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11,700 hectares of revegetation in Western Australia's wheat belt

The Yarra Yarra Biodiversity Project by Carbon Neutral in partnership with AusCarbon won the Banksia Natural Capital Award, sponsored by NAB, at the 28th annual Banksia Sustainability Awards.

Over the past eight years, Carbon Neutral has established innovative large-scale biodiverse reforestation projects extending across 11,700 hectares of the Western Australian wheat belt, in the process creating Australia's largest revegetation project based on carbon capture and biodiversity. The project's aim is to remove existing carbon from the atmosphere today and to recreate a healthy and functioning landscape, restored after decades of habitat loss and degradation. The reforestation is in one of only 35 Global Biodiversity Hotspots and works to achieve the vision of climate security and sustainable development for all.

The judges commented, "The Yarra Yarra Biodiversity Corridor is a great carbon off-setting model with impressive vision and scale. Carbon Neutral understands the value of natural capital and the role they are playing in managing and investing in Australia's natural capital. They are involved in research and stakeholder engagement and their partnership with the Austral Fisheries is a great testimonial for the overall impact this project can have."

This year, winners of the Banksia Sustainability Awards ranged from individuals, SMBs, government, academia and collaborative efforts through to large corporations. Whilst the winners were diverse, there was a common thread across many of the entries revealing a growing determination to do more for oceans, The Great Barrier Reef and to secure sustainable food sources into the future.

Discover the full list of winners below or at www.banksiafdn.com

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About Banksia Foundation

The Banksia Foundation is a well-established not-for-profit organisation in Australia, dedicated to working with industry and community to create an array of platforms to focus attention on sustainable development. The Banksia Foundation was founded in 1989 in Melbourne by a diverse group of 44 Australians, who shared a common goal; to support and recognise members of the community for their positive contribution to the environment. Today, Banksia is a strong and expanding brand and its Awards program, the Banksia Sustainability Awards, is regarded as the most prestigious and longest running sustainability awards in Australia.

The winners of the 2016 Banksia Sustainability Awards

The Banksia Gold Award

- ❖ John West: Committed to a sustainable seafood future

The Environment and Energy Minister's Awards for a Cleaner Environment:

*Sponsored by the **Australian Government-Department of Environment and Energy***

Science and Research

- ❖ *FeralScan by the Invasive Animals Cooperative Research Centre*

Community Environmental Leadership

- ❖ Dr Tony Parkes

The Banksia International Award *sponsored by **Qantas Future Planet Program***

- ❖ Professor Ove Hoegh-Guldberg, Australia

Banksia Communication for Change Award

- ❖ John West: Committed to a sustainable seafood future

Banksia Food for Sustainable Thought Award *sponsored by **Closed Loop***

- ❖ Natural Evolution

Banksia Indigenous Leadership for Sustainability Award

- ❖ AshOil

Banksia Large Business Sustainability Leadership Award *sponsored by **NSW Office of the Environment and Heritage***

- ❖ Kathmandu

Banksia Leadership in the Circular Economy Award *sponsored by **Cleanaway***

- ❖ TIC Group

Banksia Mindful Movement Award *sponsored by **RACV***

- ❖ Sendle

Banksia Natural Capital Award *sponsored by **NAB***

- ❖ The Yarra Yarra Biodiversity Corridor by Carbon Neutral in partnership Auscarbon

Banksia Small to Medium Business Sustainability Leadership Award *sponsored by **Australia Post***

- ❖ The Farmer's Place

Banksia Smart Award *sponsored by **Mirvac***

- ❖ Infratech Industries Pty Ltd

Banksia Sustainable Cities Award *sponsored by **City of Melbourne***

- ❖ The 2020 Vision

Banksia Sustainable & Resilient Communities Award *sponsored by **IAG***

- ❖ The Manyak Energy Efficiency Project Consortium