



The Banksia Sustainability Awards – Inspiring a Better Way of Living, and a Better Way of Working

The Banksia Awards is Australia's most prestigious and longest running sustainability awards program. We recognise Australia's innovative examples of sustainable research, practices and services – to create a mindset amongst Australians to expose them to the fact that sustainability does work and is the next step forward.

The 2014 Banksia Awards are open for entry.

As part of the 2014 Banksia Sustainability Awards program, the Australia's Minister for the Environment, the Hon Greg Hunt MP, is pleased to launch an inaugural award to recognise outstanding contributions made by Australians towards achieving a cleaner, healthier environment for a stronger Australia.

"The Environment Minister's Cleaner Environment Award recognises Australians working at a local level towards national environmental objectives," Mr. Hunt said. "They set a great example to us all".

To reflect the current sustainability area and issues, at the Banksia Foundation we continue to review the award categories. This results in new categories that reflect vital areas of innovation that will most contribute to Australia's successful future.

The new categories in 2014 include:

- Innovation in Social Infrastructure > \$100 Million *sponsored by*

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- Leadership in Citizenship and Communities
- Natural Capital
- Innovator of the Year *sponsored by Mirvac*
- Product Sustainability – through design, manufacture and use
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“The Banksia Awards are looking for initiatives that enhance the future of Australia in regards to issues such as food security, sustainable energy, water management, social inclusion, gender equality, management of biodiversity and ecosystems, and a move to resilient and productive cities”, commented Graz van Egmond CEO of the Banksia Foundation.

As a continuation of our relationship with Australia’s Sustainability in Business Conference and Exhibition (ASBCE), the Finalists’ Presentation will take place this year as part of ASBCE on the 15th of October.

At this year’s Award presentation, the finalists will be given an added opportunity in discussing their achievements at an all day event that will be conducted in partnership with Sustainable Business Australia. At the end of the day in Banksia’s traditional form we will celebrate the winners.

If you know anyone who deserves to be recognized for his or her sustainability achievements, or to enter, you can find more information on our website: www.banksiafdn.com.

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About The Banksia Foundation:

The Banksia Foundation is a national not-for-profit organisation, overseen by a national Board of Management, which promotes environmental excellence and sustainability through its Awards program and other associated initiatives. The Banksia Environmental Foundation was founded in 1989 by a diverse group of 44 Australians who shared a common goal to do more to support and recognise members of the community for their positive

contribution to the environment. More information about the Foundation or the Awards can be obtained from www.banksiafdn.com.

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