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Burnie claims two honours at the Australian Clean Beaches Awards

Burnie's West Beach claimed two awards at today's Keep Australia Beautiful, Australian Clean Beaches Awards held in Manly, New South Wales.

Represented by Burnie Surf Lifesaving Club past president Ron Blake and Burnie City Council's Community Development Officer Allison Daley, West Beach won the Energy Innovation category and claimed equal first in the Heritage and Culture category.

Council entered its projects in last year's State awards and claimed two titles for its waterfront development and also for the North Terrace streetscape project, qualifying as a national finalist.

Burnie Mayor Alvwyn Boyd said all the awards were a great honour for the City, especially for its waterfront to be acknowledged nationally.

"When the judge Dr David Moy visited Burnie in November last year he was so impressed with the improvements that had been made to our beautiful waterfront," Mayor Boyd said.

"Burnie Surf Lifesaving Club president Jeremy Norton and I gave Dr Moy a tour of the waterfront precinct, showcasing the North Terrace upgrade, Surf Club, Makers' Workshop, Little Penguin area and the boardwalk.

"Dr Moy said West Beach displayed a rich cultural heritage that told the stories of the city and port. He also said the new Makers' Workshop helped the community and visitors learn about the history, industrial heritage and culture of Burnie."

Mayor Boyd said it was exciting the Makers' Workshop had been a key element to Burnie claiming the Energy Innovation Award.

"According to the judge, our Makers' Workshop ticked all the 'Green Star' requirements, which is a great honour at a time where energy efficiency is important."

Mayor Boyd said the changes to West Beach had been in line with the original Waterfront Masterplan, which was accepted by Council in 2006, following more than six months of community consultation.

"Upgrades to the waterfront have all been part of Council's bigger plan and vision for the precinct. We are excited by what has been achieved so far and by what is in the future," Mayor Boyd said.

"I've said many times our waterfront is the envy of towns and cities across Australia, we have something special that we should be proud of every day."

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