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Celebrating Urban Sustainability: Finalists Announced for the 2025 Keep Australia Beautiful NSW Sustainable Cities Awards

Keep Australia Beautiful NSW (KAB NSW) is proud to announce the finalists for the 2025 Sustainable Cities Awards, a program that continues to spotlight the people, projects and partnerships working to build a cleaner, greener and more resilient metropolitan Sydney.

Now in its 31st year, the Sustainable Cities Awards program honours the outstanding achievements of councils, community groups, businesses, schools, and individuals who are tackling sustainability challenges head-on—through innovation, collaboration and community engagement.

“Every year, we are inspired by the depth of commitment and creativity shown by those striving to make Sydney more sustainable,” said Val Southam, CEO of KAB NSW. “The 2025 finalists represent the very best in urban environmental leadership, and we are thrilled to recognise their efforts.”

From grassroots campaigns to large-scale environmental programs, this year’s entries reflect a powerful momentum in metropolitan areas toward net zero goals, circular economy initiatives, biodiversity protection, and inclusive community engagement.

The Sustainable Cities Awards not only celebrate achievement but also seek to inspire action, highlighting the positive impact that individuals and organisations can have when sustainability becomes part of daily city life.

Winners will be announced at the 2025 Sustainable Cities Awards Luncheon on Thursday, 6 November, proudly hosted by 2024 Overall Award Winner Blacktown City Council and sponsored by Origin Zero at Sydney Zoo in Eastern Creek.

The KAB NSW Sustainable Cities Awards Program is made possible through the generous support of the NSW Environment Protection Authority, and Red Energy.

For more information about the awards please visit:

<https://www.kabnsw.org.au/awards/2025sustainablecitiesevent/>

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2025 KAB NSW Sustainable Cities Awards Finalists

CATEGORY	FINALISTS
Biodiversity Conservation	• <i>Wildlife Protection Areas</i> Lane Cove Council • <i>Cooling the Schools</i> Greening Australia • <i>Walk on Wangal Nature Trail</i> City of Canada Bay • <i>Cumberland Woody Meadow Project</i> Cumberland City Council – Environment & Resource Recovery • <i>Biodiversity Strategy 2023 to 2033</i> Blacktown City Council - Greenspace Services
Circular Economy (Sponsored by NSW EPA)	• <i>Mattress Shredding and Recycling</i> Liverpool City Council - Circular Economy Team • <i>Microfactory</i> Liverpool City Council - Circular Economy Team • <i>Buckle Up Recycling Child Car Safety Seats</i> Georges River Council • <i>Banners to Bags Program</i> Cumberland City Council
Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation (Sponsored by Red Energy)	• <i>Cumberland Cool Carpark</i> Cumberland City Council • <i>ROW - Recovery on Wheels</i> Penrith City Council and Hawkesbury City Council • <i>Wisemans Ferry Community Resilience Plan</i> Hornsby Shire Council
Communication and Engagement	• <i>Next Generation Waste Education Kids Tour</i> City of Newcastle • <i>The Liverpool CRC Excursion Program</i> Liverpool City Council - Circular Economy Team • <i>Weaving Climate Stories</i> Lane Cove Council • <i>"Bin it Right" Campaign</i> Northern Beaches Council • <i>Blacktown Big Ideas Environment Challenge</i> Blacktown City Council • <i>From Infectious Fails to Five Star Nails</i> Blacktown City Council - Environmental Health • <i>Youth Week Climate & Biodiversity Forum</i> Sutherland Shire Council • <i>Lane Cove Seed Library</i> Lane Cove Library • <i>Let's Sort It Bayside</i> Bayside Council • <i>Summer Foreshore Program 2024/25</i> Bayside Council • <i>Georges River Binfluencing Campaign</i> Georges River Council • <i>Sustainadilly Workshop Program</i> Wollondilly Shire Council • <i>#SayHighForest</i> Hornsby Shire Council

Community Spirit and Inclusion	• <i>BCC Bushcare and Nursery Volunteer Program</i> Blacktown City Council - Greenspace Services • <i>Bidwill Reserve Advocacy</i> Bidwill Uniting • <i>Mana and Kaimana</i> Blacktown City Council - Emerton Youth Recreation Centre • <i>The Wellbeing Project - My Neighbourhood</i> North West Community Services • <i>Learn, Fix, Ride!</i> Bayside Council • <i>New-Bub Bushcare</i> Hornsby Shire Council • <i>Only About Children Childcare Relocation</i> Randwick City Council
Heritage and Culture	• <i>Former Liverpool Courthouse Restoration</i> Liverpool City Council • <i>The 12 Beetles of Christmas</i> Lane Cove Council • <i>The Naming of Things Yarning Circles</i> Blacktown Arts and Uncle Chris Tobin
Litter Prevention (Sponsored by NSW EPA)	• <i>Hawkesbury Litter Prevention Program</i> Hawkesbury City Council • <i>Tackling Northern Beaches Fishing Litter</i> OzFish and Northern Beaches Council • <i>Satyam Ghaat - Litter Prevention</i> Liverpool City Council
Liveable Cities	• <i>Philimona Gardens</i> Liverpool City Council and Phillips Marler • <i>Gipps Street Recreation Precinct</i> Penrith City Council • <i>Hawkins Hall Community Centre Upgrade</i> Hornsby Shire Council • <i>Resilient Bayside</i> Bayside Council • <i>Empowering Women and CALD Communities</i> City of Parramatta
Plastic Free Communities	• <i>Randwick's Eco Living Festival</i> Randwick City Council - Sustainability
Resource Recovery	• <i>Less Bins, More Wins: Waste Revitalisation</i> Penrith City Council • <i>Solved! Public Place Recycling</i> Sutherland Shire Council

Waste Avoidance	• <i>Project Less to Landfill</i> Wheeler Heights Public School Sustainability Program • <i>Second-Hand Markets: Circularity in Action</i> Hornsby Shire Council • <i>Angle Park Beach Access and Remediation</i> Liverpool City Council • <i>Creating Sustainable Cities</i> Auburn Hospital Sustainability Team • <i>ReVIVE and ReCYCLE</i> Penrith City Council • <i>'Crook'ed Waste</i> Kaye & Andrew Crook • <i>How Low Can You Go?</i> Sutherland Shire Council
Waterways and Marine Protection	• <i>Healthy Waterways Multicultural Workshop</i> Advanced Diversity Services & Georges River Council • <i>Adopt a Beach Program</i> Surfrider Foundation Northern Beaches
Young Legends	• <i>36 Veterans Parade Wheeler Heights 2097</i> Wheeler Heights Public School Sustainability Program • <i>The Green Ripple Effect</i> Bayside Council • <i>Jannali Public School Green Team</i> Jannali Public School
Overall Sustainable Cities Award	• Bayside Council • Hornsby Shire Council • Liverpool Council • Penrith 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.