



June Drake, James Thyer, Jenny Mason, Bob Semmens, Maryanne Crocker and Michael Drake with their finalists awards at the MCG for the Keep Australia Beautiful Clean Beaches Awards. (7/11)

Bastion beach a beauty

Mallacoota's Bastion Point beach ranked highly at a recent Keep Australia Beautiful Clean Beaches Awards presentation in Melbourne.

While the beach did not win any of the awards, it was a finalist in a number of categories, including protection of the environment, leadership, community action and cultural heritage.

The beach was also a finalist in the overall Clean Beaches award.

The Friends of Mallacoota was the

group behind the nomination, and representatives attended the awards presentation at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

This was the first year the group took part in the awards.

"To get into the Clean Beaches Awards you needed to do well in many of the different awards," Jenny Mason, of Friends of Mallacoota, said.

"It was certainly a feather in our cap. The judge came and spent a whole

day looking at the projects the Friends have been involved with, and looked at the beaches and then went back to talk with other judges who had looked at other areas.

"It's a credit to our town that we performed so well!"

Ms Mason pointed out that most of the beaches that won awards were from the Melbourne area, and said it was great for a beach so far from the city to do so well.