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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Sustainable Cities® winners announced**

The community of Casey have won the coveted Sustainable Cities® Award for 2005.

Conducted by the Keep Australia Beautiful Council of Victoria (KABV), the annual Sustainable Cities® Awards are open to community groups, schools, councils and industry throughout Melbourne that work to improve the local environment.

The awards are recognition for some of the best environmental practices and partnerships between community, industry and government.

KABV CEO, Cr Andrew McLorinan, congratulated everyone in the City of Casey for its achievement in winning the coveted award.

“Key projects by the Council included the Better Environment in the Bag, and the Pioneers Park Partnership in Berwick,” he said.

“Casey also took out the Community Government Partnership Outstanding Achievement Award for their program linking corridors of indigenous plants to form a green network across the municipality.

“The Judges were particularly pleased to hear that over 1000 volunteers have helped establish 20,000 plants in the last year to help create a green wedge.”

Outstanding Achievement winners are:

- Environmental Innovation Award - **City of Whitehorse.**
- SP Distribution and MacDonald Johnson Engineering Litter and Waste Management Award - **Collingwood Children’s Farm.** (City of Yarra)
- Esanda Community Pride Award - **South Alphington and Fairfield Civic Association.** (City of Yarra)
- Collex Onyx Protection of the Environment Award - **Yarra Ranges Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater.**
- Community – Government Partnership Award - **City of Casey.**
- Spirit of Australia Award - **Clayton Festival.** (City of Monash)



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- Young Legends Award – **YouthWorx @ Station Road, Southern Family Life.** (City Of Kingston)
- Beverage Industry Environment Council Proud Schools Award - **Sherbourne Primary School.** (City of Banyule)

Community groups submitted projects aimed at improving their local environment through initiatives such as recycling, kerbside waste, restoring parks, creeks and foreshores, reducing water and energy use, improving community empowerment, revegetation and education.

The Dame Phyllis Frost Achievement Award, was shared between Andrew Bultjens, 14, from St Monica's College and Dean Hallett, 17 a dedicated volunteer for the Frog Hollow Reserve. Both were acknowledged for their environmental achievements and in recognition for their dedication.

Winners and finalists in the program were announced at a gala presentation on May 27 at Rivers Reception Centre at Southbank.

KABV CEO Councillor Andrew McLorinan said the range of entries from across Melbourne highlighted the breadth of environmental work done by the community.

“I am sure this is only the tip of the iceberg and we invite all groups interested in highlighting their environmental work in creating a more sustainable Victoria, to contact KABV and become involved in next year’s Sustainable Cities Awards. “

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