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**Celebrate our City.
ACT Sustainable Cities 2006.
Nominations Now Open.**



The Minister for Urban Services Mr John Hargreaves MLA will launch the ACT Sustainable Cities Awards on Tuesday 7 February 2006 at the ACT Legislative Assembly.

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.

As in 2005, the 2006 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. In an addition to this year's awards, the judges will decide upon an overall winner for the ACT, as is the case in the NSW and VIC Awards Program.

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'*.

Due to the success of the Sustainable Cities Awards program in the ACT, NSW and VIC, Keep Australia Beautiful is aiming to develop a network of sustainable cities that will participate in a national Sustainable Cities Awards program. *"This is an exciting opportunity as the ACT can take the lead on this issue and will almost certainly host the national Sustainable Cities Awards when they are launched, possibly as early as the second half of this year"*.

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

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Category	Criteria	Sponsor
Community Pride	Effective strategies to maintain and enhance the urban environment.	 
Environmental Innovation	Breakthrough creative solutions. Innovative products, services, systems or projects.	
Water Efficiency	Practical, successful examples that will inspire water saving practices.	
Resource Efficiency	Excellence in either litter reduction, recycling or waste management. Open to individuals and community groups only	 
Sustainable Transport	Public transport use, car pooling encouragement schemes (like reduced car park fees) etc.	
Sustainable Building	Passive building designs, ecologically responsible building materials, sustainable construction methods, resource saving components	
Sustainable Schools	Environmental education in the classroom. School ground environment. Integration of schools with the wider community.	
Urban Habitat	Innovative and effective projects that sustain and enhance native biodiversity in urban environments.	
Young Legends	Environmental achievement through youth initiative and environmental education.	

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