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**The City of Salisbury earns recognition at the  
Australian Sustainable Cities Awards 2008**

The City of Salisbury has won the Water Conservation and Protection of the Environment Awards, and was runner up for the overall national title, at the Keep Australia Beautiful, Australian Sustainable Cities Awards, held in Sydney last night.

The efforts of Salisbury Downs Primary School student, Christina Garnaut-Jager, were recognised with a highly commended mention in the Young Legends Award.

As South Australia's second largest city undergoing rapid expansion, judges felt the City of Salisbury demonstrated a committed to ecologically sustainable development, to meet the needs of current and future residents through environmental, social and economic improvement.

According to the Australian Sustainable Cities Judge, Sean Rooney, who is also Director of the CSIRO Sustainable Communities Initiative, the City of Salisbury has undertaken many projects to help conserve water, protect and enhance natural habitats, improve resource recovery and more.

"The City of Salisbury has successfully pioneered an integrated water management program to convert stormwater into a valuable resource for industry, residents and open space irrigation as an effective way to conserve water. "They have also under taken extensive work to enhance and protect local mangroves and other natural habitats for birds and other wildlife," Rooney said.

The awards were attended by The Hon Bruce Billson MP, Shadow Minister for Sustainable Development and Cities, who said:

"At a time when climate change, water conservation and waste reduction issues provide many challenges to local councils and communities, these awards help recognise and promote best practice case studies that can assist other urban communities to become more sustainable."

Also attending the awards dinner was Keep Australia Beautiful Ambassador, Miss Universe Australia 2008, Laura Dundovic.

"Congratulations to all of the participants for working hard to ensure the long term sustainability of their local community." Dundovic said.

The Australian Sustainable Cities Awards recognise efforts by residents, community groups, businesses and government agencies to protect and enhance their local environment to ensure its long term sustainability at all levels.

The program is sponsored by the Hungry Jack's 'Bag It & Bin It' program and is part of the Keep Australia Beautiful 'Australian Sustainable Communities' Awards, which also includes the Australian Tidy Towns and Australian Clean Beaches Awards.

Further information about the 'Australian Sustainable Communities' Awards can be found at [www.kab.org.au](http://www.kab.org.au)

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**Keep Australia Beautiful Australian Sustainable Cities Award Recipients 2008**

Category	Winner	Sponsor
<b>OVERALL WINNER</b>	<b>Frankston City Council, VIC</b>	Hungry Jack's ® 'Bag it and Bin it'
Runner Up	City of Salisbury, SA	
Highly Commended	City of Sydney, NSW	
<b>COMMUNITY ACTION</b>	<b>Magnetic Island Solar Suburb, QLD</b>	Auburn Council
Highly Commended	City of Sydney, NSW	
<b>HERITAGE AND CULTURE</b>	<b>Devonport City Council, TAS</b>	
Highly Commended	City of Sydney, NSW	
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL INNOVATION</b>	<b>City of Gosnells, WA</b>	
Highly Commended	TravelSmart Belconnen, ACT	
<b>WATER CONSERVATION</b>	<b>City of Salisbury, SA</b>	Grundfos Pumps
Highly Commended	Frankston City Council, VIC	
<b>ENERGY INNOVATION</b>	<b>Alice Solar City, NT</b>	
<b>LITTER PREVENTION</b>	<b>City of Sydney, NSW</b>	City of Sydney
<b>RESOURCE RECOVERY</b>	<b>Frankston City Council, VIC</b>	'Do the Right Thing' program of the Packaging Stewardship Forum
<b>COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP</b>	<b>TravelSmart Belconnen, ACT</b>	ICTC Society
Highly Commended	Frankston City Council, VIC	
<b>PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT</b>	<b>City of Salisbury, SA</b>	
Highly Commended	City of Sydney, NSW	
<b>YOUNG LEGENDS</b>	<b>Carrum Downs Secondary College, Frankston, VIC</b>	
Highly Commended Individual	Christina Garnaut-Jager, Salisbury Downs Primary School, Salisbury, SA	
<b>DAME PHYLLIS FROST AWARD</b>		
Winning Individual	<b>Leon Costermans, Frankston, VIC</b>	
Winning Organisation	<b>City of Sydney, NSW</b>	

Full details for each entrant in the Australian Sustainable Cities Awards 2008 can be found at [www.kab.org.au/sustainablecities](http://www.kab.org.au/sustainablecities)