

WHITEHORSE SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS 2015

Residents, households, schools and businesses in Whitehorse have been recognised for their commitment to achieving and promoting sustainability through the 2015 Whitehorse Sustainability Awards.

The awards provide an opportunity to showcase these activities with the hope that other organisations, businesses and individuals will be inspired to do the same.



Winners of the Whitehorse Sustainability Awards 2015.

FOOD GARDEN AWARD

Winner

Lambert Household

The Lambert household are putting many permaculture principles into place including a greenhouse, bee hive, poultry, pond, insect hotels, gabion wall, wicking bed, capillary watering table and a two-bay composting system. More than 50 types of vegetables, herbs, fruit and indigenous species are being grown.

Highly Commended

Poon Chiong Household

Highly Commended

Lam YS Household

Encouragement Award

White Household

SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL AWARD

Winner

Weeden Heights Primary School

Weeden Heights Primary School's Kitchen Garden program involves students in the growing, harvesting and preparation of food. The school's extensive gardens feature raised vegetable beds, a chicken coup, composting bays, fruit trees, rainwater tanks and a kitchen for preparing produce grown. Also, there is strong involvement by parents and the wider community.

Highly Commended

Rangeview Primary School

Encouragement Award

Aurora School

SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS AND INNOVATION AWARD

Winner

RSPCA Victoria

RSPCA Victoria has installed an innovative sub-surface wetland system at its Burwood site. The system is capable of recycling the majority of water used on a daily basis to wash dog kennels.

Highly Commended

Crown Coaches

Highly Commended

Downies Coins

Encouragement Award

Wattle Park Green Grocer

SUSTAINABLE BUILDING AWARD

Winner – Residential

McDonald Household

The McDonald household's home demonstrates extensive environmentally sustainable design features including solar hot water and photovoltaic systems, LED lights, double glazed windows, shaded north and west windows and a rainwater tank.

Winner – Commercial

Nunawading Christian College

Nunawading Christian College's Prep to Year 2 building was retrofitted with many environmentally sustainable design features including passive design, skylights, daylight sensors, recycled floor materials, rainwater tanks and stormwater harvesting.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD

Winner – Individual

Kenton Johanson

Kenton has made an outstanding contribution towards raising awareness and knowledge of sustainability among his family, friends, students and wider community.

Winner – Group

Nadrasca Farm

Nadrasca Farm provides employment, training and support services to people of all abilities in a rural setting.

Highly Commended – Group

Slater Community Garden

Highly Commended – Group

Whitehorse Urban Harvest Swap



OVERALL SUSTAINABILITY AWARD WINNER

KENTON JOHANSON



SUPPORT FAIR TRADE THIS MONTH

Throughout the month of May, Whitehorse City Council is celebrating Fair Trade, and asking all residents to do the same.

Local cafes are participating in a "Buy 1 Fairtrade Coffee – Get 1 Free" voucher campaign.

Simply cut out the original voucher (to the right) and present it to one of the participating cafes to redeem your free Fairtrade coffee or tea.

This campaign aims to:

- Encourage the community to support local Fair Trade outlets
- Raise the profile of Fair Trade in the municipality
- Increase awareness of the Fair Trade benefits.

Participating cafes include:

Miss Peppercorn

8 Lawrence Street, Blackburn South

The Honey Thief Bakery *

140 Canterbury Road, Blackburn South

Jamaica Blue

Shop 107A, Forest Hill Chase Shopping Centre, Forest Hill

Churchill Café & Larder *

13-15 Hamilton Street Mont Albert

* Fairtrade tea only.

For the current list of participating businesses and voucher conditions, visit www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/fairtrade.html



BLACKGOLD

MOVIE NIGHT

When: Wednesday 13 May, 7.30pm-9pm

(7.15pm for registration and refreshments)

Where: Box Hill Community Arts Centre, 470 Station Street Box Hill

Bookings: www.black-gold-movie.eventbrite.com.au or phone 9262 6155.

Multinational coffee companies dominate the industry, which is worth more than \$80 billion, making coffee the most valuable trading commodity in the world after oil. But while we continue to pay for our lattes and cappuccinos, the price paid to coffee farmers remains so low that many have been forced to abandon their coffee fields.

This documentary follows the efforts of an Ethiopian Coffee Union manager as he travels the world to obtain a better price for his workers' coffee beans.

For more information, contact Council's Sustainability Officer on 9262 6155 or email green@whitehorse.vic.gov.au