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National Clean Beaches Judge visits South Port Noarlunga

The Australian Clean Beaches Awards Judge, Dr David Moy, will be visiting South Port Noarlunga today as part of his national judging tour for the Keep Australia Beautiful, Australian Clean Beaches Awards.

South Port Noarlunga will now compete against the other state and territory finalists to become the Australian Clean Beaches Winner in 2010, following the success of Sydney's North Steyne beach in 2009. The winner will be announced in March next year.

During his visit, Dr David Moy, will be evaluating a wide range of projects undertaken Community groups including Coast Care, South Port SLSC, Trees for Life, NRM Education, Onkaparinga Council and Christies High, against the national criteria such as litter prevention and waste management, heritage & culture, community and youth engagement and protection of the natural environment.

Specific projects in the area include monitoring rare, endangered and threatened species in the dunes; removal and elimination of South African Onion Weed; revegetation of areas around boardwalks, paths, bridge and unstable dunes and propagation of native species in dunes and across cliff tops; erection of post and wire fencing along riverside embankments; implementation of water and energy conservation measures at South Port SLSC and much more.

Other highlights to be assessed include the Onkaparinga estuary water sensitive urban design initiatives, the gross pollutant trap project, jetty and aquatic reserve and Port Noarlunga Arts Centre.

According to the Australian Clean Beaches Judge, Dr David Moy, "My judging visits to the Clean Beaches national finalists have coincided with the recent release of the 'Climate Change Risks to Australia's Coasts' report by Minister Penny Wong.

Keep Australia Beautiful welcomes the research and policy structure that this provides and stands ready to assist in this area, by promoting the work of the coastal and inland waterway communities that take part in the Australian Clean Beaches Awards, which form part of the Australian Sustainable Communities Awards.

During my visits, I have observed many examples of local communities, councils and businesses working together to overcome environmental issues and it is their examples, combined with the report, which should be inspiration to other beach communities under threat.

South Port Noarlunga is now competing against other state finalists including West Beach (Burnie TAS); Shady Beach (Yirrkala NT); Balnarring (Mornington Peninsula VIC); Pt Kembla Beach (Illawarra NSW). The remaining finalists will be announced in late December 2009.

The Australian Clean Beaches Awards are proudly sponsored by Mount Franklin, Remondis and Coastal Watch.

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EDITOR'S NOTES:

About the Australian Clean Beaches Judge – Dr David Moy:

Dr David Moy is the Director of TechSearch Waste and Environment Services and also holds an Honorary Professorial appointment with Central Queensland University where he lectures in the post-graduate Environmental Management Program.

He has previously acted as judge for the Queensland Government's former Green Hospitals Award; Brisbane City Council's Waste Saver Awards and more recently, WMAA's National Landfill Division's Landfill Excellence Awards in 2007 and 2009.

With an extensive knowledge and understanding of environmental issues, David has a proven ability to identify relevant strengths and weaknesses in environmental and social performance. Having an affinity for beach communities, David works well with community groups and specialises in community engagement.

About the Australian Clean Beaches Awards

Keep Australia Beautiful seeks to lead, challenge and inspire all Australians to strive for a sustainable and litter free environment. It does this through research, communications programs and awards programs.

Its national awards are known as the Australian Sustainable Communities Awards which consist of the Tidy Towns, Sustainable Cities and Clean Beaches Awards. Each awards program commences with state and territory awards and culminates in a national grand final.

The Clean Beaches Awards are open to coastal and inland waterway communities working to protect and preserve Australian beaches and coastlines. Over 75% of the Australian population live within 50km of the coast. (2006 census)

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