



Media Release

Winners of the ACT Sustainable Cities Awards announced by Minister Corbell

The winners of the 2009 ACT Sustainable Cities Awards were announced by Minister for the Environment, Simon Corbell, MLA at a presentation ceremony on Wednesday 1 July 2009.

The Keep Australia Beautiful ACT Sustainable Cities Awards are now in their fifth year and in 2009 attracted over 50 entries from across the government, business, community and education sectors.

OzHarvest an initiative of Communities @ Work was announced the overall winner for its impressive rescuing of 50,000kg of food since the project began in February 2008' and providing this food to Canberra's shelters, refuges and charities.

Winners of each category are detailed on the attached document.

The overall winner of the ACT Sustainable Cities Awards will progress to the National Awards later this year.


Details on individual winners is attached.

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Category winners were:

Category	Winners	Sponsor
Community Partnerships	OzHarvest Contact: Candice Brittain 02 6293 6572	
Environmental Innovation	Papercut Contact: Claire Connelly 02 6162 5146	
Dame Phyllis Frost' Litter Prevention	Orana School Contact: Joshua Creaser (student)	
Resource Recovery	Corinbank Festival Contact: Dr Shannon Dillon 0432587271	
Protection of the Environment	Jervis Bay School, Booderee Junior Rangers Contact: Alyson Whiteoak 02 4442 1002	
Water Conservation	Highly commended to - Construction control for the Majura Office Park's Central Blackwater & Tri-generation Plant - Canberra Institute of Technology Contact: Dr Colin Adrian 02 6207 3101	
Energy Innovation	Hawker Primary School Contact: Jennifer Macdonald jennifer.macdonald@ed.act.edu.au	
Sustainable Buildings and Gardens	Project Coordination for the ANU Shrimp Building Contact:	

Young Legends	Baringa Group Cub Pack Contact: Paul Ogrady 0406 533 493	The Canberra Times
Overall Winner	OzHarvest Contact: Candice Brittain 02 6293 6572	 The logo for the Packaging Stewardship Forum features a stylized yellow and red icon of a recycling symbol or a similar shape, with the text "PACKAGING STEWARDSHIP FORUM" to its right.

Judges comments on the winning entries

Community Partnership

Winner - OzHarvest

The Community Partnership Award goes to Oz Harvest for rescuing an impressive 50,000kg of food since the project began in February 2008 and providing 170,000 meals to disadvantaged people in the Canberra region. The project is an impressive, large scale achievement, which both helps people in need and reduces waste, and also links volunteers, sponsors, food donors, charities and refugees.

Environmental Innovation Award

Winner – Papercut

The graphic design industry can be responsible for producing printed promotional material that is unnecessary and wasteful. Papercut, however, has a commitment and track record on reducing their carbon footprint throughout their business process; from the company's set-up through to product development, design to printing.

Papercut has located itself close to the CBD and on a public transport route to reduce travel and parking costs; renovated an existing building to fit their business needs; sourced products from sustainable forest supplies, use vegetable-based inks and alcohol free printing, set computers to plate, reduced chemical use and keep to a waste management system based in recycling. Papercut is a small business that is demonstrating sustainable innovation through a whole-of-business approach.

Dame Phyllis Frost Litter Prevention

Winner – Orana School

The Dame Phyllis Frost Litter Prevention Award goes to Orana School and the group of students who have worked to raise awareness in the school about the impacts of littering and poor waste management. The students have taken the initiative to learn about these impacts in their own time and spread their knowledge to the wider school community in some clever ways, including a whole-school "rubbish hunt".

Resource Recovery

Winner – Corinbank Festival

The Corinbank Festival team have integrated the idea of resource recovery into every possible area; from the recovery of timber from fire-damaged trees for construction of the performance stages to having all vendors only use cutlery and crockery that was 100% biodegradable. The implementation of their sustainability strategy involved education and training for staff and clear signage and effective placement of bin infrastructure;

'Leave no trace' was the festivals mantra and the effort put in by all involved including volunteers, staff, vendors, musicians and festival goers is commendable. Congratulations on a successful second year Corinbank!

Protection of the Environment

Winner – Jervis Bay School – Booderee Junior Rangers

The *Booderee Junior Rangers* program is a collaboration between Jervis Bay School, the Commonwealth managed Booderee National Park, and the Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community. The program involves students from Preschool to Year Six.

One of the key aims of the *Booderee Junior Rangers* program is to;

- Inform and educate students about the local environment and ways to protect the local environment for future generations.

The *Booderee Junior Rangers* program is delivered in the classroom as well as in the field by National Park staff, school teachers, and by members of the Wreck Bay aboriginal community. Students participate in many different hands-on activities in the National Park including weed eradication, plant propagation, animal tracking, looking at the effects of bush fire on the environment and marine protection studies

Water Conservation

Highly Commended

- Construction Control for the Majura Office Park's Central Blackwater and Tri-generation Plant, and
 - Canberra Institute of Technology
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Energy Innovation

Winner - Hawker Primary School

The winner of this year's energy Innovation category has demonstrated leadership, commitment, measurable results and a methodology that could be readily adapted by other organisations. The students approached the task scientifically by first examining current energy use, secondly researching energy saving options and thirdly seeking practical solutions. It is an excellent example of energy saving outcomes by motivated people, at low cost, without simply relying upon technology.

Sustainable Buildings and Gardens

Winner – Project Co-ordination for ANU SHRIMP Building

The ANU SHRIMP Building demonstrates that sustainable buildings are achievable even when presented with the challenge of existing site constraints. This building uses a range of sustainable strategies to provide an overall sustainable outcome. Starting with the basic low energy principles of passive solar design and a well insulated building envelope to the more technology driven idea of utilising the waste heat generated by the SHRIMP equipment for the HVAC system. It is an excellent example of a holistic approach to sustainable building.

Young Legends

Winner - Baringa Group Cub Pack

The Young Legends Award goes to the Baringa Group Cub Pack for their dedication to preserving the environment. These young boys and girls, aged 7 to 11, have committed to learning about the environment and conservation outside of their normal classroom learning, to taken part in a range of activities that make their community a better place.