



Media Release

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Randwick City Council wins two awards at the Australian Sustainable Cities Awards

Randwick City Council has won the Community Partnership and Young Legends awards at the Australian Sustainable Cities Awards held in Canberra last night.

The Sustainable Cities program recognises the efforts of residents, community groups, businesses and government agencies to help protect their local environment. The program is part of the Keep Australia Beautiful 'Australian Sustainable Communities' Awards which also includes the Tidy Towns and Clean Beaches programmes.

According to Dick Olesinski, Sustainable Cities National Judge, Randwick Council's 'Sustaining our City' initiative has transformed the City's approach to the environment and has achieved strategic sustainability outcomes.

"This initiative applies innovative and practical solutions to tackle the full range of issues from climate change and conserving resources, to protecting the fragile marine and coastal environments, and fostering the involvement of residents, schools and businesses in environmental protection and sustainability," Olesinski said.

"Proactive partnerships have been fostered with a wide range of sustainability innovators, companies and organisations, together with numerous State Government departments. Over the past 12 months, the program has also developed initiatives that encourage environmental learning and appreciation amongst the youth of Randwick.

"These have included Seaweed celebrations, learning outcomes for over 1600 students involved with the Home Energy Makeover and the Sustainable Schools initiatives, easy access to resources and the introduction of workshops within Early Childhood Centres and lower primary schools. Rainwater tanks have also been installed in local schools for water conservation education," he added.

Highlighting the importance of these awards, Keep Australia Beautiful National Chairman, Don Chambers, said:

"With climate change and water conservation at the forefront of social and political agendas it is clear that all Australians must make real changes, not just a token effort, to become a more sustainable society.

"These awards not only focus on environmental sustainability, but also take into account the economic and social growth of local communities, providing strong case studies and setting benchmarks for others to follow," he added.

The 2007 Australian Sustainable Cities Award winners are:

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Program or Category	Award Winner	Category Sponsor
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Community Action	Melton, VIC	Truelocal.com.au
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Water Conservation	Port Augusta, SA	
Litter Prevention	Brisbane, QLD	HUNGRY JACK'S ®
Resource Recovery	Australian Ethical Investments for Trevor Pearcey House, ACT	
Community Partnership	Randwick, NSW	Bunnings Warehouse
Protection of the Environment	Melton, VIC	
Young Legends	Randwick, NSW	Coca-Cola
Dame Phyllis Frost - Winner	Lexie Paul - Burnie, TAS	
Dame Phyllis Frost - Commendation	Nora Peters – Melton, VIC	

Further information about the Sustainable Cities Awards and details about each of the national finalists/category winners can be found at www.kab.org.au

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