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## **Hornsby Shire Council Takes Out the Top Honour of Overall Sustainable Council!**

Hornsby Shire Council was awarded the top accolade of Overall Sustainable Council at the Sustainable Cities Awards Dinner hosted by Keep Australia Beautiful NSW and City of Canada Bay Council, and attended by The Member for Drummoyne, The Honourable Angela D'Amore MP, Parliamentary Secretary Assisting the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment.

The Sustainable Cities program is a Keep Australia Beautiful NSW initiative to recognise outstanding environmental initiatives implemented by local government authorities, schools, community groups and businesses, while raising public awareness of a range of environmental issues affecting metropolitan NSW.

Hornsby Shire Council won the top award for its strategic and focused *Hornsby Shire 2020: Our Framework For A Sustainable Future* plan. The plan encompasses all the council's policies, strategies and directions for achieving a sustainable city in one document, and provides a community and organisational engagement framework.

This is the second time the Council's *Framework* has won the overall category and last year it placed second.

Peter McLean, CEO of Keep Australia Beautiful NSW said the 2020 Plan had moved forward significantly since it won the overall category in 2007;

"Hornsby is a council leading by example. Quantified outcomes show Hornsby's achievements as this plan is rolling out – a 16 percent reduction in CO2 emissions in 2006 has become a 29 percent reduction in this submission, and the number of bush care volunteers has increased by 25 percent; ICLEI Milestone 2 and 3 has moved to Milestone 5."

Hornsby Shire Council's *Framework* includes carbon footprint reduction targets, emphasises two-way communication and open dialogue, and has an extensive community participation and education component. The plan has already had some significant achievements including the reduction of corporate and community carbon emission, and water and waste reductions in the Hornsby region.

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### **Editors Notes:**

**The list below contains a full summary of all Sustainable Cities award recipients for 2010.**

<b>AWARD TITLE</b>	<b>WINNER</b>	<b>RUNNER UP</b>	<b>HIGHLY COMMENDED</b>
<b>Overall Sustainable Council Award</b>	<b>Hornsby Shire Council:</b> Hornsby Shire 2020: Our Framework For A Sustainable Future	<b>Ryde City Council:</b> Working Towards A Sustainable City	<b>Waverly Council:</b> Environmental Action Plan
<b>Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water NSW Environmental Education Award</b>	<b>Willoughby City Council:</b> Climate Clever Education Campaign	<b>Lane Cove Council:</b> Lane Cove Sustainable Living Project	<b>Randwick City Council:</b> The Eco Heroes Club

<b>Grundfos Water Conservation Award</b>	<b>City of Canada Bay Council:</b> Saving Energy and Water by Using the Weather	<b>Macquarie University:</b> Leading By Example: Water minimisation, efficiency and harvesting at Macquarie University	<b>Cooks River Sustainability:</b> Our River - Cooks River Sustainability Initiative
<b>Landcom Metropolitan Schools Environment Award</b>	<b>Cherrybrook Technology High School:</b> Outdoor Biodiversity Learning Area	<b>Fisher Road School:</b> Environmental Education and Work Education at Fisher Road School	<b>Karonga Special School:</b> Greening Our Sustainable School Space <b>Lambton High School:</b> All in this together now- Building a Sustainable School Community
<b>Packaging Stewardship Forum Waste Minimisation Award</b>	<b>OzHarvest Limited:</b> OzHarvest - Food Rescue	<b>Pretty Beach Community:</b> Pretty Beach Community Preschool and Multipurpose space	<b>Concord Hospital:</b> Reducing Clinical Waste and Increasing Recycling of Waste in the Operating Theatres at Concord Hospital <b>Macquarie University:</b> Motivating the future: reduction, reuse and recycling at Macquarie University
<b>ClubsNSW Sustainable Clubs Award</b>	<b>Oak Flats Bowling and Recreation Club:</b> Oak Flats Bowling and Recreation Club Sustainable Practices Program	<b>Long Reef Golf Club:</b> Ongoing Sustainable Practice Makes the Difference	
<b>NSW Heritage Branch Heritage Award</b>	<b>Ebenezer Church:</b> Restoration of Australia's Oldest Existing Church	<b>Delfin Lend Lease:</b> Nelsons Ridge	
<b>Biodiversity Conservation Award</b>	<b>Blue Mountains City Council:</b> Save Our Swamps	<b>Blacktown City Council:</b> Regenesis - A community engagement, revegetation, carbon sequestration and trading project.	