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Woolworths wins gold, sustainability leaders recognised at Banksia Awards

Woolworths Group has won the coveted Gold Banksia Award at last night's (23 March) 34th Banksia National Sustainability Awards - Australia's longest running and most prestigious sustainability awards.

The winners range from Australia's largest retailer, serving 22 million customers per week across 1,400 stores, to government agencies, community leaders, non-profit organisations and small businesses from across Australia.

Woolworths won the Gold Banksia Award and Large Business Sustainable Leadership Award for its work in driving "one of the deepest transformational programs" seen in an Australian company in recent years.

Another notable winner is the Queensland non-profit, Reef and Rainforest Research Centre, which picked up both the Biodiversity Award and the Agriculture & Regional Development Award for pest management on the Great Barrier Reef.

Other award winners include:

- A Victorian movement with more than 80 volunteers providing warm, tasty meals for homeless and disadvantaged youth;
- An Indigenous-owned and led for-purpose organisation in Western Australia offering software to protect Indigenous culture and manage country;
- A Sydney lawyer-turned human rights adviser who has transformed the role of procurement to be a powerful force for good;
- A private Tasmanian forest manager leading the way in natural capital reporting;
- A Sydney-based organisation turning carbon dioxide into building materials and other valuable products.

The winners of 15 awards were announced at a gala event, attended by more than 350 guests, finalists and winners at the Melbourne Convention and Entertainment Centre last night (Thursday, 23 March).

Banksia Foundation CEO Graz van Egmond said the winners were drawn from a record number of entries, demonstrating optimism and hope for a brighter future despite fears for the economy in the short term.

"These are Australia's brightest leaders, changemakers and innovators who are making a positive impact on our world," Ms van Egmond said.

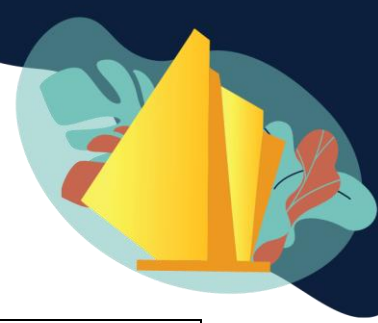
Established 34 years ago, the Banksia National Sustainability Awards recognise individuals, communities, businesses and government for their innovation and excellence in environmental and social stewardship.

A full list of the winners and their projects can be found [here](#) and on the next page.

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Award	Winner	About
Agriculture & Regional Development Award	Reef and Rainforest Research Centre	Delivering a paradigm shift in our ability to defend coral and biodiversity on the Great Barrier Reef: Integrated Pest Management of a marine pest. More here
Biodiversity Award	Reef and Rainforest Research Centre	Delivering a paradigm shift in our ability to defend coral and biodiversity on the Great Barrier Reef: Integrated Pest Management of a marine pest. More here
Circular Transition Award	MCI Carbon	MCI Carbon transforms carbon dioxide into building materials and other valuable products for the circular economy. More here
Diversity and Inclusion Award	Ventia	Ventia specialises in the long-term operation, maintenance, and management of critical public and private assets and infrastructure. More here
Sustainable Leadership in the eCommerce & reCommerce Industry Award	The Daily Routine	Introducing The Daily Routine: Daily essentials for a luxurious eco-lifestyle - on repeat! More here
Ethical Sourcing Award	Philip Chan	Philip Chan has transformed the role of procurement to be a powerful force for good, developing a sector-leading approach to ethical and sustainable supply chains at the University of Sydney. More here
First Nations Leading a Sustainable Future Award	The Keeping Place	The Keeping Place is an Indigenous-owned and led, for purpose organisation that is committed to supporting traditional owners and their representatives to protect cultural knowledge, manage country, and regain sovereignty of their data through a culturally considerate software platform. More here
Future Places Award	North Western Program Alliance	The Bell to Moreland Level Removal Crossing Project: from divisive rail corridor to vibrant, sustainable urban precinct. More here
Health and Wellbeing Award	Fire Rescue Victoria	Fire Rescue Victoria (FRV) has developed best practice mitigation initiatives to reduce the prevalence of per- and



		polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in the firefighting industry, the community and the environment across Victoria, Australia, and around the world. More here
Large Business Sustainable Leadership Award	Woolworths Group	Woolworths Group is Australia's largest retailer. It recognises the actions taken today, together with its customers, team and partners, can create a better tomorrow and have a positive impact on generations to come. More here
Marketing and Communications for Impact Award	Paradigm Foods	Paradigm Foods believes in making meat better. It champions the stories of farmers through its brands and connects with customers to share the origins of where their meat comes from. More here
Net Zero Leadership Award	Metrics Credit Partners Pty Ltd	Metrics Credit Partners is an Australian non-bank corporate lender and alternative asset manager specialising in fixed income, private credit, equity and capital markets. More here
SME Sustainable Leadership Award	Forico Pty Limited	Forico, a private Tasmanian forest manager, is leading the way in natural capital reporting through understanding and communicating the value of dependencies and impacts on the natural world. More here
Sustainable Tourism Award	Passions of Paradise	Passions of Paradise is an owner-operated tour operator turning tourists into conservationists. More here
Young Changemakers Award	Alex Makes Meals	Alex Makes Meals is a food-based charity that provides free meals and connections for vulnerable people in the community. Through food relief and care, it helps to provide a positive difference to the lives of people in Melbourne. More here
Gold Award	Woolworths Group	Woolworths Group is Australia's largest retailer. It recognises the actions taken today, together with its customers, team and partners, can create a better tomorrow and have a positive impact on generations to come.



About the [Banksia Foundation](#)

The Banksia Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation that believes in the power of social and environment impact through community engagement and sustainable businesses practices. It recognises and encourages sustainability excellence with awards, showcases changemakers and start-ups that inspire and enable sustainability innovation, and builds purposeful communities for sustainable development across Australia.

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