



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Charles Sturt in SA wins Resource Recovery & Waste Management at the Australian Sustainable Cities Awards 2011**

The City of Charles Sturt has won the Resource Recovery & Waste Management category award at the Keep Australia Beautiful, Australian Sustainable Cities Awards. They also received high commendation in the Environmental Innovation & Protection and Energy Innovation categories.

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

#### **According to the Australian Sustainable Cities Judge, Dick Olesinski:**

“The City of Charles Sturt’s approach to sustainability combines planning, community engagement, education, comprehensive programs and hands-on action to work towards creating a more sustainable city.”

“The council’s strong focus on waste management and recycling services within the community earned them the Resource Recovery & Waste Management category. Projects including the introduction of the ‘Waste and Recycling guide for new developments’, as well as the ‘Towards One Planet Living’ initiative that encourages residents to recycle 65% of kerbside waste, are just two examples that helped them win this award.”

“Initiatives such as the council’s ‘Living Green’ and ‘Adopt a Tree’ programs, well as the ‘Green Buildings’ and ‘TravelSmart’ programs encourage the community to be more environmentally aware of their everyday lives.”

“These and other initiatives have helped to generate widespread environmental awareness and action within the local community.” 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](http://www.kab.org.au)

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**Keep Australia Beautiful  
Australian Sustainable Cities Awards Finalists 2011**

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

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