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ACT Sustainable Cities Awards Now Open!

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The Keep Australia Beautiful ACT Sustainable Cities Awards 2005 were launched at the ACT Legislative Assembly today.

The ACT Sustainable Cities Awards provide major recognition of environmental endeavours and initiatives carried out by residents, community groups, businesses and government agencies in the ACT.

Programs that discourage graffiti, minimise and control waste, develop strong partnerships between local communities and businesses and government, that conserve green spaces and bushland and encourage water efficiency will all be recognised in the ACT Sustainable Cities Awards.

The ACT Sustainable Cities Awards also encourage and recognise the small-scale environmental actions of community groups, schools and individuals so active in our urban neighbourhoods today. Together they all make a big difference to our city scape and quality of place.

Mr John Hargreaves MLA, Minister for Urban Services, presented the keynote address at today's launch of the ACT 2005 Sustainable Cities Awards.

"The ACT is a growing territory. The population of the region increases every year and we have to think both creatively and practically about how we accommodate that growth, without losing the character and the sense of community that we love.

"The Keep Australia Beautiful ACT Sustainable Cities Awards 2005 program is an effective way to engage communities in this vital action and to reward them for the preservation and enhancement of our metropolitan environment.

"I anticipate strong involvement in this new competition in the ACT and I look forward to learning of the ACT Sustainable Cities Awards 2005 winners when they are announced in October," Mr Hargreaves said.

Scott Lyall, National Executive Officer for Keep Australia Beautiful thanked John Hargreaves for attending today's launch and for showing such a high level of enthusiasm for and commitment to the Sustainable Cities Awards.

"Like the high profile Keep Australia Beautiful Tidy Towns Awards for rural communities, our Sustainable Cities Awards identify, recognise and reward individual projects and programs undertaken throughout the ACT community.

"They help raise public awareness of the myriad of unique environmental issues that impact on all metropolitan communities as they expand to accommodate ever-increasing urban populations.

"I am very pleased that this awards program has been so well received in its first year in the ACT. We have a major sponsor in BIEC, the Beverage Industry Environment Council, and sponsors for most categories. The ACT Department of Urban Services has assisted with the introduction of the program as well as providing sponsorship of a category. The ongoing support of the ACT community will enable us to continue and expand our awards program well into the future", Mr Lyall said

The Closing Date for Entries in the ACT Sustainable Cities Awards 2005 is 8 September 2005.

For further information on how to enter the awards contact Peter McLean, Program Manager, Keep Australia Beautiful Mobile: 0416 227 158 or contact peterm@kab.org.au

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