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Excitement builds as finalists announced for the 2024 Keep Australia Beautiful NSW Sustainable Cities Awards

Keep Australia Beautiful NSW (KAB NSW) is thrilled to announce the finalists for the 2024 Sustainable Cities Awards. This year's competition has seen an exceptional level of entries from a diverse range of organisations and individuals, all dedicated to creating a more sustainable future for metropolitan Sydney.

Since its inception in 1994, the Sustainable Cities Awards program has been instrumental in recognizing and rewarding the incredible efforts of metropolitan Sydney Councils, community groups, businesses, schools, and individuals who are leading the way in sustainable practices and initiatives.

“The quality of entries in this year's competition has been outstanding, showcasing the innovative and impactful projects and actions being undertaken across Sydney,” said Val Southam, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director of Keep Australia Beautiful NSW. “I would like to congratulate all the finalists and entrants for their dedication to creating a more sustainable city for present and future generations.”

The Sustainable Cities Awards Program plays a vital role in celebrating and acknowledging the extraordinary contributions of all those who have entered this year's awards. The program recognises the importance of sustainability in every aspect of city life and aims to inspire others to follow in the footsteps of these trailblazing individuals and organisations.

The winners of the 2024 Sustainable Cities Awards will be announced on Thursday 10 October at the Sustainable Cities Awards Luncheon, hosted by the 2023 Overall Award Winner, Penrith City Council, at the Log Cabin in Penrith.

The awards are hosted by Keep Australia Beautiful NSW with support from the NSW Environment Protection Authority, Penrith City Council and Red Energy. For more information about the awards please visit: <https://www.kabnsw.org.au/awards/2024sustainablecitiesevent/>.

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2024 KAB NSW Sustainable Cities Awards Finalists

CATEGORY	FINALISTS
Biodiversity Conservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Little Penguin Education Video</i> Sydney Coastal Councils Group Inc. • <i>Artificial Hollows - A new novel approach</i> City of Parramatta Council • <i>'Canopy of Life' Tree Festival</i> Willoughby City Council • <i>On the Verge</i> Lane Cove Council • <i>Fungi of Randwick - Pocket guide</i> RCC Bushland and Coast Walk Unit • <i>Wildlife Protection in Key Bushland Areas</i> Georges River Council • <i>Bayside Urban Forest Strategy 2032</i> Bayside Council
Circular Economy (Sponsored by NSW EPA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mattress Shredding and Recycling</i> Liverpool City Council • <i>Closing the Gap in Recycling Soft Plastics</i> Blue Mountains City Council in partnership with RecycleSmart • <i>Let's ReDirect Timber out of Landfill</i> Northern Beaches Council • <i>50Yrs Contributing to the Circular Economy</i> Reverse Garbage Co-operative LTD • <i>Wear-up</i> Sustainability Team at City of Parramatta • <i>Paving from recycled glass and plastic</i> Blacktown City Council – Asset Team
Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation (Sponsored by Red Energy)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Environmental Sustainability Calculator</i> Georges River Council • <i>Camden: Towards Net Zero</i> Camden Council • <i>A Net Zero Emissions and Resilient City</i> Blacktown City Council • <i>CoP Phases Out Damaging Refrigerants</i> City of Parramatta • <i>AI Flood Detection System</i> Bayside Council • <i>Embedding Climate Resilience</i> City of Canada Bay Council Sustainability Team • <i>Lane Cove Council's Renewables program</i> Lane Cove Council

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Communication and Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Bulldogs Bulky Waste Mini Campaign</i> Canterbury Bankstown Council • <i>Flow Forward: Building waterway warriors</i> Blacktown City Council • <i>Multi Engagement for Multi-Unit Dwellings</i> Blacktown City Council • <i>Apartment Living Program</i> Hornsby Shire Council • <i>Trees for Mum</i> Penrith City Council • <i>Empowering MUD communities to recycle more</i> City of Canada Bay, Resource Recovery Team • <i>Designing with Country Framework</i> Parramatta River Catchment Group • <i>'Canopy of Life' Tree Festival</i> Willoughby City Council
Community Spirit and Inclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Hornsby Local Waste Champions</i> Hornsby Shire Council Waste Branch • <i>Auburn Hospital Recycling for the Future</i> The Auburn Hospital Recycling Team • <i>Aboriginal Survival Memorial</i> Inner West Council • <i>Storytime, Livvi's Place, & Livvi's Café</i> Touched by Olivia Foundation • <i>Designing with Country Framework</i> Parramatta River Catchment Group • <i>Riverfest</i> Parramatta River Catchment Group • <i>Reclamation of TUCG "Broadacre" Garden</i> Tahmoor Uniting Community Garden
Heritage and Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>LPMP Remembrance Garden</i> Liverpool City Council and Office of Australian War Graves • <i>Urban Night Sky Place Project</i> Northern Beaches Council • <i>Makers Space with Tarni Eastwood</i> Blacktown Arts • <i>Designing with Country Framework</i> Parramatta River Catchment Group
Litter Prevention (Sponsored by NSW EPA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Strategic Approach to Litter in Cumberland</i> Cumberland City Council • <i>Friends of Toongabbie Creek</i> Friends of Toongabbie Creek • <i>Keep the Turf out of the Surf</i> Seabin Foundation

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Liveable Cities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Guildford Laneway Revitalisation</i> Cumberland City Council • <i>Sustainability Review of the Lane Cove DCP</i> Lane Cove Council • <i>Penrith's City Park</i> Penrith City Council • <i>Our Living River Mission</i> Parramatta River Catchment Group (PRCG) • <i>Clean Up Cumberland</i> Cumberland City Council • <i>Georges River Council E-Scooter Trial 2024</i> Georges River Council
Resource Recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mattress Shredding and Recycling</i> Liverpool City Council • <i>Reuse & Recycling Event Series</i> Northern Beaches Council • <i>We Give a FUD – FOGO in MUDs Rollout</i> Penrith City Council • <i>FOGO: Let's do it together!</i> Inner West Council • <i>Innovation & Excellence at Thornleigh CRC</i> Hornsby Shire Waste Strategy, Projects and Education Team • <i>The Plastic Free Collective</i> Addi Road, TAFE NSW, and NSW EPA • <i>Re-homing Corporate Items</i> City of Parramatta
Waste Avoidance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Second Hand Hornsby</i> Hornsby Shire Council • <i>Saturday Circle</i> Randwick City Council • <i>Lane Cove Goes Circular</i> Lane Cove Council • <i>Edible Gardens in Ryde Schools</i> City of Ryde • <i>Growing Together for a Greener Future</i> Kids Early Learning Lalor Park – Blacktown City Council • <i>Worms and Waste Reduction Project</i> Belrose Community and Children's Centre • <i>Avoiding Waste Together at The Hub</i> Inner West Council • <i>Boomerang Bags Parramatta</i> Boomerang Bags Parramatta

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Waterways and Marine Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Little Penguin Education Video</i> Sydney Coastal Councils Group • <i>Nepean River Restoration</i> Camden Council • <i>Water Wise - Water Conservation Project</i> Communities in Fellowship Together • <i>Keep Sediment on Site</i> Blacktown City Council • <i>Get the Site Right</i> Parramatta River Catchment Group • <i>Sydney Harbour Cleaner Waters Initiative</i> North Sydney Council • <i>Ocean Health Course</i> Seabin Foundation
Young Legends	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Madeleine Hayen, Sustainability Leadership</i> International Grammar School • <i>Wheeler Heights Sustainability Leaders</i> Wheeler Heights Public School • <i>Stormwater Saver</i> Caddies Creek Public School • <i>Waste Free Warriors!</i> Picnic Point Public School • <i>Airds Guardians</i> Airds High School • <i>RPS: Robustly Practicing Sustainability</i> Regentville Public School • <i>Our pet worms</i> Belrose Children's Centre
Overall Sustainable Cities Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bayside Council • Blacktown City Council • Georges River Council • Hornsby Shire Council • Inner West Council • Lane Cove Council • City of Parramatta

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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.