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MEDIA RELEASE

Frankston is top sustainable city

The **City of Frankston** has won Keep Australia Beautiful Victoria's **Sustainable Cities Award** for 2008.

The Award recognises the **City of Frankston** for its investment and encouragement of community projects addressing environmental issues. Frankston not only took out the major award, but was also successful in taking out the **Heritage and Culture Award** and being named a finalist in five other awards.

The **Sustainable Cities Awards** were presented at RACV Club (Friday 30 May) before of a large audience of local government and community group representatives.

The major Keep Australia Beautiful Victoria Award was narrowly won from Melton Shire Council, the reigning 2007 Australian Sustainable Cities Award title holder.

"A wide range of initiatives and projects impressed the judges culminating in Frankston taking out the 2008 title" said Chief Executive for Keep Australia Beautiful Victoria, Wendy Jones.

"Life in the City, Frankston 2025 a strategic vision for a sustainable future, The triple RRR weed management project, the Boggy Creek Business take the LIEP' program, Recyclopotia, If you don't eat it your garden will - Halve Garbage Waste, the Green Team and the Adopt a Baby Tree program were just some of them" Jones said.

Sustainability initiatives at St Jude's Primary and Carrum Downs Secondary College also played their part in claiming the title for Frankston, while the cluster of Overport, Derinya, Frankston Heights and Frankston Primary as well as Frankston High worked together to ensure that they used water more wisely.

The **Heritage and Culture Award** was presented to Frankston for the Life in the City initiative, a series of accessible events that celebrate the multicultural nature of Frankston and its residents both recent and not so recent, both young and old.

Melton's Lyn Holdsworth from Friends of Toolern Creek was honoured with the Dame Phyllis Frost Award, named after the founder of Keep Australia Beautiful Victoria for her outstanding individual contribution to the environment and the community.

Frankston will now go onto represent Victoria as a national finalist in the 2008 Australian Sustainable Cities Awards to be held in Melbourne in October.

Keep Australia Beautiful Victoria's Sustainable Cities Awards are proudly sponsored by the 'Do the Right Thing' program of the Packaging Stewardship Forum Australian Food & Grocery Council, Grundfos Pumps and Cartridge World.

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State winners listed below

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Keep Australia Beautiful Victoria 2008 Sustainable Cities Winners

Overall Sustainable Cities Award
Frankston City Council

Community Pride

Melton Shire Council

Caroline Springs Community Hub

Heritage & Culture

Frankston City Council

Life in the City

Environmental Innovation

Hume City Council

5 Star Green Star Energy Efficient Municipal Offices

Zero Waste

Moonee Valley City Council

Re-new

Community Government Partnership

Port Phillip EcoCentre Inc.

Environmental Partnerships

Judges Commendation - Friends of Mentone Station and Gardens

Biodiversity & Conservation

Friends of Wilson Reserve

Biodiversity Protection Works - Banyule City Council

Judges Commendation - Melton Shire Council - Mt Cottrell

Water Conservation

Maroondah City Council

Sustainable Water Management Plan

Young Leaders

Casey City Council

The Youth Eco - Challenge

Proud Schools

Findon Primary School

Whittlesea City Council

Dame Phyllis Frost

Lyn Holdsworth - Toolern Creek - Melton