

And The Winner Is....Kogarah City Council!

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Kogarah City Council has taken out the prestigious Overall Sustainable Cities Award at the 2011 Keep Australia Beautiful NSW Awards Dinner Presentation, hosted by Hornsby Shire Council. The results were announced last night Thursday July 28th at Pennant Hills Golf Club.

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

Peter McLean, CEO of Keep Australia Beautiful NSW, congratulated Kogarah City Council on its "125 years of history deserves 125 years of future" project, which won the Overall Sustainable Cities Award.

In 2010, Kogarah City Council undertook a comprehensive community planning process with the outcome being the plan called the "bright future better lifestyle: Kogarah 2020" which defines the sustainable direction of the city.

"The judges were very impressed with the extensive outcomes achieved such as the constructed and commissioned Carlton Industrial Stormwater Reuse Plant with a capacity to produce up to 20,000 litres of water per day. Or the increase of the renewable energy generation through photovoltaic systems installed within Council's facilities 39.8 kilowatt," Peter McLean said.

"These initiatives are really walking the walk and not just talking the sustainability talk we too often hear. Kogarah City Council is making a difference to the community and the environment."

The Hon. Richard Torbay MP, Chairman of Keep Australia Beautiful NSW presented the award last night.

He said: "Kogarah has been at the cutting edge of council business initiatives for some time. Its ground-breaking 'firsts' in integrated PV and in sewer-mining have shown that this council is serious about tackling big issues, but not alone".

"They have strong relationships with all appropriate business and knowledge sectors. They have a can do attitude and this belief flows through staff to the community, giving Kogarah a high uptake of sustainability initiatives", Mr Torbay added.

[More information on Sustainable Cities.](#)

The Keep Australia Beautiful NSW's Sustainable Cities Program is generously sponsored by ClubsNSW, Landcom and the Office of Environment & Heritage.

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The list below contains a full list of all Sustainable Cities awards recipients for 2011

AWARD TITLE	WINNER	RUNNER UP	HIGHLY COMMENDED
Overall Sustainable Council Award	Kogarah City Council "125 years of history deserves 125 years of future"	Fairfield City Council I sustain Greenhouse Gas Emission at Fairfield City Council	Strathfield Municipal Council The Strathfield sustainability Framework
Office of Environment & Heritage Environmental Education Award	Marrickville City Council <i>target sustainability @marrickville</i> – sustainable Business programs	Parramatta City Council Streamline Sustainable Business Program	Bankstown City Council Recycle Right! How we played mind games with our residents and WON!
Landcom Metropolitan Schools Environment Award	Coogee Public School Coogee PS – Creating a model of urban sustainability	Narrabeen Lakes Public School Making a difference...at Narrabeen Public School	Central Mangrove Public School Learning for Sustainability – meeting the Challenge
Keep Australia Beautiful NSW Water Conservation Award	Ku-Ring-Gai Council Leachate recovery and re-use from St Ives Vegetation Landfill site	Holroyd City Council Gipps Rd Sporting complex: Stormwater harvesting and irrigation system	Bankstown City Council Sustainable Water Management at the Crest Sporting Complex
Keep Australia Beautiful NSW Waste Minimisation Award	Penrith City Council Recycled organics collection and Composting Service	OZHarvest Limited OZHarvest – Food rescue	Randwick Council The Compost Revolution
ClubsNSW Sustainable Clubs Award	Oak Flats Bowling and Recreation Club	Castle Hill RSL	Mounties Group
Office of Environment & Heritage Heritage Award	Sydney Harbour YHA Sydney Harbour YHA & The Big Dig Archaeology Education Centre	Hornsby Shire Council Heritage Conservation within Hornsby Shire	Mosman Council Mosman Cenotaph Redevelopment
Keep Australia Beautiful NSW Biodiversity Conservation Award	Shellharbour City Council Building Backyard Diversity in the Shellharbour LGA	Hornsby Shire Council Innovative Community bushland and biodiversity conservation in Hornsby Shire	Community First Step Green is fun!