As part of relocating the University of Melbourne’s food and retail centre to the New Student Precinct, the first half of 2021 saw several retail outlets in Union House close. The installation of hoarding around these tenancies presented the Sustainability team with a blank canvas and a unique opportunity to engage with the student community on the topic of sustainability.

The Sustainability Mural Competition was launched, providing four student entrants with the opportunity to create and showcase a sustainability-inspired mural in Union House.

Participants were selected based on a submitted folio of work, and subsequently asked to create artwork based on one of four sustainability themes including: biodiversity on campus, correct recycling habits, use of the Choose to Reuse Plate Program, and the negative impacts of disposable coffee cups.

Kiara Allis, Bin it right

Alice Coates, Biodiversity on campus

Monica Yu, Choose to Reuse

Timothy Hiew, Coffee without Consequences