

Sheffield – Tasmanian Tidy Town Winner 2013/14

The north west coast town of **Sheffield** has been named the **Keep Australia Beautiful (KAB) Tasmanian Tidy Town** for 2013/14.



The other major awards were presented to **Glenorchy (KAB Tasmania Sustainable Cities Award)** and **Raspins Beach** near Orford on the east coast (**KAB Tasmania Clean Beach Award**).

Judge Barrie Muir said **Sheffield** was well-known for its murals but had much more to offer.

“It benefits from a local government that listens, contributes, supports and encourages,” he said.

“Groups such as Mt Roland Rivercare Catchment Inc. and Kentish Energy Efficiency Network Embracing Renewables Inc. are just two that demonstrate that the Kentish Council takes environmental innovation and sustainability very seriously. And the way in which the town deals with litter prevention, waste management and resource recovery is first class.

“The Hub Recycling Centre, that would match any similar venue in Australia, has just celebrated 30 years of recycling excellence.”

Population category awards were also presented to the following winners:

Under 500	Wilmot
501 – 2000	Westbury
2001 – 5000	Central Highlands

Glenorchy – Tasmanian Sustainable City Winner 2013/14

Mr Muir said **Glenorchy**, the winner of the KAB Tasmania Sustainable Cities Award, was a proud city that was home to a council and community that was working well together.



“The elected and the employed personnel on the council have demonstrated very clearly that they understand the need to be in touch and keep in touch with the community they serve,” he said.

“The Windemere Bay water cleansing project, the retreating of polluted storm-water from Derwent Park, the revegetation program at Gould’s Lagoon and many other similar projects indicate that the city is equally energetic when it comes to meeting the many environmental challenges of the 21st century.

“This is also a city rich in history and one with a very wide range of interests in the arts. One particularly exciting development which announces very strongly that Glenorchy is ‘on the move’ is the Glenorchy Art & Sculpture Park (GASP), a project which has reconnected the community to the waterfront.”

Raspins Beach – Tasmanian Clean Beach Winner 2013/14

Mr Muir said the winner of the Clean Beach award, **Raspins Beach**, was blessed with a loving community that was determined to protect it from the elements and the tidal movements.



“The Orford Community Group and other willing members of the community have done an enormous amount of revegetating,” he said.

“The support of the Glamorgan Spring Bay Council has also played a significant part in the beautification and rehabilitation of this area.

Tasmanian Sustainable Schools Winners

Entries in the **Sustainable Schools Awards** jumped from 17 last year to 29 this year.

Winners in each category are awarded \$1000 from Wrigley, a gift certificate from Replas, and a Keep Australia Beautiful – Tasmania certificate.

North west region

- Primary section – **Montello**
- Secondary section – **Yolla District High**

Northern region

- Primary section – **Youngtown**

- Secondary section – **Scotch Oakburn College**
Southern region
Primary section – **Clarendon Vale**
Secondary section – **Triabunna District School**



The prestigious **John Donaghy Memorial Award** was presented to **Trevor Galbraith** in recognition of his many years of “enthusiastic and committed service to the Launceston community”.

The first **Youth Award** was presented to 19-year-old **Dean Wyman**, who has worked with the Glenorchy Youth Taskforce since he was just 12-years-old.

He has been involved in and helped organise many activities, including a Youth Leadership program, National Youth Week’s annual activities and health and wellbeing forums.

Mr Muir said KAB placed much emphasis on the importance of youth in helping it to get its messages through to the community, and it felt such an award was one good way of achieving this.

The Tasmanian Tidy Towns program is run by the KAB Tasmania Council with support from the Tasmanian Government and the Packaging Stewardship Forum.