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Palmerston NT earns High Commendation at the Australian Sustainable Cities Awards 2009

The City of Palmerston has earned a High Commendation in the Community Action and Partnerships Award category at the Keep Australia Beautiful, Australian Sustainable Cities Awards.

The winners were announced by Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion and the Voluntary Sector, Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens, and Keep Australia Beautiful National Chairman, Don Chambers at Parliament House in Canberra last night.

According to the Australian Sustainable Cities Judge, Sean Rooney, who is also the Sustainability Program Manager at Sinclair Knight Merz, "the Palmerston City Council is working hard to address key sustainability issues within the local community at many levels."

"This particular award commendation recognises Palmerston's Safe Communities Program, which provides an excellent example of how an urban community working together can achieve positive environmental outcomes."

"The Palmerston Regional Safe Communities Committee works in partnership with Council, NT Government, businesses and the community to promote safety in the home, in the community, at work and at play."

"The program was also recognised by the World Health Organisation, by being designated as an International Safe Community in March 2008", Rooney added.

The Australian Sustainable Cities Awards recognise efforts by residents, community groups, businesses and government agencies to protect and enhance their local environment to ensure its long term sustainability at all levels. The Awards are sponsored by Packaging Stewardship Forum 'Do the Right Thing' program; Grundfos Pumps; Sinclair Knight Merz (SKM) and ToysRUs.

The overall Australian Sustainable Cities 2009 winner was City of Canada Bay, NSW.

Further information about the Australian Sustainable Communities Awards can be found at www.kab.org.au

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Keep Australia Beautiful Australian Sustainable Cities Awards Recipients 2009

Category	Winner	Sponsor
Overall Winner	Canada Bay, NSW	
Community Action & Partnerships	Winner - Hobsons Bay, VIC Highly commended - Palmerston, NT	
'Dame Phyllis Frost' Litter Prevention	Canada Bay, NSW	
Resource Recovery & Waste Management	Port Adelaide Enfield, SA Highly commended: OzHarvest, ACT	Packaging Stewardship Forum 'Do the Right Thing' program
Environmental Innovation & Protection	Winner - Ipswich, QLD Highly commended - BRRAG, WA	Sinclair Knight Merz
Water Conservation	Canada Bay, NSW	Grundfos Pumps
Heritage & Culture	Launceston, TAS	
Young Legends	Port Adelaide Enfield, SA	Toys R Us
Energy Innovation	Canada Bay, NSW	

**Full details for each entrant can be found at
<http://www.kab.org.au/programs/sustainable-cities/>**

About the Australian Sustainable Communities Awards

Keep Australia Beautiful seeks to lead, challenge and inspire all Australians to strive for a sustainable and litter free environment. It does this through research, communications programs and awards programs.

Its national awards are known as the Australian Sustainable Communities Awards which consist of the Tidy Towns, Sustainable Cities and Clean Beaches Awards. Each awards program commences with state and territory awards and culminates in a national grand final.