



**FRESH START:** Keep Australia Beautiful representatives Scott Lyall, Don Chambers and Matthew Taylor launch the 2006 ACT Sustainable Cities Awards yesterday.

## City's chance to clean up awards

The ACT Sustainable Cities Awards for 2006 were launched yesterday at the ACT Legislative Assembly.

Now in their second year, the Sustainable Cities Awards, run by Keep Australia Beautiful, are the city equivalent of the Tidy Towns competitions which have been running nationwide for decades.

In 2006, the ACT awards will include eight categories: Community Pride, Environmental Innovation, Water Efficiency, Resource Efficiency, Sustainable Transport, Sustainable Building, Sustainable Schools and Young Legends.

In addition, for the first time this year there will be an overall ACT winner.

*The Canberra Times* sponsors the Sustainable Schools category.

Speaking at the launch of the awards yesterday, Keep Australia Beautiful chairman Don Chambers said the ACT awards were a positive way to identify and recognise members of the community who enhance the local environment.

He said Canberra would "almost certainly host the national Sustainable Cities Awards" when they were launched later this year.

The ACT Sustainable Cities Awards winners will be announced at a lunch in June. Full details of the awards and entry forms can be found at [www.kab.org.au](http://www.kab.org.au).