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UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
World Environment Day Awards 2012
FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

Schools, large and small businesses, journalists, local councils and community groups are among the finalists in this year's United Nations Association of Australia World Environment Day Awards announced today (see attached list for all finalists).

Held as part of celebrations for the United Nations' World Environment Day (5 June), these Awards recognise innovative and outstanding environmental programs and initiatives from across Australia and the important work of Australian environmental leaders. This year the Awards celebrate the International Year for Sustainable Energy for All and United Nations World Environment Day theme, 'Green Economy: Does it include you?'

The green economy, in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication, is also the theme for the upcoming United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) during which world leaders will convene to build global consensus on the green economy as a means to achieve sustainable development and poverty eradication.

More information about each of these inspiring and exceptional programs, initiatives and individuals can be found on the UNAA Victoria website: <http://www.unaavictoria.org.au/awards-programs/world-environment-day-awards/winners-finalists/>.

Award winners will be announced at the Awards Presentation Dinner at the Grand Hyatt Melbourne on Friday 8 June. This gala event will be hosted by Rob Gell, *Environmental Entrepreneur and Chairman of UNESCO Western Port Biosphere*, with entertainment by Peter Berner, *Corporate Comedian*.

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BHP Billiton Business Awards

- Best Specific Environmental Initiative
 - Brookfield Multiplex FSH Contractor Pty Ltd - *Fiona Stanley Hospital Project*
 - Kinder & Co Pty Ltd - *Cradle-To-Cradle 100% Recycled Pallet*
 - Transgrid and Greening Australia - *GreenGrid*
- Environmental Best Practice Program
 - Chevron Australia - *Barrow Island Quarantine Management System*
 - Greening Australia on behalf of Partnership - *Conservation and Sustainability: 30 years in Partnership*
 - National Australia Bank - *NAB's Beyond Carbon Neutral Program*

Biodiversity Award

- Gary Muir - *Phyto Fighter 1000*
- Hume City Council - *Caring for our Plains*
- The Black Cockatoo Preservation Society - *The Black Cockatoo Rehabilitation Centre*

Virgin Australia Community Award

- Community Housing Ltd - *Milowine Lane Bega*
- Kimberley Toad Busters - *Biodiversity Education & Indigenous 'Kid at Risk' Positive Outcome Project*
- The Bookend Trust - *Inspiring the Future*

Environmental School Award

- Quairading District High School - *Quairading District High School Nature Reserve Project*
- South Fremantle Senior High School - *The Carbon Neutral Project*
- St Rose Catholic School - *PET Bottle Greenwall Project*

Excellence in Marine and Coastal Management Award

- Conservation Council of South Australia - *Feral or In Peril*
- McArthur River Mine - *MRM Marine Environmental Monitoring Programme*

Excellence in Sustainable Water Management Award

- Australian Dental Association Victorian Branch - *Dentists for Cleaner Water*
- City West Water - *Partnerships in Stormwater Reuse Program*
- Knox City Council - *Protecting Dobsons Creek from Degradation : Wicks Reserve Bio-Infiltration System*

Green Building Award

- DesignInc - *The University of Adelaide Innova21*
- Dexus Property Group - *1 Bligh Street, Sydney*
- Education and Training Directorate, ACT - *Gold Creek Environment Centre*



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Individual Award for Outstanding Service to the Environment

- Bill Thomas, Bentleigh Secondary College
- David W. Jones AM FCA, Scouts Australia
- Dr Niall Doran, The Bookend Trust

Local Government Awards

- **Best Specific Environmental Initiative**
 - Alice Springs Town Council - *Council's Cash for Containers Scheme*
 - City of Melbourne - *1200 Buildings Program*
 - Hume City Council - *Natural Heritage Strategy 2011 – 2015*
 - Wodonga City Council - *Domesticating Wastewater Practices Project*
- **Excellence in Overall Environmental Management**
 - Ashfield Council - *GreenWay Sustainability Project*
 - City of Joondalup
 - Ku-Ring-Gai Council - *Climate Change Adaptation Model*

Media Award for Environmental Reporting

- ABC TV, Foreign Correspondent - *'Sumatra – Paper/Tiger'*
- Tony Ryan, PBA FM, Adelaide - *'Park Friends'*
- Stefan Armbruster, SBS Radio and Television News - *'Time and Tide'*

Peter Szental Award for Sustainability Entrepreneurship

- BASF - *The COOL Project (Cooperation for Organics Out of Landfill)*
- Envirobank Recycling Australia Pty Ltd - *Recycle for Rewards*

Sustainability Education Award

- Alternator Pty Ltd - *Alternator*
- Baldivis Children's Forest Inc. - *Conservation Through Education*
- South Fremantle Senior High School - *The Carbon Neutral Project*
- Veolia Environmental Services Australia - *Getting Wise About Waste*

Sustainability Leadership Awards

- **Small and Medium Organisations**
 - Eco Queenslander Holiday Home and B&B
 - Murrumbidgee Irrigation – *EnviroChampions*
 - South Fremantle Senior High School – *The Carbon Neutral Project*
 - Sydney Markets Ltd
- **Large Organisations**
 - Melbourne Water
 - National Australia Bank
 - VISY Industries – *Sustainable Business at VISY*