



MEDIA RELEASE

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Ipswich in QLD wins Community Action & Partnerships Award at the Australian Sustainable Cities Awards 2011

Ipswich City Council has won the Community Action & Partnerships category award at the Keep Australia Beautiful, Australian Sustainable Cities Awards. They also received high commendation in the Resource Recovery & Waste Management category.

The winners were announced at the national awards ceremony hosted by the 2010 national winner, The City of Stirling in WA, this afternoon.

Back in 2009, Ipswich City Council took out the Environmental Innovation & Protection Award in the Australian Sustainable Cities Awards program.

According to the Australian Sustainable Cities Judge, Dick Olesinski:

“Ipswich City Council’s approach to sustainability combines planning, community engagement, education, comprehensive programs, and hands-on action to work towards creating a more sustainable city. Projects including their ‘Physical Activity Strategy’, as well as their response to the January flood event, illustrate how well this community unites during adversity and helped earn them the Community Action & Partnerships category award.”

“Ipswich was also highly commended for their numerous efforts in the Resource Recovery & Waste Management category. Notably, the council’s ‘What a Waste?’ program, which aims to educate youth about waste management and recycling.”

This project along with the city’s extensive waste services are just some examples of the initiatives that earned them recognition in this area.” Olesinski 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 Australian Sustainable Cities Awards 2011 are sponsored by the *Do the Right Thing* Program of the Packaging Stewardship Forum, Australian Food and Grocery Council, Visy Industries, ToysRUs, Replas and Tennant.

The overall Australian Sustainable Cities Awards 2011 winner was the City of Kogarah in 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 Finalists 2011**

Category	Winner	Sponsor
Overall Winner	Kogarah, NSW	
Community Action & Partnerships	Winner - Ipswich, QLD Highly commended – Kogarah, NSW	
'Dame Phyllis Frost' Litter Prevention	Winner - Kogarah, NSW Highly commended – Subiaco, WA	<i>Do the Right Thing</i> Program of the Packaging Stewardship Forum, Australian Food and Grocery Council
Resource Recovery & Waste Management	Winner - Charles Sturt, SA Highly commended: Ipswich, QLD	Visy Industries
Environmental Innovation & Protection	Winner - Yarra, VIC Highly commended – Charles Sturt, SA	
Water Conservation	Winner - Subiaco, WA Highly commended – Kogarah, NSW	
Heritage & Culture	Winner – Kogarah, NSW Highly commended – Yarra, VIC	
Young Legends	Winner - Burnie, TAS Highly commended – Yarra, VIC	ToysRUs
Energy Innovation	Winner - Sustainable Skills Training Hub, ACT Highly commended – Charles Sturt, SA	

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