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## **Banksia finalists herald bright future for sustainability in Australia**

The line-up of finalists for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Banksia National Sustainability Awards – Australia’s longest running and most prestigious sustainability awards – is more diverse and dynamic than ever, the CEO of the Banksia Foundation, Graz van Egmond, announced today.

From a start-up with a revolutionary technology for infinitely recycling plastic waste to a global cosmetics company working on gender equity, a changemaker redesigning the food system and a reality TV show that celebrates sustainable design, this year’s finalists are changing life in Australia, for the better.

“The future of sustainable development in Australia is bright. It is fantastic to see such a wide range of inspiring initiatives and an outstanding group of innovative leaders for sustainability,” Ms van Egmond says.

“The finalists share a drive to empower individuals to make a difference, whether that be ensuring decision-makers have tools to operate sustainably or offering customers products that won’t harm the environment.”

The finalists across 15 categories include people and organisations that are designing the future of cities, forging pathways to carbon net zero and accelerating the transition to a circular economy.

The finalists also include:

- an eco-resort which offers unique nature-based tourism as well as protects and enhances the surrounding environment
- a research institute that is creating living seawalls using 3D printing technology to revive marine life
- a government initiative which uses recycled glass, asphalt and brick to build major road infrastructure
- a company harnessing the power of drone technology to pioneer autonomous environmental monitoring

This year, as a special offer by the Banksia Foundation, presentations by the finalists can be viewed online for free. See [here](#) for the schedule of presentations and a registration link to join the sessions.

The winners of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Banksia National Sustainability Awards will be announced at a gala event at the Melbourne Convention and Entertainment Centre on 31 March.



Australia's Chief Scientist Dr Cathy Foley will be the guest speaker. Tickets to attend this special in person event are available [here](#).

Established 33 years ago, the Banksia Sustainability Awards recognise individuals, communities, businesses and government for innovation and excellence in environmental and social stewardship.

A list of all the finalists and their inspiring projects is available [here](#) on the Banksia website.

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