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**ACT's TravelSmart Belconnen earns recognition at the  
Australian Sustainable Cities Awards 2008**

The Territory and Municipal Services' 'TravelSmart Belconnen' program has won the Community Partnership Award at the Keep Australia Beautiful, Australian Sustainable Cities Awards, held in Sydney last night.

According to the Australian Sustainable Cities Judge, Sean Rooney, who is also Director of the CSIRO Sustainable Communities Initiative, "this project is an excellent example how many benefits can be achieved through households, community groups and governments working together to address sustainability issues.

"By developing and implementing personalised public transport travel plans; providing access to alternative travel modes and promoting it to residents, the program has successfully encouraged people to make healthier and more sustainable travel choices.

"The program resulted in a reduction of car travel by 12.7% amongst the 10,000 householders in the target area, saving almost 10,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>." 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."

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**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
<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)