

Banksia sustainability award winners herald a bright future for Australia

An organisation on a mission to eliminate polystyrene plastic wins prestigious gold Banksia sustainability award

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA, March 31, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- An organisation on a mission to eliminate polystyrene plastic from the world's supply chains has won gold at Australia's longest running and most prestigious sustainability awards.



The Banksia National Sustainability Awards recognise individuals, communities, businesses and government for innovation and excellence in environmental and social stewardship."

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Planet Protector Packaging, which is developing sustainable packaging alternatives that don't harm our planet, took out the Gold Banksia Award at the 33rd annual Banksia National Sustainability Awards tonight (31 March).

Planet Protector Packaging received both the Agriculture and Regional Development Award, and the Gold Banksia Award, for its unique product WOOLPACK. WOOLPACK is

already being used for temperature-sensitive foods, seafood, wine and pharmaceuticals. The product is successfully removing polystyrene products from the market, while also diverting wool waste from landfill.

Other award winners include:

- a research institute which is creating living seawalls using 3D printing technology to revive marine life
- an island eco resort which offers sustainable tourism through unique nature-based experiences as well as protecting and enhancing the surrounding environment
- a reality TV show that celebrates sustainable design
- a government initiative which uses recycled glass, asphalt and brick to build major road infrastructure.

There are fifteen categories in the awards.

The winners of the 33rd Banksia National Sustainability Awards were announced at a gala event attended by more than 350 guests, finalists and winners at the Melbourne Convention and

Entertainment Centre.

Guest speaker Australia's Chief Scientist Dr Cathy Foley shared her insights into the opportunities for sustainable development in Australia.

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A full list of the winners and their projects is below.

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Images of the winners are available to download at

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/h6pgvopjv2jr6xh/AAAoaQwwkTebiV1Vqs-ObObXa?dl=0>

The winners:

Communications for Impact: The Blue Tribe Company; Blue Tribe is using the power of reality TV to celebrate and foster sustainable design

Clean Technology: Degnan Constructions; Degnan Constructions delivers challenging and unique infrastructure through creative innovation

Biodiversity Award: Sydney Institute for Marine Science; Sydney Institute for Marine Science uses living seawalls bring marine developments back to life

Sustainable Tourism Award: Lady Elliot Island Eco Resort; The Lady Elliott Island Eco Resort achieves a goal of 100% renewable energy

Future Cities Award: ACT Government; ACT Government provides zero interest loans for households to install sustainable products

Health and Wellbeing Award: Primary and Community Care Services; Primary and Community Care Services pioneers social prescribing for health and wellbeing

Ethical Sourcing Award: Zenna Latex Mattress; Zenna provides mattresses and sleep products - a natural, sustainable alternative for a night's sleep

Agriculture and Regional Development Award: Planet Protector Packaging Planet Protector Packaging is in the race to become the market leader in sustainable thermal packaging that does not harm the planet

Circular Transition Award: Ecologiq; Ecologiq rethinks waste to build purposely greener transport

infrastructure for Victoria

Diversity Award: Oreal Australia: L'Oréal Australia is driving equal access, opportunities and rewards in the workplace

Net Zero Action Award: joint-winner - Hesperia; Hesperia is delivering Life Cycle Net Zero projects that reduce environmental impacts while contributing to growth, the economy, and the community; joint-winner - Lion Pty Limited; Lion's net-zero journey is a comprehensive program of activity that integrates sustainability into the heart of their business

Youth as our Changemakers Award: Sascha Rust: Sascha Rust is building innovating with partnerships for the Australian food system

Small to Medium Enterprise Transformation Award: Enable Social Enterprises Limited; Enable Social Enterprises Limited is on a mission to tackle disadvantage and break unemployment cycles

Large Business Transformation Award: Officeworks; Officeworks strives to inspire positive change with commitments to support team, community, and the environment

Ignite Award: Samsara; Samsara has developed a revolutionary enzyme-based technology that can infinitely recycle plastic waste

Gold Award: Planet Protector Packaging Goodbye polystyrene. Planet Protector Packaging is in the race to become the market leader in sustainable thermal packaging that doesn't harm the planet

About the Banksia Foundation

The Banksia Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation that believes in the power of social and environment impact through community engagement and sustainable businesses practices. It recognises and encourages sustainability excellence with awards, showcases changemakers and start-ups that inspire and enable sustainability innovation, and builds purposeful communities for sustainable development across Australia.

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