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IAP2 Newsletter

Congratulations Core Values Award Winners

Government projects have swept the 2009 Core Values Awards for Australasia, taking out all five of this year's categories.

The 2009 Core Values Award winners are:

- **Public Participation Enhanced Decision making** – BBS Public Relations for *Northshore Hamilton Urban Development Area*
Highly Commended: Uralla Shire Council for *Uralla Climate Change Consensus Project*
- **Robust Public Participation Process** – Urban Land Development Authority for *Northshore Hamilton Urban Development Area*
Highly Commended: Eyre Peninsula Natural Resources Management
- **Best Public Participation Policy Framework** – Department of Planning and Community Development, Victoria for *Community Engagement Strategy Project*
- **Public Participation Innovation (new award)** – newDemocracy for *Australian Citizens' Parliament*
Highly Commended: Nature Conservation Council of NSW for *NSW Climate Consensus Project*
- **Public Participation for Decision Makers (new award)** – Gold Coast City Council for *Bold Future*

Australasian IAP2 president Anne Pattillo praised the entrants and said they exemplified excellence in the way they engaged the community in decision making around key issues affecting them.

"Engaging the community is a crucial step in making sure our governments make good public policy that actively incorporates the needs of the community," she said.

"By asking the community what they want, and by seeking all members of a community to get involved, we tend to make better, lasting decisions.

"This year's entrants demonstrate that government projects are very proactive and innovative in their approach to community engagement."



Top: Ty Newton from DPCD Victoria, with Anne Pattillo after receiving the award for Best **Public Participation Policy Framework**.



Mid: Anne presenting Prof. Janette Hartz-Karp from Nature Conservation Council with the High Commended award for **Public Participation Innovation**.

Bottom: Anne presenting a representative of Uralla Shire Council with a High Commended award for **Public Participation Enhanced Decision Making**.



2010 Training Calendar Announced

Module 1 – Planning:

Melbourne - 15 & 16 March
Tweed Heads - 22 & 23 March
Sydney - 30 & 31 March
Wellington – 18 & 19 May

Perth - 20 & 21 April
Adelaide - 20 & 21 April
Christchurch - 12 & 13 May
Hobart – 6 & 7 July

For the full 2010 calendar, visit www.iap2.org.au/training.

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