco-efficiency award from the ACT Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Although this award is for a program rather than any one individual, the outstanding success of the Program is due to the exceptional collective effort of the ANUgreen team members and the strong ethic of environmental awareness and cooperation of staff and students of the University.

Warren Overton, Manager of the Energy and Sustainability Office, is accepting the award on behalf of the ANUgreen Program.

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