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ANU APPLAUDS SUSTAINABILITY WINNERS

ANU Vice-Chancellor Professor Ian Chubb has congratulated all of the staff and students involved in the projects across campus which have won Sustainable Cities Awards.

The Keep Australia Beautiful ACT Australian Sustainable Cities Awards – announced this morning at the ACT Legislative Assembly – recognise top sustainability projects in urban communities.

The Australian National University won three categories – the Dame Phyllis Frost Litter Prevention Award for the university's Public Recycling Stations; the Heritage and Culture Award for Mount Stromlo Observatory and the Sustainable Buildings and Gardens – Commercial Award for the Laurus Wing student accommodation development. The University was also highly commended for the work done with the redevelopment of Willows Oval.

"ANU quite rightly prides itself on being a clean, green campus and it is great to see how hard staff and students are working to make ANU a sustainable campus," said Professor Chubb.

"It's tremendous to see this work recognised through the Sustainable Cities Awards, and I congratulate everyone involved in these projects.

"It's particularly pleasing to see Mount Stromlo Observatory recognised for a commitment to heritage and culture, seven years after it was devastated by the 2003 Canberra bushfires. The work that staff, students and the community have put into restoring the area shows how much people care about the facility. That's work that deserves to be applauded and recognised," he said.

ANU runs a wide range of environmental programs and initiatives through ANUgreen, the University's sustainability office. The ANUgreen programs target the university's energy and water use, transportation issues, waste and recycling.

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