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ACT GOVERNMENT LEADS THE WAY ON SUSTAINABILITY

The ACT Government has taken line honours in this year's ACT Sustainable Cities Awards, Minister for the Environment, Climate Change and Water, Simon Corbell, said today.

Mr Corbell announced the winners of the 2010 ACT Sustainable Cities Awards, organised by Keep Australia Beautiful, during a ceremony at the Legislative Assembly today.

"I am pleased to see the ACT Department of Environment, Climate Change, Energy and Water (DECCEW) has claimed several titles in the 2010 awards, clearly showing how the ACT is a leader when it comes to sustainable practices," Mr Corbell said.

"The awards received by DECCEW range across practical projects like the innovative inner north wetland projects, to sustainable policy development and school educational materials and curriculums."

Other winners include the local academic institutions like ANU and CIT as well as several private entities.

Awards were presented in nine categories - Community Action and Partnerships; Dame Phyllis Frost Litter Prevention; Resource Recovery and Waste Management; Environmental Innovation and Protection; Water Conservation; Energy Innovation; Heritage and Culture; Sustainable Buildings and Gardens; and Young Legends.

"Across the ACT, households, schools, community groups and businesses are taking grassroots action to make our city more sustainable and these awards recognise those endeavours," Mr Corbell said.

This year's overall winner was *Australian Sustainable Schools Initiative, ACT* who will represent the ACT at the Australian Sustainable Cities Awards to be announced in 1 November 2010.

I congratulate all the winners in this year's awards, and commend all those who are working hard to ensure we protect our local environment into the future by our sustainable practices today.

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This year's winners are:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Won By</u>
Community Action and Partnerships	DECCEW for Banksia Street Wetlands
'Dame Phyllis Frost' Litter Prevention	ANU for Public Place Recycling
Resource Recovery and Waste Management	Skipit Solutions for concrete wash out and recycling
Environmental Innovation & Protection	DECCEW for 'Understanding the land through the eyes of the Ngunnawal people'
Water Conservation	Project Coordination for CIT Bruce Horticultural Facilities
Energy Innovation	Scinergy and Select Structures for testing built structures to reduce energy use
Heritage and Culture	ANU for Mount Stromlo Observatory Restoration
Sustainable Buildings and Gardens – Residential	Project North for 2010 Residential Green Living Project
Sustainable Buildings and Gardens – Commercial	ANU for Lauras Wing, Ursula College
Young Legends	DECCEW for Australian Sustainable Schools Initiative ACT
Overall Winner	DECCEW for Australian Sustainable Schools Initiative ACT