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Randwick City shines as the state's most Sustainable City for 2022

Keep Australia Beautiful NSW has announced **Randwick City Council** as the overall winner of the **Keep Australia Beautiful NSW 2022 Sustainable Cities Awards** at an event on 11 October hosted by the 2021 Sustainable Cities Award winner, City of Canada Bay.

Randwick City Council was also the winner of the *Renewable Energy* category for its 'Sustainability Rebates for our Community' project.

In 2022, Randwick excelled, bringing together a superior suite of long- and short-term programs and impressive and innovative initiatives. Randwick has very effectively showcased sustainability programs developed and implemented over several years, culminating in being acknowledged as the leader in sustainability across the greater Sydney region.

Peter Clark, Keep Australia Beautiful NSW (KAB NSW) Sustainable Cities Assessor, observed that Randwick Council excels as leaders by example, showcasing in real terms and in practical ways the benefits of a sustainability focused choices and lifestyle which the community is encouraged to adopt.

"Randwick has a very vibrant, committed and dynamic volunteer community which works across a diverse range of sustainability initiatives. A special focus is on greening the area and programs across composting, revegetation, critical habit management, wetlands and waterways as well as community education across many sustainability projects," added Mr Clark.

The event, hosted by KAB NSW and the 2021 winner, City of Canada Bay, with the support of NSW EPA, were held at Oliveto Ristorante & Bar in Rhodes.

These important Awards recognise and support the achievements of Councils and their communities who are actively working towards making Sydney a model for sustainable practices.

Val Southam, CEO of KAB NSW, believes that the Sustainable Cities Awards inspire councils and communities to make a genuine and lasting contribution to their area, building strong partnerships between local authorities, businesses, community groups, schools and individuals.

"This year, the overall standard of entries was much higher than in recent years," said Ms Southam.

"Overall scores across the categories were quite high and in several cases the gap between a winner and highly commended was quite a small percentage.

"This year's Overall winner, Randwick City Council, has very effectively showcased sustainability programs developed and implemented over several years, culminating in being acknowledged as the leader in sustainability across the greater Sydney region."

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KAB NSW 2022 Sustainable Cities Winners and Highly Commended Table

CATEGORY	WINNER	HIGHLY COMMENDED
Resource Recovery & Waste Minimisation	Pathway to Zero Waste City of Canada Bay Council	Wollondilly moving to zero waste events Wollondilly Shire Council
Sponsored by NSW EPA		MediDivert: Lifesaving not Landfilling MediDivert
Litter Prevention	Would you like litter with that? Blacktown City Council	
Sponsored by NSW EPA	SBK Sydney Harbour Conservation Project Sydney by Kayak	
Circular Economy	Recycled Glass in Road Base & Sub-base Canterbury Bankstown City Council	New Life for Old Rides Revolve ReCYCLING
Communication & Engagement	Seabin Sydney City Program Seabin Foundation	Community Circular Economy Waste Survey Bayside Council
Community Spirit & Inclusion	COVID-19 Safe Events Program Georges River Council – Community and Culture Directorate	
Heritage and Culture Award	Heritage Festival & Gai-Mariagal Events Ku-ring-gai Council	
Habitat & Wildlife Conservation	Fish Habitat Restoration - Resnagging Penrith City Council	Ku-ring-gai Heritage Festival Ku-ring-gai Council
Recycled Organics	Baby Steps with a Big Impact Penrith City Council	Composting and Worm Farming Regentville Public School: School Kitchen Gardens Woollahra Council - Kitchen to Compost Woollahra Council
Renewable Energy	Sustainability Rebates for our Community Randwick City Council	Lane Cove - Leading the Way Lane Cove Council
Waterways & Marine Protection	Seabin Foundation Ocean Health Lab Seabin Foundation	Harbourcare, Streamwatch & Waterbugs Open Space and Urban Services - Lane Cove Council
Young Legends	Planet Pens Ngamurur Class Northside Montessori School	Junior Rangers Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden
OVERALL SUSTAINABLE CITIES AWARD		
Finalist	Bayside Council	
Finalist	Georges River Council	
Finalist	Penrith City Council	
Finalist	Randwick City Council	
Winner	Randwick 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.