

# Individuals stand out in top Environment awards

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*Outstanding work by individuals feature in Australia's "environmental Oscars" announced tonight.*

Innovative programs to preserve the natural habitat, limit food waste, build bridges between architecture and the environment and encourage young individuals to take charge of their surroundings were rewarded in the annual United Nations Association of Australia World Environment Day Awards.

Daniel Brindley has given time, money and knowledge to help the Australian bush and its wildlife, by reshaping parts of the Mornington Peninsula and other areas in Victoria. He set up the Habitat Restoration Fund and works with people from broken families, a background of drug or alcohol abuse, the intellectually disabled and disengaged youth. He wins the individual award.

Working alone, SBS World News correspondent Stefan Armbruster reached remote parts of the Solomon Islands to reveal how rising sea levels are forcing people off their land. His report, *Dying Islands*, was shown on SBS World News, as well as on radio and online. Armbruster's confronting reports are used in universities and by Pacific Islands newspapers. He wins the media award.

The remarkable range covered by the awards is shown by prizes going to a leader in sustainability in the Daintree, Queensland, a study of dolphins at Kangaroo Island in South Australia, work with wildlife by Melbourne's Boroondara Council and a revolutionary building at 171 Collins St, Melbourne.

The Seeley International gas heating range was also applauded, with a prize going to a new design that cuts energy use and the impact on the environment. (See below for complete list of winners).

Winners were announced at the Awards Presentation Dinner at the Crystal Ballroom Luna Park, Sydney.

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## UNAA World Environment Day Awards Winners 2014

### Hanson's Green Building Award

WINNER: **Charter Hall and Cbus Property**, 171 Collins St, Melbourne (VIC)

### NSW Office of Environment and Heritage Sustainability Leadership Awards

#### • Small and Medium Organisations

WINNER: **Daintree Discovery Centre** (QLD)

- **Large Organisations**

WINNER: **Teachers Mutual Bank**, *We believe profits should do good in the world (NSW)*

**Swinburne University of Technology Excellence in Sustainable Product Design Award**

WINNER: **Seeley International**, *Braemar "Super-Six" Ducted Gas Heater (SA)*

**Virgin Australia Community Award**

WINNER: **Kangaroo Island Dolphin Watch**, *Little Island, Big Ocean (SA)*

**Business Awards**

- **Best Specific Environmental Initiative**

WINNER: **Hydro Tasmania**, *King Island Renewable Energy Integration Project (TAS)*

- **Excellence in Overall Environmental Management**

WINNER: **Republica Coffee (NSW)**

**Biodiversity Award**

WINNER: **Goolwa to Wellington Local Action Planning Association Inc. (SA)**

**Environmental School Award**

WINNER: **Bentleigh Secondary College**, *A Very Sustainable School (VIC)*

**Excellence in Sustainable Water Management Award**

WINNER: **Department of Environment and Primary Industries**, *Schools Water Efficiency Program (VIC)*

**Individual Award**

WINNER: **Daniel Brindley**, *Habitat Restoration Fund (VIC)*

**Local Government Awards**

- **Best Specific Environmental Initiative**

WINNER: **City of Boroondara**, *Integrating and celebrating wildlife within Boroondara (VIC)*

- **Excellence in Overall Environmental Management**

WINNER: **Shoalhaven City Council**, *Commitment to Environmental Management and Programs (NSW)*

**Media Award for Environmental Reporting**

WINNER: **Stefan Armbruster/SBS World News**, *Dying Islands: Solomon Battles with Rising Sea Levels (QLD)*

**Sustainability Education Award**

WINNER: **Cultivating Community**, *Food Know How Program (VIC)*

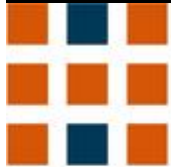


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