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Brunswick River Restoration Action Group, WA earns High Commendation at the Australian Sustainable Cities Awards 2009

The Brunswick River Restoration Action Group (BRRAG) has earned a High Commendation in the Environmental Innovation & Protection 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 Brunswick River Restoration Action Group's grass roots community action model focuses effort on restoring and protecting the Brunswick River with great results.

"On-ground action undertaken by BRRAG has resulted in numerous environmental outcomes along the river. This includes 6ha of weed control, 4ha of re-vegetated foreshore with local native species, 3km of fencing to limit stock access, baiting and trapping feral animals."

"In addition, the Group has provided educational and awareness raising activities in the local community and demonstrated innovation in fund raising activities, including a local variety concert", 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.