



## New South Wales Leads Australia in Sustainability Innovation and Leadership



**Banksia Sustainability Awards winners announced with NSW taking out the most awards although ACT snuck in and grabbed the Gold Banksia Award.**

It was New South Wales' moment of glory at this year's Banksia Sustainability Awards presentation. From Community initiatives like the Garage Sale Trail and the Indigenous Biocultural Knowledge Working Group through to LJ Hooker's Liveability Real Estate Framework and construction of the North West Rail Link, New South Wales demonstrated to the rest of Australia how important sustainability is to its future development.

However "the best of the best", the prestigious Gold Banksia Award was taken out by ACT Environment and Planning Directorate, for its Solar Auction program. The Banksia judges commented that ACT Solar's application demonstrated a standout leadership approach to stimulating large scale renewable energy deployment. This singularly innovative, multi-dimensional approach through the reverse auction

scheme was supported by strong business and community partnerships. The project demonstrates a clear commitment to the long term. This is clearly a substantial initiative for others to follow.

The Banksia Sustainability Awards now in its 26th year was established to identify leading initiatives such as these innovative award winners to illustrate to the Australian public that we are working towards a more sustainable Australia and that anyone can emulate these initiatives and join in making Australia not only the clever country but also one that does care about what we leave behind for our future generations.

The Winners of the 2014 Banksia Sustainability Awards are:-

The Banksia International Award Winner, *sponsored by Qantas*  
Sean Willmore

The Environment Ministers Award for a Cleaner Environment, *sponsored by the Australian Government*

Millicent Mill – Kimberly-Clark Australia and New Zealand, SA

The Richard Pratt Banksia CEO Award, *sponsored by the Pratt Foundation*

Damien Walsh, Managing Director, bankmecu, VIC

The Banksia Large Business Sustainability Leadership Award winner, *sponsored by the Office of the Environment and Heritage, NSW*

The GPT Group, NSW

The Banksia SMB Leadership Award winner, *sponsored by Australia Post*

Psoras – Leading by Doing, WA

The Banksia Local Government Sustainability Award winner, *sponsored by EY*

ACT Solar Auction - ACT Environment and Planning Directorate, ACT

The Banksia Innovation in Social Infrastructure > \$100 Million Award winner, *sponsored by Thiess*

Making it exemplar – the North West Rail Link Transport for NSW

The Banksia Leadership in Citizenship and Communities Award winner

Garage Sale Trail Foundation, NSW

The Banksia Sustainable Water Management Award winner, *sponsored by MMG*

The Barwon Water Biosolids Management, Plenary Group. VIC

The Banksia Natural Capital Award winner, *sponsored by NAB*  
Tasmanian Midlands Conservation Fund, Bush Heritage Australia and  
Tasmanian Land Conservancy, TAS

The Banksia Innovator of the Year Award winner, *sponsored by Mirvac*  
Better Building Partnerships – Model Leasing, Better Building Partnerships  
and City of Sydney NSW

The Banksia Education for Sustainability Award winner  
The Liveability Real Estate Framework, LJ Hooker, NSW

The Banksia Product Sustainability – through design, manufacture and use  
Award winner, *sponsored by Closed Loop*  
EarthCo Projects, Fostering a climate of collaboration to transform road  
maintenance problems into an environmentally, financially and socially  
sustainable solution, VIC

The Banksia Indigenous Leadership for Sustainability winner  
ACEAS, Indigenous Biocultural Knowledge (IBK) Working Group, NSW

## **The Gold Banksia Award winner**

ACT Solar Auction - ACT Environment and Planning Directorate,, ACT

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