

**ITEM MAYORAL MINUTE - KEEP AUSTRALIA BEAUTIFUL
 NATIONAL AWARDS**

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REPORT

On Monday, 18 November, the winners of the Keep Australia Beautiful, Australian Sustainable Cities Awards 2013 were announced in the City of Cockburn, WA.

The City of Canada Bay was crowned with the Water Conservation award for our Water for Our Community project, which harvests and recycles stormwater for the irrigation of public open space such as parks, sports ovals and golf courses. The system saves an estimated 9 million litres of water per year.

We also took home the highly commended Heritage and Culture Award and highly commended for Young Legends award.

The Heritage and Culture Award recognised “Our Local Heritage” cross-departmental heritage project which includes “Neighbourhood Stories” in North Strathfield; “Growing Up in Canada Bay” and “Innovations and Inventions in Canada Bay”.

The Young Legends award was in recognition of our Sustainable Schools network with programs like kNow Waste, EnviroMentors and Australian Youth Climate Coalition’s (AYCC) “Start the Switch” Summit.

Peter McLean, the National Executive Officer of Keep Australia Beautiful said: *“it’s pleasing to see another year of high calibre National finalists. Each finalist exhibited strong innovation and partnerships which contributed to outstanding community sustainability outcomes.”*

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the joint efforts of our community and Council staff for their ongoing hard work and dedication in delivering these innovative programs. It is wonderful to see our Council punch well above its weight with programs that are recognised on a national level up against much larger Councils.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council note the award achievements of our Council at the Keep Australia Beautiful, Australian Sustainable Cities Awards 2013.

