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Sustainable Cities And Clean Beaches Finalists Announced!

The finalists for this year's Keep Australia Beautiful Victoria (KABV) - Sustainable Cities and Clean Beaches Awards have been announced.

CEO of Sustainability Victoria, Anita Roper, praised this year's finalists for demonstrating a range of innovative, sustainable and community-based initiatives to make their local environment a better place to live, work and play.

"The KABV Sustainable Cities and Clean Beaches Awards are an effective and positive way to reward and promote sustainability initiatives driven by Victoria's unique beach and city communities," Ms Roper said.

"The KABV Awards are about celebrating and recognising the wonderful effort communities put into sustaining their local environments," Ms Roper said.

"The high level of participation and support for the KABV Awards program highlights how committed Victorians are to forging a more sustainable future for our State."

KABV has received 45 individual entries this year, consisting of 126 initiatives, from all levels of the community such as councils and shires, local community groups, schools and individuals.

"KABV, through its awards programs has a proud history since 1968 of encouraging and celebrating the sustainable actions taken every day by Victorians across our State," Ms Roper said.

This year's categories focus on community action and leadership, cultural heritage, water conservation, environmental innovation and protection, energy efficiency, young leaders, active schools, zero waste, friendly beaches and community partnerships with government.

The winners of the Victorian Clean Beach of the Year and Sustainable City of Year Awards will go on to compete against other states and territories for the top Australian Awards.

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Winners in each category will be announced and celebrated at the KABV Sustainable Cities and Clean Beaches Awards Ceremony on Friday, 29 July, at the Members Dining Room, Melbourne Cricket Club at the MCG.

Tickets to the KABV Sustainable Cities and Clean Beaches Awards are on sale now at www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/kabv

For further information about the Awards or finalists visit www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/kabv

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List of Finalists – KABV Sustainable Cities and Clean Beaches Awards

Sustainable Cities	
Category	Finalists
Sustainable City of the Year	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ballarat City Council 2. Hume City Council 3. Monash City Council 4. Yarra City Council
Community Action	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ashwood College Permaculture Food Garden – Ashwood College 2. Darebin Parklands - Wasteland to Wildlife Haven – Darebin Parklands Association 3. Friends of the Ballarat Botanical Gardens – Keep Ballarat Beautiful 4. Walk for Wildlife – Frankston City Council 5. Whittlesea BUG – Whittlesea Bicycle Users Group 6. Yarra Neighbourhood Orchard – Yarra City Council
Cultural Heritage	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fitzroy Aboriginal Heritage Walking Tour – Yarra City Council 2. Melton History Revisited – Melton Shire Council 3. Oakleigh Pioneer Memorial Park – Monash City Council 4. Preserve Ballarat's Heritage and Disaster Prep – Keep Ballarat Beautiful 5. Yarra Ranges Regional Museum Development – Yarra Ranges Regional Museum
Pam Keating Environmental Sustainability Award	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BREAZE – Keep Ballarat Beautiful 2. E.W. Tipping Foundation - SustainAbility Stars – E.W. Tipping Foundation 3. Pakenham Sustainability Expo – Cardinia Shire Council 4. Zero Carbon Moreland – Moreland Energy Foundation
Towards Zero Waste	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ashwood College Permaculture Food Garden – Ashwood College 2. Compost Mates – Yarra City Council 3. ENROL – Hume City Council 4. Household Recycling Scheme in Ascot Vale Housing – Wingate Avenue Community Centre / Moonee Valley City Council 5. Worm Farming Wyndham Out of Waste – Wyndham City Council

Protection of the Environment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kororoit Creek Nature Reserve – Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek Inc. 2. Learn About Dingoes (Dingo Discovery Centre) – Melton Shire Council 3. Revegetate and Protect – Botanic Ridge 4. Settlers Court Estate – Monash City Council 5. Yarra River Keepers Association – Yarra City Council
Community Government Partnerships	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establishment of the Yarra Energy Foundation – Yarra City Council 2. Skills Program for Community Groups & Leaders – Yarra City Council 3. Batesford Community Hub & Landscape – Monash City Council 4. Barwon & Moorabool River Reserves Advisory Committee Partnership – City of Greater Geelong
Water Conservation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduction & Alternative H2O to Sporting Reserves – Hume City Council 2. Smith Street Water Sensitive Urban Street Design – Yarra City Council 3. Water Conservation Program – Cardinia Shire Council 4. Working Towards a Water-Wise Community – Botanic Ridge
Efficient Energy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Batesford Community Hub – Monash City Council 2. Monash University Bike Project – Monash City Council 3. Small Sites Audit and Retrofit Program – Hume City Council 4. Zero Carbon Pedal Powered Moonlight Cinema – Melbourne Girls College Sustainability Collective
Young Leaders - Individual	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Darcie Jordan – Mill Park LIZARDS 2. Kimberley Pellosis – Frankston High School Student Leadership Environmental Group
Young Leaders - Groups	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2010 Sustainable Schools Youth Conference – Environmental Leadership Team - Copperfield College 2. Mill Park Secondary College - The Lizards – Mill Park LIZARDS 3. Regional E & S Conference for Secondary Schools – Frankston High School Student Leadership Environmental Group 4. Zero Carbon Pedal Powered Moonlight Cinema – Melbourne Girls College Sustainability Collective
Community Leadership	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BREAZE 2. Darebin Parklands Association 3. E.W. Tipping Foundation Leaders 4. Friends of the Ballarat Botanical Gardens 5. Notting Hill Community Association 6. Seaholme Sustainability Street

Clean Beaches	
Category	Finalists
Clean Beach of the Year	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bastion Point Beach - Friends of Mallacoota 2. Frankston Foreshore – Frankston City Council 3. Lake Lascelles/ Corrong - Lake Lascelles / Corrong Committee of Management 4. Blairgowrie - Through Planned Approach a Rewarding Outcome- Whitecliffs to Camerons Bight Committee of Management
Community Action	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Frankston Beach Association – Caring for the Coast – Frankston City Council 2. Hopetoun Community Action – Lake Lascelles / Corrong Committee of Management 3. Save Bastion Point Campaign – Friends of Mallacoota 4. Sustaining Coastal Communities - Street to Land - Phillip Island Landcare Group
Cultural Heritage	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Creative Village – Lake Lascelles / Corrong Committee of Management 2. Frankston City's Coastal Arts Discovery Trail – Frankston City Council 3. Request for Significant Landscape Classification – Friends of Mallacoota
Pam Keating Environmental Sustainability Award	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clean Across Bass Strait – Surf rider Foundation Australia: Melbourne Branch 2. 'Too Lovely to Litter' Education Campaign – Frankston City Council 3. Torquay Foreshore Caravan Park Amenities Block – The Great Ocean Road Coast Committee 4. Victoria's Coast Too Lovely to Litter – Barwon Regional Waste Management Group
Protection of the Environment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protection of Hooded Plovers – The Great Ocean Road Coast Committee 2. Restoration Works and Bird Conservation – Friends of Mallacoota 3. The Great Ocean Road Renewal Program – The Great Ocean Road Coast Committee
Community Government Partnerships	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Blairgowrie Renourishment - Through Partnerships and Teamwork – Whitecliffs to Camerons Bight Committee of Management 2. Ranger Program – 'Hands On' Education for all Ages – Frankston City Council 3. The Surf Coast Walk – The Great Ocean Road Coast Committee 4. Yarriambiack Collaboration – Lake Lascelles / Corrong Committee of Management

Young Legends	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Frankston City's 'Clean Beach Champions' – Frankston City Council 2. Calum Dickson and Aaron McAlister – Williamstown Swimming and Lifesaving Club
Friendly Beach	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Frankston Foreshore - Friendly and Accessible – Frankston City Council 2. Blairgowrie - A Beach for all to Access and Enjoy– Whitecliffs to Camerons Bight Committee of Management 3. New Amenity Block for Ocean Grove – Barwon Coast Committee of Management 4. Torquay Foreshore Caravan Park Amenities Block – The Great Ocean Road Coast Committee
Community Leadership	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Frankston Foreshore Advisory Committee 2. Friends of Mallacoota 3. Great Ocean Road Coast Committee 4. Lake Lascelles / Corrong Committee of Management 5. Phillip Island Landcare Group