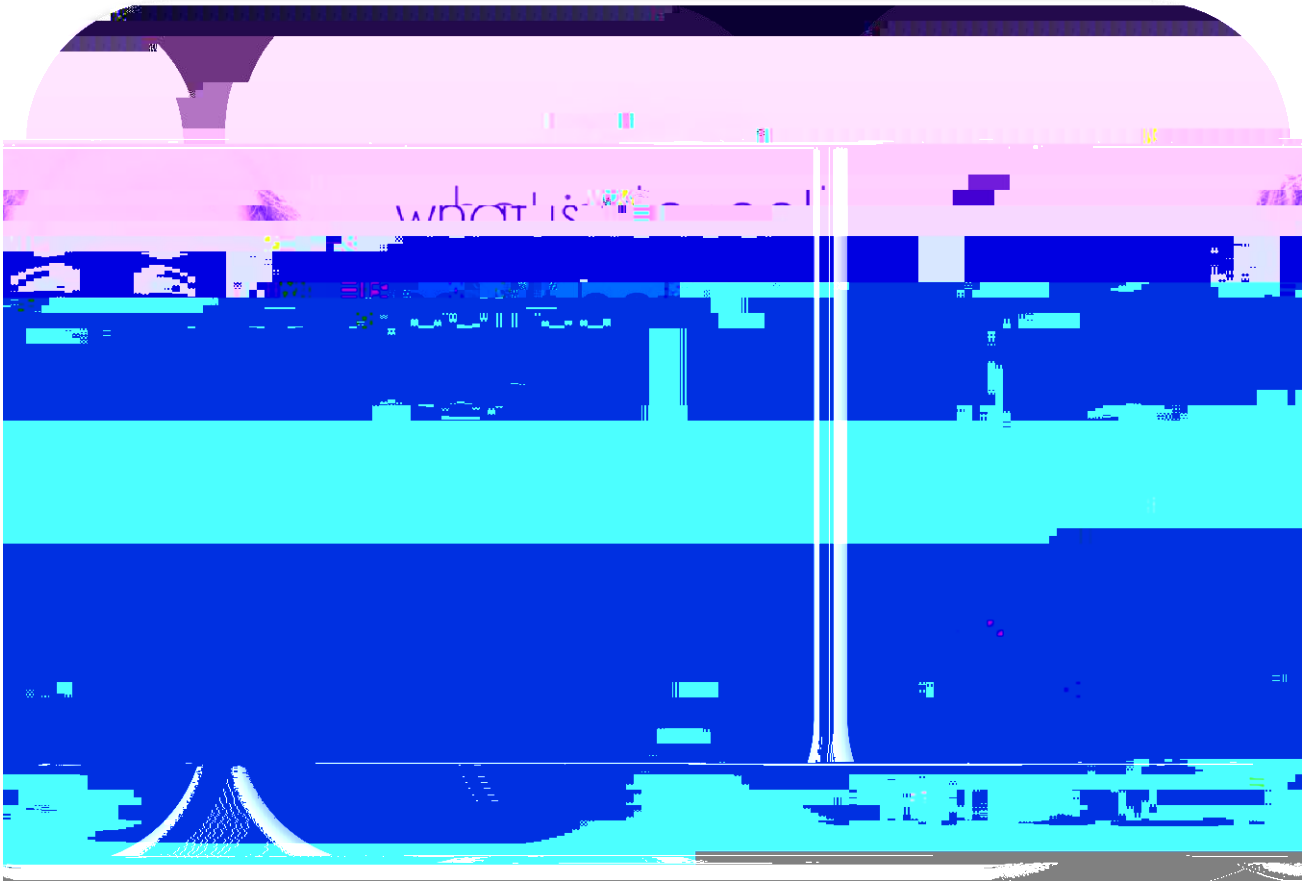
UC Sustainability Office Report 2014

Introduction

Sustainability Strategy 2012-_____, which breaks sustainability planning into short, medium and long term objectives. Annual planning for sustainability at UC is handled by the Sustainability Office and the operational elements of this are encapsulated in the Engineering Services Operational Plan.

In 2014, the Sustainability Office reduced contact with the student population somewhat and worked to consolidate its focus on the operational matters it had a mandate to influence, (e.g. waste, green cleaning, and transport). Capacity within the office to deliver a work programme similar to prior years was reduced due to the resignation of the Sustainability Advocate, Matt Morris in August.

Some key indicators of the physical infrastructure/resource use, teaching and learning, and community engagement components of the Sustainability Strategy for 2014 are outlined in **Table 1** on page 2. Whilst some indicators are trending in a positive direction (e.g. a reduction of green-house gas emissions), others remain in a steady state or are exhibiting a negative trend. Of particular concern is a significant increase in waste sent to landfill, and a reduction in the tonnage of co-mingled recycling.



Floyd Jenkins, UC Engineering student: The Real Price of Bottled Water Campaign, Eco Week 2014 Photo: Mat Goodman

Table 1: UC Sustainability Indicators

Area	2014	2013

Landscape and Biodiversity

The Sustainability Office developed a Draft Landscape Concept, which was foreshadowed by the Draft

This has been addressed by purchasing 40 new stands, and repositioning existing stands into more areas more advantageous to cyclists. This resulted in an overall net gain of 262 bike parks between January and December 2014.

Research

The annual Sustainability Student Survey was not conducted in 2014, due to