



**MEDIA RELEASE**  
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**NSW’S BEST BEACHES ANNOUNCED**  
**Sydney Cleans Up at State Beach Awards!!!**

**Sydney has topped the State Clean Beach Challenge Awards this year with North Steyne being declared the Overall State Clean Beach Challenge Winner at Taronga Zoo on Friday. Little Manly Beach and Lady Robinsons Beach also received Highly Commended Awards at State Level!**

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.

“A big congratulations to North Steyne Beach, Lady Robinsons Beach and Manly Beach who continue to achieve fantastic results which benefit the local environment and the community.” commented Peter McLean, Chief Executive Officer, Keep Australia Beautiful NSW.

“North Steyne SLSC ticks all the boxes and has achieved so much! This year they raised the benchmark further, demonstrating best practice environmental management to other beaches in the area. The club leads by example when it comes to the importance of solar power and water conservation. The fantastic signage advertises this environmental message to locals and tourists alike.” said Peter McLean.

Lady Robinson’s Beach received Highly Commended for the Alcoa Litter Prevention Award.

“Lady Robinsons Beach has recently been upgraded with \$8 million spent on a beach replenishment program. Six gross pollutant traps have been installed to filter contaminants from the storm water entering the bay and Council has an extensive recycling program whereby all recyclable rubbish collected from the foreshore and off the beach is recycled.” Peter McLean said.

Little Manly Beach was Highly Commended for the Energy Australia Friendly Beach Award due to the fact that after 40 years, Little Manly Beach received its first infrastructure upgrade, making it a user friendly beach. This major makeover has seen a very positive transformation in the beach and has been responsible for a noticeable increase in beach usage.

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

For further information about Keep Australia Beautiful NSW programs visit [www.kabnsw.org.au](http://www.kabnsw.org.au)

For a full list of all winning beaches at State level, please refer to the table below:

Award	Winner	Highly Commended	Highly Commended
<b>Department of Environment &amp; Climate Change NSW Overall Beach Award</b>	North Steyne Beach	Toowoomb Bay	
<b>Sydney Water Conservation Award</b>	North Steyne Beach	Copacabana Beach	
<b>Remondis Waste Solutions Resource Management Award</b>	Green Patch Beach	North Steyne Beach	
<b>Energy Australia</b>	Port Kembla Beach	Mollymook Beach	Little Manly

<b>Friendly Beach Award</b>			Beach
<b>Alcoa Litter Prevention Award</b>	Toowoomb Bay	Lady Robinson's Beach	
<b>Young Legends Award</b>	North Steyne Beach	Fingal Head Beach	Wooli Beach
<b>Community Partnership and Action Award</b>	Fingal Head Beach	Towradgi Beach	Rainbow Beach
<b>Environmental Protection Award</b>	Angels Beach	Cellito Beach	Horseshoe Bay

**Congratulations to all our award winners!**

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