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2024 KAB NSW Sustainable Cities accolade goes to Blacktown

Blacktown City Council has been awarded the prestigious title of NSW Overall Sustainable Cities Winner for 2024, in recognition of its outstanding contributions to environmental sustainability and community engagement.

The 2024 Sustainable Cities awards were presented on 10th October at a KAB NSW function hosted by the by previous year's winner, Penrith City Council.

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.

In addition to the overall trophy, Blacktown also took out the *Communication & Engagement Award* for its Multi Engagement for Multi-Unit Dwellings project and the *Heritage & Culture Award* for Blacktown Arts Makers Space with Tarni Eastwood. Caddies Creek Public School, within the Blacktown LGA also received highly commended in the Young Legends category.

KAB NSW Sustainable Cities Assessor, Peter Clark, commended Blacktown's sustainability initiatives, stating, "Blacktown City Council's dedication to sustainability serves as an inspiring model for cities everywhere. The collaborative approach between Council and the community drives their various initiatives which is a testament to the power of community, innovation, and a shared vision for a sustainable future."

Val Southam, CEO of Keep Australia Beautiful NSW, commended Blacktown and all the other participants in the Sustainable Cities Awards, stating, "The Sustainable Cities Awards showcase the inspiring work being done by councils, organisations, and individuals across greater Sydney to create a more sustainable future. Blacktown's achievements are a testament to the positive impact that dedicated individuals and communities can have on the environment. Congratulations to Blacktown City Council and its community on this well-deserved recognition."

The awards program and event were held with the support of Penrith City Council, the NSW EPA, and Red Energy.

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KAB NSW 2024 Sustainable Cities Winners and Highly Commended Table

CATEGORY	WINNER	HIGHLY COMMENDED
Overall Sustainable Cities Award	Blacktown City Council	
Biodiversity Conservation	Artificial Hollows - A new novel approach City of Parramatta Council	On the Verge Lane Cove Council Wildlife Protection in Key Bushland Areas Georges River Council
Circular Economy (Sponsored by NSW EPA)	Mattress Shredding and Recycling Liverpool City Council	50 Years Contributing to the Circular Economy Reverse Garbage Co-operative
Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation (Sponsored by Red Energy)	AI Flood Detection System Bayside Council	Environmental Sustainability Calculator Georges River Council
Communication and Engagement	Multi Engagement for Multi-Unit Dwellings Blacktown City Council	Bulldogs Bulky Waste Mini Campaign Canterbury Bankstown Council Empowering MUD Communities to Recycle More City of Canada Bay, Resource Recovery Team
Community Spirit & Inclusion	Aboriginal Survival Memorial Inner West Council	Storytime, Livvi's Place, & Livvi's Café Touched by Olivia Foundation Designing with Country Framework Parramatta River Catchment Group
Heritage & Culture	Makers Space with Tarni Eastwood Blacktown Arts	Urban Night Sky Place Project Northern Beaches Council LPMP Remembrance Garden Liverpool City Council and Office of Australian War Graves
Litter Prevention (Sponsored by NSW EPA)	<u>Clean Communities</u> Friends of Toongabbie Creek Friends of Toongabbie Creek <u>Clean Waterways</u> Keep the Turf Out of the Surf Seabin Foundation	<u>Clean Communities</u> Strategic Approach to Litter in Cumberland Cumberland City Council
Liveable Cities	Guildford Laneway Revitalisation Cumberland City Council	Our Living River Mission Parramatta River Catchment Group

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Resource Recovery	We Give a FUD – FOGO in MUDs Rollout Penrith City Council	Innovation & Excellence at Thornleigh CRC Hornsby Shire Waste Strategy, Projects and Education Team
Waste Avoidance	Avoiding Waste Together at The Hub Inner West Council	Saturday Circle Randwick City Council
Waterways and Marine Protection	Nepean River Restoration Camden Council	Ocean Health Course Seabin Foundation
Young Legends	Airds Guardians Airds High School	Stormwater Saver Caddies Creek Public School RPS: Robustly Practicing Sustainability Regentville Public School

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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.