

Awards Photo Gallery



1) Sustainable Communities - Tidy Towns overall winner Beechworth with SV CEO Anita Roper, Sustainability Victoria Chair Mike Waller, Packaging Stewardship Forum representative Trish McGee, & Member for Western Victoria Jaala Pulford 2) Jindivick representatives 3) Lake Boga Primary School representatives 4) Moorabool Shire Council, Victoria Police and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development representatives 5) Mornington Peninsula Shire Council representatives 6) Indigo Shire Council representatives 7) Grundfos Pumps and Cartridge World representatives 8) Latrobe City Council representatives 9) Damascus College Ballarat representatives 10) Lockington representatives 11) Dartmoor representatives 12) Glenelg Shire Council representatives

2010 KABV Awards Key Dates

26 January 2010	Entries Open
19 March 2010	Entries close Sustainable Cities and Clean Beaches
9 April 2010	Entries close Tidy Towns - Sustainable Communities
12 April - 14 May 2010	Judging Commences
18 June 2010	Sustainable Cities and Clean Beaches Awards Ceremony
19 July - 20 August 2010	Regional Presentations Tidy Towns
8 - 10 October 2010	Tidy Towns Awards Weekend, Beechworth

Community Notice Board

Clean Up Australia Day 7 March 2010

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the **Clean up Australia Day 2010** on **Sunday 7 March**.

Many of our groups already conduct clean up activities on Clean up Australia Day. We encourage all groups and KABV members to consider undertaking an activity and contributing to this significant day.

Imagine the combined result we could achieve if over 200 community groups all held a clean up activity on the same day. It would make a substantial addition to **Clean up Australia Day 2010!**

Visit www.cleanup.org.au for more information and/or to register your group for a clean up activity on Clean Up Australia Day 2010.

Grundfos Sponsor Plumbing Category of Worldskills National Competition

Sponsor of the Tidy Towns & Sustainable Cities Water Conservation Award, Grundfos Pumps, have once again announced their support of the Plumbing Category of the WorldSkills Australia National Competition in 2010.

The competition provides an opportunity for young Australians to compete in their chosen trade or skill, helping to fast-track their career development.

This year, the National Competition will be held in Brisbane from 7-9 May 2010. Entry is free.

For more information visit www.worldskills.org.au

Tickets to Premier's Sustainability Awards now on sale

Learn about the finalists, cheer on the winners and network with Victorian leaders from government, business, education and community at the annual Premier's Sustainability Awards.

Tickets are now on sale for the Awards, which will be held in Melbourne on 22 April 2010.

The night of entertainment will be hosted by Collingwood Football Club's Eddie McGuire, and will showcase Victoria's finest produce.

Ticket sales close on 9 April. Early-bird tickets are available until 9 March.

For more information visit www.sustainabilityawards.vic.gov.au

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Victoria's 2009 Tidy Towns Winner is...Beechworth

The town of Beechworth, 285km north east of Melbourne, is Victoria's most historic and best preserved gold rush town. Nestled in the foothills of the Victorian Alps, Beechworth boasts sensational views, world famous wineries and historical buildings. And it can now add Victoria's Tidiest Town for 2009 to its long list of achievements.



KABV's Tidy Towns Awards celebrate rural and regional Victorian sustainability initiatives.

Beechworth was named the 2009 Overall winner of the Sustainable Communities - Tidy Town Awards held in Horsham in October, in recognition for its outstanding commitment to preserving its historical roots, while embracing its future through sustainability.

The judging panel was impressed by the range of programs and the depth of community involvement in sustainability initiatives in Beechworth.

Supported by the Indigo Shire Council, the Beechworth community showcased the town's rich history with their re-enactment group and looked to the future with projects such as the Climate Change Challenge, the Beechworth Sustainability Group and Dalcheri - Uniquely Ethical.

Beechworth's award winning entry also showcased the town's commitment to partnerships, demonstrated by young wildlife ecologist, Natasha Schedvin, who joined forces with the Wooragee Landcare group Spendid to research the rare and endangered Barking Owl.

"Beechworth should be congratulated on the well rounded projects they developed and implemented. Through full community engagement at every level, Beechworth has shown that real results come from strong partnerships," said the CEO of Sustainability Victoria, Anita Roper.



KABV News is getting a makeover

In keeping with our commitment to the environment, KABV News will become an electronic newsletter in 2010. As the entrants in our annual awards programs have shown us, it's the sum of all actions that make the biggest difference. By changing the way we deliver our news to you, we will reduce our carbon footprint by decreasing our paper and printing consumption, and the resources needed for distribution of paper copy newsletters.

The next issue of KABV News will be delivered straight to your inbox via email. The new look KABV eNews will not only be more sustainable, but will allow KABV members to connect directly to our partners and other regions, and allow for more frequent communications.



Keep in touch with KABV and WIN a sustainability makeover!

Update your contact details at www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/KABV_contact_list to give your community the chance to win its very own sustainability makeover!

A team of experienced assessors will visit your community centre and (where required) will:

- Upgrade light globes to energy saving light globes (where incandescent lights are used)
- Install ceiling insulation where the roof is accessible (to be installed over the main heated area)
- Install low flow shower roses
- Draught proof any doors or windows
- Seal gaps and cracks
- Install timers on appliances where appropriate
- Fit insulation (lagging) around exposed hot water pipes

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Horsham plays host as the Wimmera River flows

KABV's 2009 Sustainable Communities - Tidy Towns Awards Ceremony was proudly hosted by the 2008 Tidy Towns winner - Horsham. Over 155 delegates from across the state headed to Horsham in October to celebrate a wonderful weekend full of activities including a civic welcoming function on Friday night, a workshop during the day on Saturday, the Gala Awards Ceremony on Saturday night and an informal Farewell Breakfast on Sunday.

The Awards Ceremony, hosted by Geoff 'Coxy' Cox from Coxy's Big Break, featured the presentation of ten category awards, the Dame Phyllis Frost Award which recognises outstanding achievement by an individual, Small Town Achiever Award and the 2009 Overall Sustainable Communities - Tidy Towns Award won by Beechworth.

The Tidy Towns - Sustainable Communities Awards continue the long tradition of KABV to encourage towns to develop into sustainable communities, increase tourism and civic pride as well as improve residents' community participation, social cooperation, public awareness and conservation of their local environment.

The weekend was a huge success thanks to the hard work of the Horsham Tidy Towns Committee, its Chair, Don Johns OAM and Horsham Rural City Council for all of their ongoing support.

As a stark reminder of how fragile our environment really is, the original venue for the Tidy Town festivities, Horsham Golf Club was destroyed in the Black Saturday Fires. Fittingly, the venue for the farewell breakfast on Sunday morning was on the banks of the Wimmera River, which was flowing for the first time in many years.

Thank you Horsham



Horsham - host to the 2009 Sustainable Communities-Tidy Towns Awards Ceremony

Regional Presentations

In the lead up to the Sustainable Communities - Tidy Towns Awards, all regional finalists were acknowledged in their towns with a formal presentation.

Starting in Stuart Mill, in Victoria's west, and concluding on the slopes of Mt Buller, all entrants were visited and congratulated on their effort by Sustainability Victoria representatives led by KABV Awards Manager, Joanna Meyer.

KABV would like to recognise all of the volunteers who worked hard to organise the visits. Events like these could not happen without their support.

The catering supplied at these events by tireless volunteers, couldn't go without note. From town to town, presentation to presentation, there was a never ending supply of egg sandwiches. It didn't matter how big, or how small the town was, there was always a plate - ready for the tasting, and Joanna Meyer took up the challenge.

And with her judging cap on, she couldn't resist awarding **The Best Egg Sandwich** of the Regional Presentations to Stuart Mill, and **The Best Fancy Filled Egg Sandwich** to Moorabool - who served theirs up with a spicy relish accompaniment.

Award Categories 09 Winners

Overall Sustainable Communities - Tidy Town

Winner Beechworth

Community Pride

Winner Lake Boga - The Greatest Dry Lake Bed Walk & Dinner

Heritage & Culture

Winner Yackandandah - Rebuilding after the Fire

Judge's Commendation Yallourn North Yallourn North Historical Society & Old Brown Coal Museum

Pam Keating Environmental Innovation

Winner Ballarat - BREAZE

Zero Waste

Winner Greater Shepparton City Council - Resource Recovery Facility - Shepparton Transfer Station

Judge's Commendation Hastings BlueScope Steel - Diversion of Waste from Landfill

Protection of the Environment

Winner Orbost - Jarahmond Landcare Linkage Project

Judge's Commendation Mt Buller and Mt Stirling Alpine Resort Management Board - Mountain Pygmy-Possum Recovery Plan

Community Government Partnership

Winner Moorabool Shire Council, Victoria Police and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development - Gettin' Dirty Program

Water Conservation

Winner Mt Buller and Mt Stirling Alpine Resort Management Board - Water Reuse Project

Judge's Commendation Horsham - Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water - Year 9 & 10 Student Water Conference

Energy Conservation Award

Winner Dhurringile & District Landcare Group - Murchison Goes Solar

Young Leaders

Winner Ballarat - Damascus College Energy Breakthrough Team

Proud Schools

Winner Hastings - Hastings Primary School

Judge's Commendation Rutherglen - Rutherglen Primary School

Dame Phyllis Frost

Winner Brian Stahl OAM JP

Small Town Achiever

Winner Rutherglen

Hastings Local Rewarded for Years of Community Involvement

One of the most prestigious awards at the Sustainable Communities - Tidy Towns Awards is **The Dame Phyllis Frost** award.

The award is only presented if there is a suitably outstanding individual. This year **The Dame Phyllis Frost** award recognised the tireless community work of Brian Stahl OAM JP at the awards ceremony in Horsham in October.

A long time resident and councilor of Hastings, which included a stint as Shire President, Brian Stahl was awarded the Order of Australia medal in 2004 for his contribution to local government and the community.

A conscientious volunteer, Brian recently formed a Stationers group to improve the appearance and surrounds his local railway station. Fostering community support, Brian organised a group to help him paint and make other improvements to the Hastings station.

In 2000, Brian was named Mornington Peninsula Shire's Citizen of the Year. He has also been granted life membership of three Hastings-based clubs or groups through his community work.

Brian Stahl is a valuable asset to the Hastings community and is a worthy recipient of **The Dame Phyllis Frost** award.

Congratulations Brian!



Brian Stahl OAM JP - winner of The Dame Phyllis Frost Award

Hobsons Bay City Council wins National Community Award

Hobsons Bay City Council won the Community Action and Partnerships Award at the Australian Sustainable Cities Awards, held at Parliament House in Canberra last year.

According to the Australian Sustainable Cities Judge, Sean Rooney, "The City of Hobsons Bay in Victoria has demonstrated significant leadership in bringing together a mix of partners from the Council, State Government, local business, and community groups to address local sustainability issues."

"There are a number of noteworthy projects that won them this award. The Hobsons Bay Community Arts Centre for instance, involved a small but passionate group of community members who transformed the old abandoned electricity substation into a vital and valuable community arts hub."

The winners were announced by Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion and the Voluntary Sector, Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens. Canada Bay City Council, from NSW, took out the Overall Sustainable Cities Award.

Congratulations Hobsons Bay City Council!



2009 National Community Action and Partnership Award Winner Hobsons Bay City Council, with Sustainability Victoria and sponsor representatives in Canberra

OUT & ABOUT WITH GARY



Mansfield Rotary Club gets Down and Dirty

The Rotary Club of Mansfield is a great example of our active Adopt a Roadside groups. Adopt a Roadside provides an avenue for individuals, organisations, community groups and businesses to help maintain sections of roadside within Victoria's arterial road network in regional Victoria.

The club held two clean ups in 2009, one in May and one in October, which saw them collect approximately 10 cubic metres of rubbish from the Maroondah Highway.

To reward the fantastic community spirit of the clean ups, the club gathered afterwards on both occasions for a barbeque and a few quiet drinks to celebrate the great results they achieved.



Adopt a Roadside

Congupna Tallygaroopna Group Plants 400 Trees

The Congupna Tallygaroopna Landcare Group, based in Shepparton, is currently undertaking indigenous planting as their primary activity.

The group recently planted approximately 400 trees along the Goulburn Valley Highway, which was followed by good rains and additional watering to ensure they got off to a great start.

The City of Greater Shepparton generously supported the efforts of the group by supplying many of the seedlings that were planted.



Northern Bendigo Group Collects 1.75 Tonnes of Rubbish

The Northern Bendigo Landcare Group has had a very active and productive 12 months.

The group has had six clean up days culminating in over 100 volunteer hours and the collection of 1.75 tonnes of rubbish from the Midland Highway!

On their most recent clean up day they had nine Bendigo Bank staff members assisting them. They have taken their efforts a step further by selling the cans they collect to fund some of their other Landcare projects.

Stationers

New Licence Agreements & Continued Growth!

KABV's Stationers groups do a fantastic job improving and maintaining the surrounds of our railway stations. Recent changes now require each stationers group to have a formal licence agreement and public liability insurance.

KABV has a structured method of obtaining formal licence agreements and is currently assisting existing Stationers groups with the transition by facilitating 11 requests for licences.

Negotiations are taking place for the licence agreements with VicTrack, who in turn obtain consent from the relevant rail operators. All of our long-standing Stationers groups will soon be operating with all of the correct documentation in place. Once the backlog is cleared we expect future Stationers licences will be granted.

Participation in Stationers groups continues to grow, with three enquiries for new groups, which will hopefully be active in the very near future.

With groups spread evenly across both metropolitan and regional railway stations there is a lot of Stationers activity underway throughout Victoria, which is fantastic to see.

Thank you Connex & Welcome to Metro

Over the last two years KABV developed a great working relationship with Connex who have been very supportive of our Stationers program. Now that their contract with the Department of Transport has ended, we would like to thank them for their goodwill and support.

Positive discussions between KABV and new operator, Metro Trains Melbourne, have already taken place indicating they will continue with the Stationers program.

We look forward to a long and fruitful partnership to make and keep our train stations beautiful.

Thank you Connex. Welcome Metro!