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FINALISTS ANNOUNCED FOR VICTORIAN COASTAL AWARDS

The Dolphin Research Institute, City of Port Phillip and Australian Geographic are among this year's finalists in the prestigious Victorian Coastal Awards for Excellence.

24 finalists were selected from more than 80 entries across 11 categories for this year's awards. Winners will be announced by The Honourable Gavin Jennings MLC, Minister for Environment and Climate Change at the Awards Ceremony on April 29.

Award categories include Lifetime Achievement, Education, Innovation, Species Protection, and Cultural Achievement. This year, a new category for 'Coastal Planning' will be awarded to acknowledge the importance of planning to sustainable coastal development.

"We face new challenges in managing our coasts sustainably, including the impacts of climate change and the pressures of coastal growth" said Libby Mears, Chair of the Victorian Coastal Council and of the Awards Judging Panel.

"The breadth of nominations demonstrates the quality of work undertaken by a wide variety of practitioners from government, agencies, non-government organisations and businesses in meeting these challenges.

Ms Mears said the awards also celebrate the contributions of volunteers in managing Victoria's unique coastal and marine environments.

"The judging panel was inspired by the level of dedication shown by communities in protecting and promoting Victoria's coastline for future generations." Ms Mears said.

The Victorian Coastal Awards for Excellence are supported by the Victorian Coastal Council and the Coast Action/Coastcare program.

Attached: List of finalists for the 2008 Victorian Coastal Awards for Excellence.

For interviews with finalists: Coast Action/Coastcare's State Coordinator Matt Fox on (03) 9637 9742 or VCC Project Officer Erin Nash on (03) 9637 9236.

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| NAME / PROJECT | DESCRIPTION | SUBURB/TOWN | CATEGORIES |
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| Paul Morgan Architects – The Cape Schanck House | This small residence is a great example of how to sensitively develop a coastal site. | Site at Cape Schanck, firm based in Melbourne | Building & Design |
| Frank Marioli, F2 Architecture – Intergenerational Beach House (Sorrento) | This residence is a new <i>Seachange</i> at Sorrento, accommodating an intergenerational family. | Site at Sorrento, firm based in Melbourne | Building & Design |
| Hayball Leonard Stent Architects – Moonah Links Accommodation Lodges | Three Lodges, at the Moonah Links Golf Course, each with twelve suites and a common living and dining area that can be transformed into multi purpose conference facilities. | Site on the Mornington Peninsula, firm based in Southbank | Building & Design |
| Lorne Pier Reconstruction Team – DSE Public Assets, Great Ocean Road Coast Committee, Maunsell, EDAW, and McConnell Dowell. | The reconstruction of the iconic Lorne Pier has restored a landmark on the Victorian coast. Once again locals and visitors can engage in fishing, promenading and the enjoyment of the annual Pier to Pub swimming race. | Site in Lorne. Organisations based in Melbourne or the South West. | Building & Design |
| Great Ocean Road Coast Committee | GORCC's Environment and Land Management Plan provides a clear strategic basis for conservation and land management by this appointed management body. | Torquay | Coastal Conservation and Management by an Appointed Manager |
| Corinella Foreshore Reserve Committee of Management | The Committee of Management has acted, over the past seven years, to increase the sustainability of the land under its management through carrying out extensive revegetation programs to restore biodiversity to a severely degraded coastal reserve. | Corinella | Coastal Conservation and Management by an Appointed Manager |
| North Shore Residents Group | The North Shore Residents Group has made significant environmental improvements to a coastline surrounded by heavy industrial activity in Geelong. | North Shore, near Geelong | Coastal Conservation and Protection by a Community Group |

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| Friends of the Great South West Walk | The Great South Walk is a unique 250 km loop walking track that runs from Portland to Nelson along the coast. Annually, thousands of volunteer hours support this trail. | Portland | Coastal Conservation and Protection by a Community Group |
| City of Port Phillip – Planning for Climate Change: a Case Study | Production of a strategic planning document to guide coastal planning decisions within the context of climate change scenarios. | St Kilda | Coastal Planning |
| East Gippsland Shire Council – Restructure of Tambo Bluff Estate | The planning project for Tambo Bluff has demonstrated a process for determining the strategic future of an old and inappropriate subdivision and a methodology for providing service infrastructure to support the preferred development outcome. | Site at Tambo Bluff, Council based out of Bairnsdale | Coastal Planning |
| City of Greater Geelong – Coastal Planning Strategy Program | A program involving development of township Structure plans and planning strategies to guide the future development on the Bellarine Peninsula. | Geelong | Coastal Planning |
| Tarerer Gundij Project Association – Tarerer Festival | Tarerer is a reconciliation festival with a coastal environmental focus that permeates all its activities and performances. | Port Fairy | Cultural Achievement |
| K-Mac Powerheads - KP Eco Series – Removable Pedestal | The development and installation of removable powerheads used to service coastal camping sites in summer, then return them to foreshore to open space in the off-season. | Geelong | Innovation |
| The People and Parks Foundation – Sea Search | Sea Search is a community based science monitoring program for Victoria's Marine National Parks and Sanctuaries. | Statewide program - Melbourne | Innovation |
| South West Mareema Dog Project | The South West Maremma Dog Project was developed to save breeding populations of two species of sea birds from predators. | Warrnambool | Innovation |
| Corangamite Catchment Management Authority – Estuary Watch | Estuary Watch is a new program aiming to raise awareness, provide educational opportunities and build the capacity of communities to engage in estuarine management. | Colac | Innovation |

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| Dolphin Research Institute – I Sea I Care | “I sea, I care®” is a program using champions in schools and other groups to convince Victorians that what lives around our coast is too precious to lose. | Hastings | Education |
| Narrawong District Primary School | Narrawong District Primary School has shown outstanding dedication to environmental and cultural education in a coastal community. | Narrawong | Education |
| Fishcare Victoria | Fishcare is comprehensive recreational fishing education and participation program. | Statewide program - Bairnsdale | Education |
| The Connies | The Connies have contributed greatly to the improved protection of many Victorian coastal and marine faunal species through their educational activities and collectable cards. | Statewide activities - Northcote | Species Protection |
| Australian Geographic – Great Ocean Road Special | Australian Geographic's 'The Great Ocean Road' edition contained a documentary film on DVD featuring original footage of the spectacular Great Ocean Road area and the fascinating animals and people within its surrounds. | Based in Sydney. | Media |
| Anthony Boxshall | Anthony has made an outstanding contribution to increasing the knowledge base of Victoria's marine national parks and sanctuaries, as well as communicating the values of Victoria's marine protected area system. | Based in Melbourne. | Outstanding Individual Achievement |
| Alf Willder | Alf's posthumous nomination is in recognition of his extensive and consistent efforts in the care and management of Crown land reserves in the Port Franklin township. These areas have since seen an increase in their environmental values and sense of ownership by the local community. | Port Franklin | Outstanding Individual Achievement |
| Margaret McDonald | Margaret McDonald has been an active member of a number of community groups in the south west for over 15 years. She has contributed tirelessly to the improvement, protection and enhancement of its fauna and flora during this time. | Moggs Creek | Lifetime Achievement |

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