



PRESS RELEASE

Australia's Leading Sustainability Stories Announced

The Finalists in the Banksia Sustainability Awards were announced today at an event entitled "Seeing The Future In The Present". This year Banksia is recognising fifty-seven finalists across fourteen different categories for their innovation, problem solving, leadership and extraordinary sustainability achievements.

The Banksia Sustainability Awards, now in their 27th year, are pleased to announce that Australia is providing a plethora of innovative approaches and practices in how we work, play, enjoy and maintain this spectacular country for future generations. Banksia's 2015 entrants also demonstrated the importance of having viable financial initiatives but not at the cost of social or environmental health. Whilst there is still a long way to go, the Banksia Sustainability Awards provide another vehicle to further recognise and promote a sustainable way forward.

The Banksia Foundation would like to congratulate all of the entrants on their unique leadership, passion, dedication and determination in seeking out innovative and sustainable solutions.

Banksia will be featuring their 2015 Finalists at Sustainable Development 2015 (SD2015) on November 13th at the Hotel Sofitel, Sydney. SD2015, an event in conjunction with Sustainable Business Australia, provides all Finalists with a platform to tell their "Sustainability Success Stories" before proceeding to the most anticipated event of the year, the Gala Cocktail Party, where the 2015 Banksia Sustainability Award Winners will be announced. Make sure you're apart of it, book tickets here:

<http://banksiafdn.com/awards-presentation/>

The 2015 Banksia Sustainability Finalists are:

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Banksia Education for Sustainability Award

Proudly sponsored by Kimberly-Clark Australia and New Zealand

The Banksia Education for Sustainability Award recognises leadership and achievement in raising awareness and understanding of sustainability issues, promoting tangible change in values and behaviour in support of sustainability throughout a selected target audience.

Global Water Cooperation - A means for educators to address local and global environment issues

Bentleigh West Primary School, VIC

Grown and Gathered - Educating from the ground up towards sustainable food systems and a bright future!

Grown and Gathered, VIC

Kamila Krauze

Glen Huntly Primary School, VIC

ResourceSmart Schools

Sustainability Victoria, VIC

Mirboo North Secondary College Enviro Team and Landcare Cadets

Mirboo North Secondary College, VIC

Banksia Food for Sustainable Thought Award

Proudly sponsored by Closed Loop and KFC Australia

The Banksia Food for Sustainable Thought Award recognises demonstrated leadership, innovation and achievement in addressing matters of food security through sustainable food practices in the areas of distribution, storage, packaging, retailing, education, waste management and preparation.

Saffron, NT

Australian Dairy Industry Sustainability Framework: Making dairy food sustainable for the long term

Dairy Australia (on behalf of the Australian Dairy Industry Council), VIC

Banksia Indigenous Leadership for Sustainability Award

The Banksia Indigenous Leadership for Sustainability Award recognises demonstrated leadership and innovation in the care of land and waterways, capacity building of the local community and enhancing long term growth.

Lirrwi Yolngu Tourism Aboriginal Corporation, NT

Tiwi Fire Ant Eradication Program

Tiwi Land Rangers in partnership with CSIRO and Tiwi Plantations Corporation, NT

Banksia Innovator of the Year Award

Proudly sponsored by Mirvac

The Innovator of the Year Award recognises an individual (or team) that has best demonstrated innovation in taking an initiative from a concept, through collaborative research and the quick adoption of the findings, to making the concept a commercial reality.

Sky News: 'Smart Money with Jon Dee'

Sky News, NSW

UNSW Solar Racing Team Sunswift, NSW

Planet Ark & GreenChip – Packaging Recyclability Evaluation Portal (PREP)

Planet Ark Environmental Foundation in partnership with GreenChip Pty. Ltd, NSW

The Perth Wave Energy Project

Carnegie Wave Energy Limited, WA

Ferrero Australia in partnership with BioGill

Ferrero Australia Pty Ltd, NSW

ecostore Carbon Capture packaging

ecostore Australia, VIC

Data Analytics in the Built Environment

CIM Environmental Group, NSW

Banksia Large Business Sustainability Leadership Award

Proudly sponsored by NSW Government Office of Environment and Heritage

The Banksia Large Business Sustainability Leadership Award recognises fully integrated sustainable principles and practices into operational business activities, reducing the organisation's footprint and adding value to society.

Qantas
Qantas Airways, NSW

IAG - creating safer, stronger and more confident communities
IAG, NSW

The Kathmandu Effect
Kathmandu Ltd, VIC

Australia Post - embedding environmental sustainability across the business to help our people, customers and community build a better environment
Australia Post, VIC

De Bortoli Wines: The journey to becoming 'The Zero Waste Winery'
De Bortoli Wines, NSW

Mindful Movement

Proudly sponsored by RACV

The Banksia Mindful Movement Award recognises demonstrated leadership and achievement across all social, economical and environmental dimensions whilst implementing innovative ways of reducing the impacts associated with the transportation of people and/or good

UNSW Solar Racing Team Sunswift, NSW

Sustainable Fleet Program
City of Sydney, NSW

RAC Electric Highway(R)
RAC WA, WA

Natural Capital Award

Proudly sponsored by NAB

The Banksia Natural Capital Award recognises demonstrated leadership and innovation in the sustainable management of renewable resources (e.g. agricultural crops, vegetation, wildlife) and non-renewable resources (e.g. fossil fuels and mineral deposits).

Peel-Harvey Catchment Council's Ramsar Initiative
Peel-Harvey Catchment Council, WA

Gluepot Reserve - A reserve With a Difference
BirdLife Australia Gluepot Reserve, SA

Australian Dairy Industry Sustainability Framework: Enhancing livelihoods, improving wellbeing, reducing environmental impact
Dairy Australia (on behalf of the Australian Dairy Industry Council), VIC

Macquarie Island Pest Eradication Project
Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service, TAS

Tweed Byron Koala Connections
Tweed Shire Council, NSW

Small to Medium Business Sustainability Leadership Award
Proudly sponsored by Australia Post

The Banksia Small to Medium Business Sustainability Leadership Award recognises a business that demonstrates leadership by fully integrating sustainability principles and practices into operational business activities and reducing the organisation's footprint. Also demonstrating societal value adds through its practices.

Serendipity Ice Cream, NSW

Australian Ethical Investment, NSW

Tahbilk Winery, VIC

Kalleske Wines Pty Ltd, SA

Kooweerup Regional Health Service, VIC

Smart Technology Award

The Banksia Smart Technology Award recognises demonstrated leadership and innovation in the development and application of technology, which directly promotes a more sustainable world. The Award covers all dimensions of sustainability including environmental performance, social wellbeing and economic development

Sustain Me Group, VIC

Robotics for sustainable row crop farming
ACFR, The University of Sydney, NSW

A New Generation Flood Emergency Decision Support System - Integration of Natural Hazards Management in Sustainable Growth
Gold Coast City Council, QLD

Southern Oil Refining: Northern Oil Refinery
Southern Oil Refining, QLD

Sustainability in Design, Build Award: Buildings, Landscapes and Infrastructure Projects

The Banksia Sustainability in Design, Build –Buildings, Landscapes and Infrastructure Projects Award recognises the entry that best demonstrates leadership and innovation by integrating sustainable principles and practices in the design, construction and retrofitting of building and infrastructure projects.

Bairnsdale Library
NOWarchitecture, VIC

Canberra Airport's Airvolution
Canberra Airport, ACT

Regional Rail Link Authority, VIC

Barangaroo Reserve by Lendlease
Lendlease, NSW

Sustainability in Design, Build: Products

The Banksia Sustainability in Design, Build Award: Products recognises outstanding achievement in improving sustainability through the design, manufacture and commercial

application of a product/s. It includes new products as well as improvements in process or design that improve the sustainability of existing products.

Polystat
Casafico, VIC

Fieldtech Solutions
Fieldtech Solutions, VIC

Sustainable Communities Award

The Banksia Sustainable Communities Award recognises a group or individual that has demonstrated strong local capacity building and implementation of locally relevant solutions, measurably enhancing the long-term social, economic and environmental status of the community.

ClearSky Solar Investments
ClearSky Solar Investments, NSW

Grown & Gathered - Empowering Community Through Sustainable Food Systems
and a Bright Future
Grown & Gathered, VIC

Moreland Energy Foundation, VIC

Avoid Island Project
Queensland Trust for Nature, QLD

Overcoming barriers to effective household kerbside garden and food organics
recovery
Goulburn Valley Waste and Resource Recovery Group in partnership with Moira
Shire, VIC

Sustainable Water Management Award

Proudly sponsored by MMG

The Banksia Sustainable Water Management Award recognises demonstrated leadership and innovation in assuring continued environment and community access, both today and by future generations, to quality freshwater resources and vibrant marine environments.

Managing the Swan River During the Development of Elizabeth Quay
Leighton Broad, WA

Getting things done in South Australia - the evolution of South Australian River
Murray Sustainability Program (SARMS)
Primary Industries and Regions, SA

Protecting the Health of the Gippsland Lakes - "Macalister Nutrient Reduction
Program
Southern Rural Water, VIC

Farm Water Program
Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority, VIC

The Richard Pratt Banksia CEO Award

Proudly sponsored by Visy

The Richard Pratt Banksia CEO Award recognises an individual executive's contribution towards the economic, social and environmental sustainability achievements of the organisation or company they work for and which has collateral benefits for the globe.

Amanda McKenzie - The Climate Council
The Climate Council, NSW

Mark Ryan
Tassal, TAS

Robbert Rietbroek - Driving Excellence in Sustainability
Kimberly-Clark Australia, NSW

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Key Facts and Figures

Announcement of the National 2015 Banksia Sustainability Award Finalists - 56 finalists across 14 Award Categories. The Winners will be announced at SD2015 on November 13 2015.

About

The Banksia Foundation is a well-established not-for-profit organisation in Australia, dedicated to working with industry and community to create an array of platforms to focus attention on the recognition of excellence in sustainability. The Banksia Foundation was founded in 1989 in Melbourne by a diverse group of 44 Australians, who shared a common goal; to support and recognise members of the community for their positive contribution to the environment. Today, Banksia is a strong and expanding brand and it's Awards program, the Banksia Sustainability Awards, are regarded as the most prestigious and longest running environmental awards in Australia. The 2015 Banksia Sustainability Awards comprise of 17 Awards rewarding individuals, community, business and government for their innovation, achievement and commitment to sustainability. For further information go to www.banksiafdn.com

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