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City of Charles Sturt leads Councils in Sustainability

The City of Charles Sturt has been judged KESAB *environmental solutions* South Australian winner of the 2011 Sustainable Cities Awards.

Sustainable Cities Awards show case environmental actions and case studies of real environmental examples engaging communities and change as councils target less waste, carbon emissions, energy reduction and long term sustainability.

Sustainable Cities judging categories include; water, energy, waste, bio diversity, community engagement, natural environment, education, innovation and the values of culture and heritage.

“City of Charles Sturt has demonstrated a huge effort across the board in their diverse geographical footprint and environmental activities in Adelaide’s western suburbs” Executive Director of KESAB John Phillips said.

“Councils 5 year strategic plan “Towards One Planet Living: Greening the Western Suburbs” has provided for considerable community engagement and consultation developing a framework to address key issues that impact on urban living in our rapidly changing world”, Mr Phillips said.

“With diversity of urban footprint, traffic corridors, urban infill, coastal protection and the need to manage stormwater, energy reduction and waste stream diversion through recycling and organics collection Charles Sturt has tackled the issues head on”, he said.

Embraced within Sustainable Cities Awards are the many partnerships that City of Charles Sturt has forged to implement and innovate through projects including examples of water efficiency and harvesting with Grange Golf Club and Cheltenham Race Course sites.

Fencing and paths have been constructed working with community in the Tennyson sand dunes and planting and weeding have been a strong focus.

A Green Buildings program has been established ensuring sustainability reviews and upgrades have been implemented including installing solar panels and energy saving devices at public toilets, library and community centres.

City of Charles Sturt will now enter Keep Australia Beautiful National Sustainable Cities Awards judging wherein all States and Territories will be assessed prior to category and overall winners being announced in Perth in November 2011.

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