

7th Annual Monash World Environment Day Awards

Join the City of Monash to celebrate World Environment Day in June 2009 by recognising outstanding contributions of individuals, households, schools, community groups, institutions, businesses and corporations that promote:

**Equitable social environment
Sustainable natural & built environment**

**Resilient local economy
Vibrant cultural activity**

for the lasting benefit of present and future generations.

Award Categories

Prizes will be awarded to the successful nominees for each of the following categories:

Greenest Household Sponsored by Maroondah Credit Union

This award recognises a household in the Monash municipality that has achieved a number of changes in lifestyle and behaviour that has led to a reduction in household ecological footprint.

Any residential household, not for profit residential facility (private, community base, semi private/public), residential units, body corporate, apartments are eligible to enter.

The panel of judges is seeking evidence that households have achieved:

- Substantial decreases in water and energy consumption
- Increased use of public transport or alternative transport modes
- Decreased reliability on motor cars and air travel
- Increased consumption of organically grown and sustainable food sources
- Increased recycling and waste reduction
- Reduced household chemical use
- Improved interaction with neighbours and surveillance of the street
- Improved gardening practices and habitat creation
- Increased use of eco friendly products or services
- Adopted life cycle and cost benefit analysis for household decision making

Note: Judging will include a site visit to the nominated household.

Sustainable New Building/Renovation Sponsored by Fasham Johnson

This award recognises an outstanding example of a more ecologically sustainable renovation or new building.

In the case of a single new house the building should attempt to achieve at least six (6) stars on the First Rate rating system.

Nominees might include residential, commercial, institutional, private or public buildings or renovations.

The City of Monash looks for evidence of new or renovated buildings that have applied sustainability initiatives such as:

- Greenhouse gas reduction
- Community and social interaction
- Improved neighbourhood security, surveillance, and streetscape
- Water conservation initiatives
- Composting, mulching, or worm farming
- Habitat creation/conservation
- Energy conservation using solar hot water, photovoltaic cells, solar pumps, interactive power grid technology, wind generator or energy efficient appliances
- Use of landscape to enhance or achieve sun control and energy conservation
- Recycled/sustainable building materials
- Lifecycle and cost benefit analysis
- Correct solar orientation to achieve max. winter sun penetration, min. summer sun penetration, and max cross ventilation

Sustainable Business

Sponsored by CETEC

This award provides businesses with an opportunity to showcase achievements and gain recognition for innovative business practices for sustainable projects, products or services that contribute to the sustainable development and liveability of our City.

Nominees might include private businesses, not for profit organisations, and institutions.

The City of Monash looks for evidence of businesses that have applied sustainability initiatives such as:

- Reduction in greenhouse gases and ecological footprint
- Partnerships with community sectors, or internal leadership programme
- Family friendly, promote social equity, and provide community benefits
- Alternative commuter travel plan
- Water conservation techniques
- Recycling and waste reduction system
- Eco friendly materials, supplier products, and services
- Eco friendly building/building systems
- Energy conservation initiatives
- Ethical business practices/investments
- Triple bottom line accounting/reporting
- Lifecycle and cost benefit analysis

School Poster Competition

Sponsored by Fonterra Australia

Students from all primary schools are invited to enter the World Environment Day Awards School Poster Competition. There is a maximum of 12 entries per school within two categories:

- Junior Primary: Prep to Grade 3
- Senior Primary: Grade 4 to Grade 6

The 2009 Poster Competition is based on the following United Nations themes:

International Year of Reconciliation 2009

International Year of Astronomy 2009

Teachers are encouraged to facilitate participation with students entering the poster competition and promote discussion of World Environment Day in the classroom.

For more information on nominating for the World Environment Day Awards please contact:
Susan Hill, City of Monash on 9518 3597 or visit:

www.monash.vic.gov.au/environment/awards.htm

Community

Sponsored by VISY

This award recognises a group, educational institution, or an individual that has demonstrated inspirational leadership that contributes to the sustainable development and liveability of our City.

Nominees might include friends groups, educational institutions, environmental champions, an organisation or individual with an effective program leading to long-term community benefits. Achievements may include practical programs or projects, information sharing and policy/strategic outcomes that benefit the wider community.

The City of Monash looks for evidence of sustainability initiatives such as:

- Conservation of water or energy
- Improved water quality or landscape, habitat conservation and rehabilitation
- Reduced greenhouse gases
- Promotion of 'reduce/reuse/recycle'
- Strong and effective advocacy for organisational or community change
- Cultural and community development
- Heritage conservation and management
- Enhanced social equity
- Ecologically sustainable development
- Lifecycle and cost benefit analysis