

**Concurrent Session A**  
**Monday 12 September 2016**  
**10.50am – 11.40am**



**Session 5**  
**Green Gown Award Winner – Victoria University of Wellington - Individual Leadership; Carbon Reduction**  
**Prof Grant Guilford Vice Chancellor, Andrew Wilks**  
*Victoria University of Wellington*

*Prof Grant Guilford has been Vice Chancellor of Victoria University of Wellington since March 2014. He was previously the Dean of the Faculty of Sciences at the University of Auckland and a member of its Senior Management Team. He has successfully led large and complex academic organisations, beginning with the Institute of Veterinary, Animal and Biomedical Sciences at Massey University.*

*Professor Guilford holds Bachelor of Philosophy and Bachelor of Veterinary Science degrees from Massey University and a PhD in Nutrition from the University of California, Davis. He has driven major capital works processes and participated in a wide range of commercialisation processes.*

*Andrew has led Victoria University of Wellington's campus sustainability programme for the past 10 years. He is based in the Campus Services office but his scope of work has taken him to all parts of the University. He has a background in energy efficiency and a BBSc (Hons).*

In 2015 Victoria University of Wellington won two Australasian Green Gown Awards. Prof Grant Guilford won the individual award for Leadership and the University won the Carbon Reduction Award for its project 'De-carbonising Vic' led by Andrew Wilks. This presentation will showcase what made Victoria worthy award winners.

#### **Leadership – Prof Grant Guilford**

Professor Grant Guilford won the individual Leadership award for his demonstrated commitment to sustainability as the current Vice Chancellor of Victoria University of Wellington. In the presentation he will discuss why sustainability is important to Victoria and detail the thinking behind some of his key strategic actions. These include: the establishment of a new senior role of Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Sustainability) position; leading the decision to divest from all investments in fossil fuels; the creation of a theme for academic distinctiveness in sustainability and resilience; and advocacy for stronger commitment to sustainability from business and government.

#### **Carbon Reduction – Andrew Wilks**

Since 2007 Victoria University of Wellington has been working on a comprehensive programme to reduce its carbon emissions. Energy in buildings and transport were identified as the major sources of carbon emissions. A range of projects have been planned and delivered to target and reduce those emissions. Over time it has built up to an extensive list of projects implemented with a modest budget by a small team. The University's total carbon emissions have dropped 12 percent and operating costs reduced despite a growing campus. In the presentation Andrew will discuss the process that Victoria followed and highlight some of the key projects.

