



UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

World Environment Day Awards 2007

Media Release Winners Announced

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The United Nations Association of Australia announced the winners in this year's World Environment Day Awards at a Gala Dinner held at the Grand Hyatt, Melbourne this evening. The event was hosted by Rob Gell – Environmentalist and President of Greening Australia, Victoria.

The annual national Awards program, established in 2000, acknowledges action taken at a local level to address global environmental issues. Awards were presented in the following categories: Meeting the Greenhouse Challenge, Business Enterprise, Triple Bottom Line, Green Building, Marine and Coastal Management, Water Management, Local Government, Education, Community, Individual and Media.

2007 is International Polar Year and this year's United Nations World Environment Day theme is *Melting Ice – A Hot Topic?* This theme prompted a new category for this year's Awards; the Sustainability Victoria Meeting the Greenhouse Challenge Award, won over strong competition by **BEST Energies & NSW Department of Primary Industries** for their entry '**Pyrolysis for Renewable Energy & Agrichar**'.

Some other outstanding winners were:–, **TAFEWA South West Regional – 'Bunbury ecoHOME Results'** (Szencorp Green Building Award), and **Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority – 'Protecting the Reef Through Collaborative Management and Education'** (DSE Excellence in Marine and Coastal Management Award).

The important Signode Education/School Award went to **Woodbridge School** for their project '**Helping Hands**'. The Individual Award was awarded to **Kim Thien Truong** for her innovative environmental education work. **Liz Minchin, Environmental Reporter The Age** won the Media Award for Environmental Reporting for her '**Climate Change Coverage**'. (See attached complete list of winners)

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World Environment Day Awards 2007 Winners

Sustainability Victoria Meeting the Greenhouse Challenge Award

- **WINNER:** BEST Energies & NSW Department of Primary Industries – “Pyrolysis for Renewable Energy & Agrichar”

Business Enterprise Award

- **Best Specific Environmental Initiative**

- **WINNER:** John Crane SmartFlow – “An Approach to Water Savings”

- **Environmental Best Practice Program**

- **WINNER:** Lane Cove River Tourist Park - “Whole of Business Environmental Plan”

Lincolne Scott Triple Bottom Line Award

- **WINNER:** Sustainable Living Fabrics – “When the Bottom Line is Green”

Szencorp Green Building Award

- **WINNER:** TAFEWA South West Regional - “Bunbury ecoHOME ‘Results’”
- **Special Commendation :** Australian Ethical Investment – “Trevor Pearcey House”

DSE Excellence in Marine and Coastal Management Award

- **WINNER:** Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority – “Protecting the Reef Through Collaborative Management and Education”

Excellence in Water Management Award

- **WINNER:** Gold Coast Water – “Pimpama Coomera Water Future Master Plan”

Local Government Awards

- **Excellence in Overall Environmental Management**

- **WINNER:** Coffs Harbour City Council – “Coffs Harbour, ‘The Healthy City’”

- **Best Specific Environmental Initiative**

- **WINNER:** City of Darebin – “Going Places – Darebin’s Travel Rewards Scheme”
- **Special Commendation :** Mount Alexander Shire Council – “Footprints”
- **Special Commendation :** Byron Shire Council – “Byron Bay Integrated Water Management Reserve: Ecology and Effluent in Harmony”

Signode Education/School Award

- **WINNER:** Woodbridge School – “Helping Hands”

Community Award

- **WINNER:** Waterwatch Nooramunga Corner Inlet Community Water Monitoring Project

Individual Award

- **WINNER:** Kim Thien Truong

Media Award for Environmental Reporting

- **WINNER:** Liz Minchin, Environment Reporter, The Age - “Climate Change Coverage”