

# SUSTAINABLE LAND-USE

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

## 2023 IN PICTURES



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# Touring Environmental Sustainability on campus

2 August 2023, 16 & 17 March 2023: To create awareness about Global Recycling Day (18 March 2023 ) and SU's waste recycling process, students and staff joined us for recycling tours to the student centre's waste sorting room and the University's Material Recycling Facility (MRF) at the Welgevallen farm.



Join us for a tour to our recycling facility



Date: Wednesday 2 August 2023, 12:00 -13:00  
Transport provided from the Conserve shuttle stop.  
Space limited. Please RSVP to [clgroenewald@sun.ac.za](mailto:clgroenewald@sun.ac.za) to book your spot.



Join us for a recycling tour



To the Neelsie's waste sorting room  
Date: Friday 17 March, 11:00- 11:45  
Meet at loading area between Neelsie, Merensky & Jan Mouton buildings. Space is limited, please RSVP to [clgroenewald@sun.ac.za](mailto:clgroenewald@sun.ac.za)



Join us for a recycling tour



To our materials recycling facility at Welgevallen farm  
Date: Thursday 16 March, 11:00 – 12:00  
Transport provided from the Conserve shuttle stop.  
space is limited, please RSVP to [clgroenewald@sun.ac.za](mailto:clgroenewald@sun.ac.za)

# Touring Environmental Sustainability on campus

SU's environmental sustainability team organise various walking tours in and around campus to encourage awareness for our life on land, conservation and nature appreciation.



**Do you know where our  
Champion Trees are on campus?  
Come join the walk and learn  
more about them.**

*... together on the journey to reducing our carbon footprint*



**Date: Thursday 5 October 13:00 - 14:30**  
**Meeting point: Sun dial, Rooiplein**  
**RSVP to Christine at [clgroenewald@sun.ac.za](mailto:clgroenewald@sun.ac.za).**

# Earth Week 2023: Invest in our Planet 17 – 22 April 2023

SU celebrated Earth Day on 22 April 2023 with an environmental sustainability expo at the Jan Mouton building on 13-14 April 2023. The SU Environmental Sustainability Expo 2023 aimed to broaden the campus conversations around environmental sustainability, promote the SU Environmental Sustainability Plan, create engagement opportunities about the Net Zero Carbon campaign, and pioneer an annual campus event as part of global Earth Day events.



# Tree planting on campus 2023



**Plant a tree on campus  
and leaf a legacy.**



Date: Thursday 11 May 13:00 - 13:30  
Venue: parking area between Forestry & Engineering buildings  
For more info contact Christine at [clgroenewald@sun.ac.za](mailto:clgroenewald@sun.ac.za).  
*... together on the journey to reducing our carbon footprint.*

SU have various tree-planting events in and around its five campuses in a year. Students and staff are encouraged to take part in the events, while we use the opportunity to create awareness for the Environmental Sustainability Plan and its various projects.

# Walking Stellenbosch Mountain 2023



SU's Chief Operating Officer, Prof Stan du Plessis, hosts an annual walk on the University's mountain - Stellenbosch Mountain - for staff in his Responsibility Area. Staff gets the opportunity to learn about the mountain, its biodiversity and the water management in and around the Eerste River, adjacent to the mountain. Ten staff each receive a tree as part of this day which they can plant in the Arboretum, next to the Ertjieskloofdam, one of the University's main water sources for irrigation of the sports fields and surrounding gardens.

# Capturing commitment

## Environmental Sustainability photo competition 2023

June - Aug

**PHOTO COMPETITION**

**CLOSING DATE:**  
4 Aug 2023 (23:59)

Show us your commitment to environmental sustainability in one shot

Together on our journey to **NET ZERO CARBON**

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TO LEARN MORE



SU's Environmental Sustainability Team held a photo competition during June and July 2023 to celebrate World Environmental Day on 5 June 2023. Photographers had to capture images that will entice people to do more to save the environment. Here are some of the entries.

**"Small actions, Big impact. Saving the planet starts with you. Do your part. Help save the planet."**



# Campaigning on campus

**ADOPT AN OWL OR BAT BOX**

Bring back biodiversity and contribute to a natural form of pest control in the urban area of Stellenbosch



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BARN OWL

Report where you see a box and a sign in close proximity on our campuses.



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**PLASTIC FREE**

Go plastic free this July

be a catalyst for change in the battle against plastic pollution!



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**Tips for living with less plastic**

- Bring your own shopping bag
- Use a reusable water bottle
- Opt for reusable containers
- Choose reusable straws



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**WORLD Car Free Day**

22 SEPTEMBER 2023



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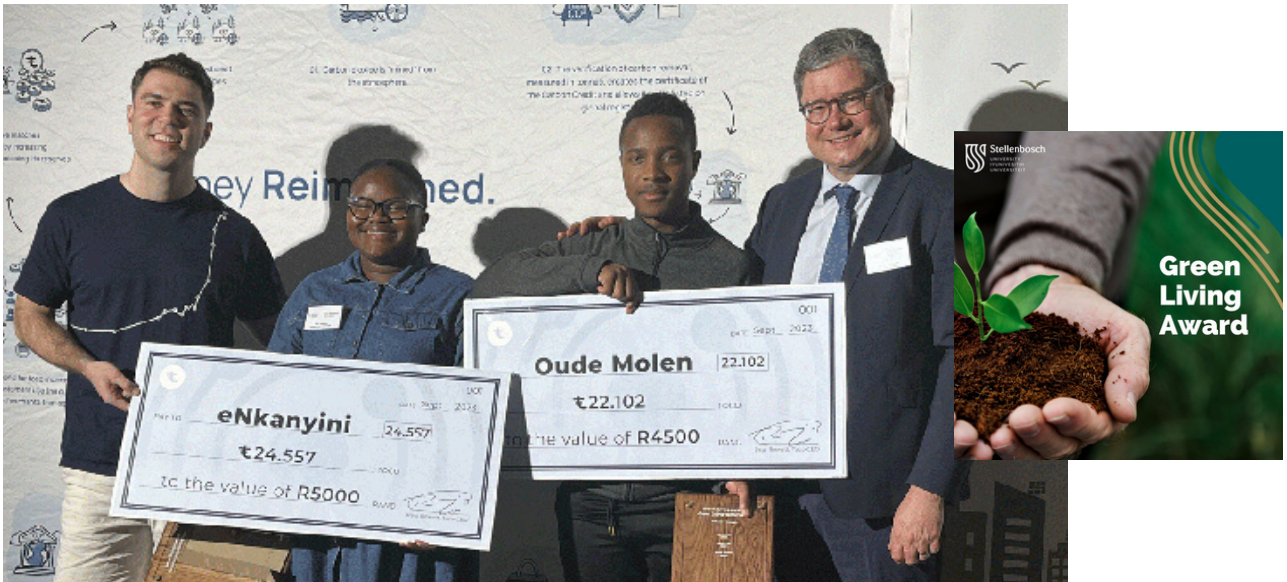
**International E-waste day**

What is E-waste?

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## Green living awards: SU residence and PSO win environmental sustainability competition

2 October 2023: In cooperation with the digital currency group Toco, SU awarded its 2023 Green Living Award to a co-ed residence, eNkayini and the private student organisation Oude Molen. In an effort to promote sustainable living practices in residences and PSOs on campus, this award aims to incentivise students to live and work more sustainability on campus. The participants has to complete a variety of sustainable-related activities, educational projects and a community project.



<b>MAR</b>		<p><b>Do I know where my waste goes?</b></p> <p><b>18</b> GLOBAL RECYCLING DAY / <b>21</b> WORLD FOREST DAY, <b>22</b> WORLD WATER DAY / <b>28</b> EARTH HOUR</p>	
<b>APR</b>		<p><b>Do I understand the ESP targets?</b></p> <p><b>17 - 22</b> EARTH WEEK <b>22</b> WORLD EARTH DAY</p>	
<b>MAY</b>		<p><b>In what ways do I increase biodiversity?</b></p> <p><b>20</b> ENDANGERED SPECIES DAY / <b>22</b> INTERNATIONAL BIODIVERSITY DAY / QWL AND BAT BOX SURVEY START OF CAMPUS TREE PLANTING SEASON</p>	
<b>JUN</b>		<p><b>How does my decisions impact Climate Change?</b></p> <p><b>5</b> WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY <b>8</b> WORLD OCEANS DAY TREE PLANTING INITIATIVES</p>	
<b>JUL</b>		<p><b>How am I helping to reduce SU's carbon footprint?</b></p> <p>PLASTIC FREE MONTH <b>28</b> WORLD NATURE CONSERVATION DAY TREE PLANTING INITIATIVES</p>	
<b>AUG</b>		<p><b>What energy can I afford to lose?</b></p> <p><b>4</b> INTERNATIONAL OWL AWARENESS DAY <b>19</b> WORLD HONEY BEE DAY TREE PLANTING INITIATIVES</p>	
<b>SEP</b>		<p><b>Is my footprint filled with fossil fuels?</b></p> <p><b>1 - 8</b> SA ARBOR WEEK / <b>22</b> WORLD CAR FREE DAY <b>24</b> WORLD RIVERS DAY / <b>28</b> GREEN CONSUMER DAY</p>	
<b>OCT</b>		<p><b>How do I behave in a Green Building?</b></p> <p><b>14</b> INTERNATIONAL E-WASTE DAY <b>16</b> WORLD FOOD DAY <b>28</b> SUSTAINABILITY DAY</p>	
<b>NOV</b>		<p><b>Do I shop sustainably?</b></p> <p><b>21</b> WORLD FISHERIES DAY <b>30</b> COP 28 STARTS</p>	
<b>DEC</b>		<p><b>How green is my holiday footprint?</b></p> <p><b>11</b> WORLD MOUNTAIN DAY</p>	