

MEDIA RELEASE

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KESAB Sustainable Communities Award Winners Announced

KESAB Sustainable Communities Award winners were announced today by MP for Taylor, Leesa Vlahos today.

Regional awards were presented to winning towns and communities representing all corners of the State in South Australia's longest serving and largest community environmental ongoing initiative

KESAB has been operating for over 45 years and the Sustainable Communities program recognises environmental sustainability action in communities.

Over 200 category entries in 2011 show case hundreds of thousands of volunteer hours and effort valued at \$20 million dollars towards environmental sustainability, action and improvement in the community.

Local projects delivered on ground by rural community's embraced water and energy conservation, waste diversion, litter reduction and recycling, and bio diversity. Schools, councils, business, community groups and individuals were represented.

Overall winner of the 2011 KESAB Sustainable Communities Awards is Mount Gambier.

This is the 11th time Mount Gambier has won since the inception of the Tidy Towns program in 1978. Mount Gambier has won the National Tidy Towns Award twice, the only place in Australia to do so. They will now go on as the State representative and compete against other State and Territory winners in the Keep Australia Beautiful Australian Sustainable Communities (tidy towns) awards to be held early 2012.

KESAB Executive Director John Phillips said today, "The huge commitment across and array of sustainability projects under the KESAB banner leads Australia. We continue to be amazed at the commitment and innovation by South Australians responding to environmental improvement in hard times", he said.



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“Many activities are local partnerships and show case commitment and action that set a benchmark example of rural communities leading urban South Australia despite remoteness and often with reduced services” he said.

“Sustainable Communities Awards include recycling and litter reduction, tree planting and native vegetation protection, energy conservation and innovation, species and habitat protection and other initiatives that are valued at millions of dollars annually” Mr Phillips Said.

Awards presented at Semaphore Palais

Commencing 10am Wednesday 26th October 2011

Major Awards 1.30pm

Historic Semaphore Carousel in operation during lunch period

Other major regional winners included;

Mallee - Mundulla

Southern & Ranges – Victor Harbor

Mid North - Balaklava

Yorke Peninsula – Port Vincent

South East – Mount Gambier

Eyre Peninsula – Arno Bay

Flinders – Peterborough

Murray – Loxton

Outback – Roxby Downs

Best Small Town – Port Vincent

Best Medium Town – Kingston SE

Best Large Town – Mount Gambier

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Full Awards Winners list page 3, 4 & 5.

Award	2011 Winner
Overall Winner	Mount Gambier
Small	Port Vincent
Medium	Kingston SE
Large	Mount Gambier
Regional Awards	
Mallee	Mundulla
Southern & Ranges	Victor Harbor
Mid North	Balaklava
Yorke Peninsula	Port Vincent
South East	Mount Gambier
Eyre Peninsula	Arno Bay
Flinders	Peterborough
Murray	Loxton
Outback	Roxby Downs
Category Awards	
Water Conservation	
Water Infrastructure Commendation	Ardrossan Progress Association
Water Infrastructure Commendation	Balaklava
Water Infrastructure	Eudunda
Water Infrastructure	Booleroo Centre District School
Changes in Water Use	Banrock Station Wine and Wetland Centre
Waste	
Waste Infrastructure (Litter, Recycling & Resource Recovery)	Kingston District Council
Waste Education	Wattle Range Council
Integration	Mount Gambier
Energy	
Energy Efficiency Initiatives	Port Vincent
Energy Efficiency Initiatives	City of Victor Harbor
Energy & Climate Change Education	Investigator College
Biodiversity	
Education	District Council of Mount Barker
Conservation Activities	Cornerstone College
Conservation Activities	Peterborough
Commendation	Salt Creek Primary School
Biodiversity Initiative	Stansbury Primary School and Stansbury Tidy Towns
Recyclers	
Recyclers Award	Bay Recyclers
Recyclers Award	Loxton Ice Works and Recycling Centre

Education & Innovation	
School Initiatives	Owen Primary School
School Initiatives	Booleroo Centre District School
School Initiatives	Investigator College
Education Initiatives	HETA Incorporated- Whyalla
Education Initiatives	Loxton Preschool Centre
Community Initiatives	Walk the Yorke - District Council of Yorke Peninsula
Community Initiatives	Victor Harbor
Commitment to the School Grounds Biodiversity	Watarru Anangu School
Commitment to Clean Community	Mimili School
Community Engagement	
Appearance	Stansbury
Appearance	Kingston SE
Appearance	Arno Bay
Local Government Partnerships	Roxby Downs Council
Commerce and Industry	Loxcare Inc
Commerce and Industry	Barry Maney Ford
Heritage and Culture	Goolwa
Heritage and Culture	Waikerie
Heritage and Culture	Peterborough
Community Engagement	Ardrossan Progress Association
Community Engagement	Arno Bay
Community Engagement	McDonald Park School
Community Spirit	Stockport
Community Initiative	Mundulla
Continuing Community Effort	Parndana
Continuing Community Effort	Kingscote
Sustainable Cities	
Water	City of Charles Sturt
Waste	City of Charles Sturt
Community Engagement	City of Norwood, Payneham & St Peters
Biodiversity	City of Playford
Energy	City of Charles Sturt
Education and Innovation	City of Norwood, Payneham & St Peters
Overall Winner	City of Charles Sturt
Clean Beaches Awards	Goolwa Beach

Community Commendation Awards	Nominated by
Keith Gowling	Ardrossan Progress Association
Kevin Sizer	Booloroo Centre District School
Josie Lord	Salt Creek Primary School
Leo Krieg	Brinkworth Progress Association
Ken Osterstock	DC of Yorke Peninsula and Stansbury Progress Association
Senior Constable 1st Class Paul Scicluna	City of Mount Gambier
Noel Bubner	Balaklava Tidy Towns
Colin and Joan Kelly	Port Vincent Tidy Towns and Progress Association
Margie Barnett	Cornerstone College
Greg Duggan	District Council of Peterborough
Barrie Davis	Loxton Preschool Centre
Judges Commendation	Organisation
Greg Muller	Lifetime Achievement Award
Barry Maney	Judges Commendation Award
Brian Koch	Judges Commendation Award
Water For Good	
Commendation	Manor Farm Scout Group
Commendation	Loxton Preschool Centre
Commendation	Waite Campus Childrens Centre
Commendation	Athlestone Schools
Commendation	Cowandilla Primary School
Commendation	Port Vincent Progress Association
Excellence Award	Gumeracha Primary School
Excellence Award	Barbara Kiker Memorial Kindergarten
Excellence Award	Urrbrae Agricultural High School
NRM Education Awards	
Biodiversity garden	Angaston Primary School
Food garden	Black Forest Primary School
Community engagement	Banksia Park Kindergarten
Engaging with Nature	Willunga Primary School
Youth voice approach	St. Joseph's – Hectorville
Youth voice approach	Christies Beach High School
Environmental Theme Approach	Encounter Lutheran School
Education for Sustainability Approach	Immanuel Lutheran School Gawler
Education for Sustainability Approach	Waite Campus Children's Centre
Education for Sustainability Approach	Somerton Park Kindy



From left - MP for Taylor, Leesa Vlahos, Barry Maney, Anna Lambden, Greg Muller, KESAB Sustainable Communities Programs Manager - Alex Hammett, KESAB Chairperson - Ashley Watson