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2023 Keep Australia Beautiful NSW Sustainable Cities Awards finalists announced

Keep Australia Beautiful NSW (KAB NSW) is thrilled to announce the finalists for the 2023 Sustainable Cities Awards and recognise the extraordinary contributions of all organisations and individuals who have entered this year's awards.

The 65 finalists are chosen from 11 categories, with winners to be announced on Thursday 12 October at the Sustainable Cities Awards Luncheon, hosted by the 2022 Overall Award Winner, Randwick City Council, at the Prince Henry Centre in Little Bay.

The Sustainable Cities Awards Program has been recognising and rewarding metropolitan Sydney Councils, community groups, businesses, schools and individuals for projects and actions since 1994. They acknowledge projects that not only enhance the environment but improve the visual amenity and well-being of urban communities, inspiring councils and communities to make a genuine and lasting contribution to their area.

KAB NSW Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director, Val Southam said "The quality of the competition this year has been outstanding, making it difficult for our judging panel to select winners for each category.

"The commitment of the councils, organisations and individuals who entered is evident in the calibre of the entries received this year. These awards continue to bring us inspiring stories from the greater Sydney region, and I would like to congratulate this year's finalists and thank everyone who entered."

The awards are hosted by Keep Australia Beautiful NSW with support from the NSW Environment Protection Authority, Randwick City Council, Red Energy and TerraCycle.

For more information about the awards please visit: <https://www.kabnsw.org.au/sustainable-cities-2023/>.

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2023 KAB NSW Sustainable Cities Awards Finalists

CATEGORY	FINALISTS
Biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant with Us Program (Randwick City Council Plant with Us Team) • Building Bridges to Boorowa (North Sydney Council & Boorowa Community Landcare Group) • Bayside Biodiversity Program (Bayside Council) • Connecting Camden White Gum (Camden Council) • Living Seawall Habitat Boulders (Sydney By Kayak) • Long Reef Coastal Walk Bush Regeneration (Bushlink) • Microbat Monitoring (Ku-ring-gai Council Natural Areas Team) • Building Biodiversity-Protecting Godwits (City of Canada Bay)
Circular Economy <i>(Sponsored by NSW EPA)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bayside: Paving the Way Crumb Rubber (Bayside Council) • EduCycle Ewaste Revive (eWaste Sydney) • Kitchen Gardens Pilot Project (Cumberland City Council) • Recycled Coffee Cups in Road Base (Penrith City Council) • Soft Plastics in the Circular Economy (Randwick City Council)
Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation <i>(Sponsored by Red Energy)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A climate resilient Blacktown City (Blacktown City Council) • Community-led Resilience (Lane Cove Council) • Racing to Zero: Net Zero Emissions Targets (City of Canada Bay) • Renewable Power Purchase Agreement (Cumberland City Council)
Communication and Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire Hazards Caused by Batteries (Bayside Council) • 'I Care About a Clean Street' Campaign (Canterbury Bankstown Council - Sustainable Future) • Loving Living Ku-ring-gai (Ku-ring-gai Council Environment & Sustainability Team) • The Coal Loader Living Classroom (North Sydney Council) • Wheelie Good Repair Skills (Penrith City Council)
Heritage, Culture and Community Spirit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bringing Country Back to Wetlands (Wildflower) • CONTEMPLATE - Public Artwork (Blacktown City Council) • Designing with Country (Bayside Council) • Elders in Residence (Blacktown Arts) • Ku-ring-gai's Sculpture Trail (Ku-ring-gai Council) • WestCare Christmas Appeal (WestCare Community Services)

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Litter Prevention <i>(Sponsored by NSW EPA)</i>	<u>Clean Communities</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep Homebush West Clean! (Strathfield Municipal Council) • Love Your Home Ground (Inner West Council) • Luv the Lake Litter Prevention Program (Wollongong City Council and Shellharbour City Council) • Nudie Tuesdays and Waste Free Wednesdays (Regentville Public School) <u>Clean Waterways</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be A Sport: Let's Stop Rubber Crumb Loss (AUSMAP and Ku-ring-gai Council) • Ocean Health Lab (Seabin Foundation) • Sydney Harbour Conservation Project (Sydney By Kayak) • Zero Litter in Georges River (Georges Riverkeeper)
Liveable Cities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blacktown City Cool Centres Program (Blacktown City Council) • Wyatt Park - Lidcombe @ Night (Cumberland City Council) • Sir Joseph Banks Park Adventure Playspace (Bayside Council) • Landscape Olympics (Bayside Council) • Harris Creek Reserve Fairy Glen Garden (Fairy Glen Committee and Liverpool City Council)
Local Legend	<u>≤ 25 years</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Leadership Group (Kegworth Public School) • Sustainability (Ajuga School) • Sustainability at IGS (International Grammar School) <u>25 – 65 years</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A shining example of inspiration & action (Peter Maganov) • City of Newcastle Illegal Dumping Project (City of Newcastle and Newcastle Community Corrections) • Mr Sustainability (Geoff Raymond) • Paint to Donate Australia (Jemma Wlasichuk, Shed Eleven) <u>> 65 years</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APS North Shore Group Ku-ring-gai (Australian Plant Society NSW - North Shore District Group) • Biodiversity Predator-Safe Pontoons (The Fix It Sister Shed) • Recycling for our Community (The Auburn Hospital Recycling Team)
Resource Recovery and Waste Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correcting Waste Issues (Randwick City Council) • Imperfect Low Waste Living Program (North Sydney Council) • Recycle Your Bicycle (Penrith City Council) • Strathfield LGA Recycling Day (Strathfield Municipal Council) • Textile Drop-off Day (Penrith City Council)
Sustainability in Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protein Recovery's Sustainable Future (Bush's Proteins - AJ Bush & Sons (Manufactures) Pty Ltd) • Zero-Waste Click & Collect (Manly Food Co-operative)

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Overall Sustainable Cities Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bayside Council • North Sydney Council • Ku-ring-gai Council • Penrith City Council • Cumberland Council • Strathfield Municipal Council • Blacktown City Council

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EDITOR'S NOTE:

About the KABNSW Sustainable Cities Awards

Keep Australia Beautiful NSW Sustainable Cities Awards Program is a community and environmental awards program for metropolitan communities in NSW.

Since 1994, projects that not only enhance the environment but also improve the standard of living and well-being of urban communities have been a hallmark of the activities recognised by these awards.

The Sustainable Cities Awards inspire communities to make a genuine and lasting contribution to their area, with partnerships between local authorities, businesses, community groups, schools, and individuals.

About KAB NSW

Keep Australia Beautiful NSW (KABNSW) is the state's premier organisation for litter reduction and environmental sustainability. Independent and not-for-profit, our focus is to engage communities to make NSW the least littered state in Australia, transforming littering behaviour to create a beautiful and more sustainable environment.

Over a 40-year history we have built a state-wide network of dedicated individuals, businesses, schools, community groups and government bodies striving to deliver a cleaner environment.

Through five core programs we work with communities across regional, metropolitan, and coastal NSW to educate and motivate environmental initiatives.