

**Daan Schiebaan, *Environmental Manager, University of Newcastle***

Daan is a results driven leader who has 20 years' experience leading strategic environmental sustainability outcomes across the University, corporate and local government sectors.

Experienced in sustainability strategy development and implementation for large organisations, adding value through delivering programs in large scale renewable energy, carbon mitigation, energy efficiency and resource (waste) recovery.

Skilled negotiator whom is experienced in working with executive level stakeholders through understanding business needs at all times, and proactive in building relationships with external government departments and non-government organisations.

**100% Renewable is 100% Do-able**

Guided by the United Nations' Sustainability Development Goals, last year our University developed our new Environmental Sustainability Plan 2019–2025. Through consultation with staff, students, business partners and community, a key priority emerged. Our stakeholders asked us to take a leading role in mitigating climate change.

In 2018, we achieved a major milestone on our journey towards becoming carbon neutral, and the impact is being felt across the sector and our region. By procuring a first-of-its-kind energy supply agreement with Red Energy, we will be powered by 100% renewable electricity by January 2020, resulting in a 75% decrease in CO<sub>2</sub>e-emissions.

This sector-leading \$48 million investment has inspired others around us to take action, as we collectively strive to tackle the global issue of climate change and create a more sustainable future for all.