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Nominations open for local sustainability awards

ACT Sustainable Cities Awards 2007

The Minister for the Environment, Mr John Hargreaves MLA will launch the **ACT Sustainable Cities Awards** on Wednesday 14 February 2006 at the ACT Legislative Assembly.

What: Launch ACT Sustainable Cities Awards by Minister Hargreaves, MLA
When: 10.30am Wednesday 14 February 2007
Where: ACT Legislative Assembly Reception Room

An initiative of Keep Australia Beautiful, the **ACT Sustainable Cities Awards** recognises efforts by residents, community groups, businesses and government agencies to enhance their local environment. Projects acknowledged by the **ACT Sustainable Cities Awards** contribute to our standard of living and improve our quality of life.

Chairman of Keep Australia Beautiful, Don Chambers says 'The ACT Sustainable Cities Awards are a great way to identify, recognise and reward members of our community for their contribution to the enhancement of the local environment in which we all live'. Mr Chambers will also announce the appointment of local businessman, Mr Rolfe Hartley, as the inaugural Chairman of the ACT Sustainable Cities Awards. Mr Rolfe Hartley is a member of the Canberra Business Council's Environment Industry Taskforce, the National President of Engineers Australia and Canberra Manager of Facilities Services with international firm, KBR.

The 2007 awards will consist of eight categories for award entrants to consider: Community Pride, Environmental Innovation, Water Efficiency, Resource Efficiency, Sustainable Transport, Sustainable Building, Sustainable Schools and Young Legends.



Major sponsor of the ACT Awards for 2007 is the **Packaging Stewardship Forum** of the Australian Food and Grocery Council. Other key sponsors of the 2007 awards include:

- Cartridge World** – sponsoring the Sustainable Schools Program;
- ACT Government** – supporting the Resource Efficiency Category
- Master Builders Association** – once again encouraging entrants into the Sustainable Building Award
- Village Building Company** – sponsors of the Urban Habitat category;
- Bunnings** – recognising its role as a one-stop sustainability shop by supporting the water efficiency category;
- Canberra Times** – sponsors of the Young Legends Award

The 2007 ACT **Sustainable Cities Awards** will run from February to June, winners will be announced at a luncheon in August. Full details of the awards, past participants and current supporters can be found at www.kab.org.au

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