



MEDIA RELEASE
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**Balnarring Beach, VIC, receives two distinctions at the
Australian Clean Beaches Awards 2009/2010**

Balnarring Beach in Victoria has received distinctions across two categories at the annual Keep Australia Beautiful, Australian Clean Beaches Awards, held in Manly last night.

Represented by Paul Le Page, Ranger at Balnarring Beach, Balnarring Beach was highly commended for its efforts, receiving distinctions in both the Energy Innovation and Young Leaders categories.

According to the Australian Clean Beaches Judge, David Moy, Balnarring Beach put in an excellent showing in these categories.

“Balnarring Beach has shown great initiative in energy innovation by replacing electric hot water supply to campsites with natural gas heating. This is more greenhouse friendly than using electricity generated from brown coal. The camp shower and laundry facilities utilise high efficiency, demand-heating in lieu of electrical storage systems.”

“The Balnarring Beach Green Corp Program is also very well supported and managed, with its young members acknowledging the training, employment opportunity and fun they experienced through the program. One young TAFE graduate is now employed as assistant Park Ranger. He is very passionate about conservation of the environment he showed a willingness to objectively measure, interpret and take practical advice in relation to improved planning and program management while also developing broad practical skills. This sets a great example to other young people in community”, David Moy added.

In attendance at last night's awards was the Minister for Climate Change, Energy Efficiency and Water, Penny Wong, and local surfer and seven times world champion, Layne Beachley.

Senator Wong commended the winners, “I congratulate the dedicated community members on their commitment in taking steps to improve their local community's environment.”

South Port beach in Noarlunga, SA, was named Overall winner, taking out the title of Australia's Cleanest Beach for 2009/2010.

Through the Australian Clean Beaches Awards, Keep Australia Beautiful is able to recognise local community and individual efforts that are helping beach communities to become environmentally, economically and socially sustainable. The awards are sponsored by Mount Franklin Spring Water, Coastalwatch and the Hungry Jack's 'Bag it & Bin it' program.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

Australian Clean Beaches Awards 2009/2010 Table of Results

Category	Winner	Sponsor
Overall Winner	South Port Noarlunga, SA	Mount Franklin Spring Water (Principal Sponsor)
Community Action & Partnerships	Yeppoon Main Beach, QLD <i>(Distinction: South Port Noarlunga, SA)</i>	
'Dame Phyllis Frost' Litter Prevention	Port Kembla Beach, NSW	Hungry Jack's 'Bag it & Bin it'
Resource Recovery & Waste Management	South Port Noarlunga, SA	Mount Franklin Spring Water
Environmental Innovation & Protection	South Port Noarlunga, SA. <i>(Distinction: Yeppoon Main Beach, QLD)</i>	Coastalwatch
Water Conservation	South Port Noarlunga, SA <i>(Distinction: Port Kembla Beach, NSW)</i>	
Energy Innovation	West Beach Burnie, TAS, <i>(Distinction: Balnarring Beach, VIC)</i>	
Heritage & Culture	EQUAL FIRST: Shady Beach Yirrkala, NT & West Beach Burnie, TAS	
Young Legends	South Port Noarlunga, SA <i>(Distinction: Balnarring Beach, VIC)</i>	

About The Australian Clean Beaches Awards Sponsors:

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