



UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

World Environment Day Awards 2006

MEDIA RELEASE

Winners Announced Embargoed until 7pm, 2nd June 2006

The United Nations Association of Australia announced the winners in this year's World Environment Day Awards at a gala presentation at Melbourne's Grand Hyatt Hotel, hosted by Rob Gell – Environmentalist and Victorian President of Greening Australia. 2006 is the UN's International Year of Deserts and Desertification, and this World Environment Day's theme is *Don't Desert Drylands*.

The awards acknowledge actions taken at a local level to address global environmental issues. Awards were presented in categories for Business Enterprise, Triple Bottom Line, Green Building, Marine and Coastal Management, Water Management, Green Building, Local Government, Education, Community, Individual and Media.

Some outstanding winners; **Maroochy Shire Council** (Best Specific Environmental Initiative - Local Government), the **Szencorp Building** (Green Building Award), **Northern Health** (Water Management Award) and **S.A. Dept. of Environment and Heritage – SA Urban Forest Biodiversity Program** (Marine and Coastal Management Award); were congratulated for developing successful models that could be adapted to other projects across their industries.

The important Education Award went to **Kangaroo Island Community Education**, and the high standard in the Community Award resulted in joint winners; **Darebin Parklands Association** and **Yea Wetlands Committee**. **Melissa Fyfe** and **Simon O'Dwyer**, of The Age won the Media Award for Environmental Reporting. (See attached complete list of winners)

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WINNERS

NAB Business Enterprise Awards

Best Specific Environmental Initiative

Close the Loop Limited - "Zero Waste to Landfill"

Environmental Best Practice Program

Finsbury Green Printing

Lincolne Scott Triple Bottom Line Award

NRMA Insurance – “HIRT Trial” and “Reversing Visibility Index”

Green Building Award

Szencorp – "Taking Buildings to the Next Level with 40 Albert Road"

Special commendation

Cowland North Architecture - "Westbourne Grammar School - Hospitality Complex"

DSE Excellence in Marine and Coastal Management Award

SA Urban Forest Biodiversity Program, (DEH) Planning SA (PIRSA)
– “Adelaide Coast Park Vegetation Management Project”

Excellence in Water Management Award

Northern Health – “Reducing Water Consumption Across Northern Health and other Water Saving Initiatives”

WSN Environmental Solutions Local Government Awards

Excellence in Overall Environmental Management

Hume City Council, VIC – “State of Environment Report 2006”

Special Commendation

Randwick City Council, NSW – “Sustaining Our City”

Best Specific Environmental Initiative

Maroochy Shire Council, QLD – “Maroochy River Recovery”

Signode Education/School Award

Kangaroo Island Community Education, SA – "Marine & Environmental Education"

Community Award (joint winners)

Darebin Parklands Association

Yea Wetlands Committee of Management – "Restoration & Protection of Yea Wetlands"

Individual Award

Arron Wood – "Riverhealth, Kids Teaching Kids Program"

Media Award for Environmental Reporting

Melissa Fyfe & Simon O'Dwyer (The Age) – “Climate Change - Icons Under Threat”