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City of Canada Bay Council Takes out the Top Honour of Overall Sustainable Council!

The City of Canada Bay Council has been awarded the Top accolade of Overall Sustainable Council at the Sustainable Cities Awards Dinner hosted by the Deputy Premier, The Honorable Carmel Tebbutt MP, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment last night.

The Sustainable Cities program recognises outstanding environmental initiatives implemented by local government authorities, schools and community groups and businesses whilst raising public awareness of a range of environmental issues affecting metropolitan NSW.

The City of Canada Bay Council stood out against other submissions because of their ambitious and strategic 'FuturesPlan20'. The 20 year plan integrates environmental, economic and social sustainability targets into all aspects of Council's management. This plan has already achieved significant water, energy and education targets for the Canada Bay region.

Peter McLean, CEO of Keep Australia Beautiful NSW congratulated The City of Canada Bay Council for their big Win;

"The City of Canada Bay Council is this year's deserving Overall Sustainable Council Winner. The City of Canada Bay Council's Water Savings Action Plan has already seen impressive savings. Powell's Creek Reserve Stormwater Harvesting for Reuse Project saved 1,500,000L in six months and the Cintra Hockey Water Recycling Project saved 6.5 million litres over 18 months."

Council's Sustainable City Program is the backbone for the implementation of an ambitious, yet achievable strategy to toward reducing the city's carbon footprint. Specifically, The City of Canada Bay Council is minimising their carbon emissions, incorporating new technologies to minimise potable water consumption and increase water reuse, whilst maintaining a high level of services to our community.

"Most importantly, this 20 year plan for the City acknowledges the role of our City in a global community, and recognises the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead for the next 20 years." Petrina Nelson, Civil and Environmental Engineer at The City of Canada Bay said.

