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CLEAN BEACH CHALLENGE

Green Patch Beach and Mollymook Beach Clean Up at State Beach Awards!

Green Patch Beach and Mollymook Beach both received environmental accolades at the highly anticipated State Clean Beach Challenge awards, announced at Taronga Zoo on Friday. Green Patch Beach was announced the Winner of the Remondis Waste Solutions Resource Management Award and Mollymook Beach was awarded Highly Commended in the Energy Australia Friendly Beach Award.

Now in its eighth year, the Keep Australia Beautiful NSW Clean Beach Challenge encourages and recognises coastal communities, local councils, volunteers and surf lifesaving clubs who protect this State's beautiful coastline. Dune and habitat conservation, environmental education, anti-litter and visitor friendly initiatives are among some of the activities that are awarded.

"For the past 12 months, beachside communities up and down the coast of NSW have been working toward this event in the hope of being announced the best beach in NSW. As the Clean Beach Challenge grows in recognition, so too does the competition which has been really tough this year," said Peter McLean, Chief Executive Officer of Keep Australia Beautiful NSW.

"The fact that two beaches received awards in the South Coast Region indicates that the judges were really impressed with the work being done in the area!" he commented.

"Green Patch Beach is a worthy State Winner of the Remondis Waste Solutions Resource Management Award for its outstanding natural resource recovery initiatives that maximise waste water, felled trees and composting," said Luke Agati, Chief Executive of Remondis.

Clean Beach Challenge assessor, James Elks explained how Green Patch managed to beat its competition at State Level saying:

"Green Patch has three particularly excellent natural resource recovery initiatives. Wastewater is piped to a treatment plant then used to irrigate HMAS Creswell golf course. Trees that are felled within the Park are wood-chipped and returned as mulch. The Visitor Centre has a compost system for staff food scraps."

Mollymook Beach received Highly Commended in the Energy Australia Friendly Beach Award which recognises visitor hospitality and safety, instructive and easily understood local information facilities, clean, well maintained and signposted public/ commercial facilities and evidence of a commitment to and active promotion of visitor friendliness.

"Mollymook Beach has outstanding access for people with disabilities including the longest mobility mat I've ever seen (it goes right to the 'hard' sand), a wheelchair swing, and a large-wheeled mobility chair. The chair allows people with disabilities to be wheeled right into the waves, sometimes for the first time. It has great picnic facilities, clean amenities, a friendly

takeaway, excellent signage, a very dedicated and professional complement of lifeguards, and strong ties with the local community.” James Elks said.

North Steyne was awarded the coveted Overall State Clean Beach Challenge Award will go in the running against all other State Winners at the Australian Clean Beach Challenge Awards presentation, to be held early next year.

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As well as this major overall award, NSW beaches received awards in the following categories:

Award	Winner	Highly Commended	Highly Commended
Department of Environment & Climate Change NSW Overall Beach Award	North Steyne Beach	Toowoan Bay	
Sydney Water Conservation Award	North Steyne Beach	Copacabana Beach	
Remondis Waste Solutions Resource Management Award	Green Patch Beach	North Steyne Beach	
Energy Australia Friendly Beach Award	Port Kembla Beach	Mollymook Beach	Little Manly Beach
Alcoa Litter Prevention Award	Toowoan Bay	Lady Robinson’s Beach	
Young Legends Award	North Steyne Beach	Fingal Head Beach	Wooli Beach
Community Partnership and Action Award	Fingal Head Beach	Towradgi Beach	Rainbow Beach
Environmental Protection Award	Angels Beach	Cellito Beach	Horseshoe Bay

Congratulations to all our award winners!

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