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## **NSW business leaders celebrate environmental gains**

To mark World Environment Day, 51 NSW business leaders will be awarded for improving sustainability at a recognition breakfast hosted by the Department of Environment Climate Change and Water NSW (DECCW) at the Novotel Sydney Olympic Park tomorrow (Friday) morning.

DECCW Acting Director General, Simon Smith said the 51 businesses were being recognised as Silver or Bronze Partners for strengthening environmental performance through the Sustainability Advantage Program.

"Businesses are realising the benefits of sustainability, with a combined \$13 million saved to date through improved energy and resource efficiency," Mr Smith said.

"The 428 Sustainability Advantage members have also saved 31,000 tonnes of carbon pollution, more than 240 million of litres of water, 2,400 tonnes of raw materials and diverted 6,000 tonnes of waste from landfill," he said.

Mr Smith will be presenting awards to regional and metropolitan Sustainability Advantage members from the manufacturing, registered clubs, tourism, aged care and community services, wineries, and tertiary education sectors.

"These businesses are leading by example, proving that productivity and profitability are directly linked with environmental performance," Mr Smith said.

"Member organisations adopt an holistic approach that goes beyond the sole focus of energy and resource savings," Mr Smith said.

"Through careful planning and monitoring, developing close relationships with supply chains and engaging staff, organisations are setting the foundation for long term environmental gains."

The first nine businesses to become Silver Partners, demonstrating significant environmental achievements include:

- Converg, St Leonards
- The Austral Brick Company, Horsley Park
- De Bortoli Wines, Griffith
- Focus Press, Enfield
- Marquis Bathroom Products, Taylors Beach, Port Stephens
- Offset Alpine Printing, Lidcombe
- Ontera Modular Carpets, Wentworthville
- Schindler Lifts Australia, Alexandria
- TAFE NSW Northern Sydney Institute, Crows Nest

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This is the second year the Recognition Breakfast event has been held. The Sustainability Advantage Program has been engaging business in improved environmental performance since 2007.

Visit [savepower.nsw.gov.au/business](http://savepower.nsw.gov.au/business) for more information about DECCW's programs to help businesses cut energy use, lower power bills, improve sustainability and reduce their impact on our environment.

The following organisations are being recognised as Bronze Sustainability Advantage Partners, demonstrating commitment to business sustainability:

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>LGA</b>
Offset Alpine Printing Pty Limited	Auburn Council
Albion Park RSL Memorial Club	Shellharbour City Council
Alcatel-Lucent Australia	Strathfield Municipal Council
Baptist Community Services NSW & ACT	Ryde City Council
Becker Underwood Pty Ltd	Gosford City Council
Bright Print Group	Fairfield City Council
Canon Australia Pty Ltd	City of Sydney Council
Cargill Beef Australia	Wagga Wagga City Council
Caroma Industries Limited	Fairfield City Council
CatholicCare Hunter-Manning	Newcastle City Council
Charles Sturt University	Albury City Council
Coleman Greig Lawyers	Parramatta City Council
Compass Housing Services Co Ltd	Newcastle City Council
Davis Langdon Australasia	North Sydney Council
Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water NSW	Sydney City Council
Edstein Creative Stone	Greater Taree City Council
Geofabrics Australasia	Albury City Council
Goodman	Sydney City Council
Hunter Water	Newcastle City Council
Lake Macquarie City Council	Lake Macquarie City Council
Ligare Pty Ltd	Canterbury City Council
Macquarie University	Ryde City Council
North Coast TAFE	Port Macquarie Hastings Council
Oak Flats Bowling and Recreation Club	Shellharbour City Council
OI Australia	Penrith City Council
One Steel Wire	Newcastle City Council
Overall Forge Pty Ltd	Albury City Council
Rheem Australia Pty Ltd	Parramatta City Council
Riverina Cheese	Albury City Council
St George Corporate & Business Bank Western Region	
St George Private Hospital	Kogarah Municipal Council
Steber International	Greater Taree City Council
Sydney Turf Club Rosehill Racecourse	Parramatta City Council
Tapex Pty Ltd	Canterbury City Council
The Laminex Group (NSW)	Ballina Shire Council
The Links Shell Cove	Shellharbour City Council
Worth Recycling	Rockdale City Council
YHA Ltd	Sydney City Council