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## **Hobsons Bay, VIC, wins Community Action & Partnerships Award at the Australian Sustainable Cities Awards 2009**

Hobsons Bay City Council has won the Community Action and Partnerships category award 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 City of Hobsons Bay in Victoria has demonstrated significant leadership in bringing together a mix of partners from the Council, State Government, local business, and community groups to address local sustainability issues.”

“There are a number of noteworthy projects that won them this award. The Hobsons Bay Community Arts Centre for instance, involved a small but passionate group of community members transforming the old abandoned electricity substation into a vital and valuable community arts hub.”

“Another is the Kororoit Creek Catchment Coordination Project, which involves multiple local government areas working together to protect this waterway, and the Seaworks Heritage Foundation, which brings together a group of local partners to create an active maritime village, celebrating the role the precinct has played in the region’s history”, 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](http://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.