

Towards a Green Macquarie

You are going to listen to a 25 minute talk on Macquarie University and its sustainability programme which was recorded on June 30, 2008 as part of Macquarie University podcasts.

David Myton interviews Leanne Denby, head of Macquarie University, sustainability office, about how the uni is working to be greener.

Note: David Myton works in the Vice-Chancellor's Office at Macquarie University and is also a PhD candidate in the Macquarie Institute for Innovation

During the talk, both David and Leanne mention Tim Flannery. Information about Tim Flannery can be found at <http://www.abc.net.au/science/slab/flannery/biog.htm> and http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tim_Flannery

Part 1: Introduction to the talk

Listen to the first part of the talk and give short answers to the following questions:

1. What is the main purpose of the interview?
2. How many universities are there in Australia?
3. According to the talk, what role should universities play in societies' efforts to achieve sustainability?
4. How does Macquarie uni compare to a small regional town?

Part 2: Sustainability and the society

List the concerns addressed in the talk regarding the following issues.

1. What is sustainability and why is it important?
2. What are some of the ways in which common people can act sustainably?
3. What are the major challenges might a large organisation encounter while targeting sustainability?

Part 3: Sustainability issues in Australia

Take notes under the following headings

1. Unis and sustainability in Australia vs. Europe
2. Private Organisations and sustainability in Australia and America

Part 4: Macquarie and Sustainability

Take notes under the following headings

- 1.** Leanne Denby and her role at Macquarie
- 2.** Macquarie uni's ecological footprint
- 3.** Objectives for Macquarie University in respect to sustainability
- 4.** Main drivers for change to more sustainability within Macquarie and how it works.
- 5.** Government guidelines and policies governing move to sustainability at universities in Australia, if any
- 6.** Help and support available from outside and within the university