



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **KEEP AUSTRALIA BEAUTIFUL VICTORIA (KABV): SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND CLEAN BEACHES AWARDS**

Local group Friends of Mollacoota featured prominently in the recent KABV Awards night, held at the Melbourne Cricket Club on 29<sup>th</sup> July, by achieving finalist status in five of nine categories.

The Keep Australia Beautiful Awards celebrate and recognise the wonderful effort communities put into sustaining their local environments and making them better places to live in. This year KABV received 45 individual entries, consisting of 126 initiatives, from all levels of community such as Councils, local community groups, schools and individuals.

Friends of Mollacoota were finalists in Community Action (Save Bastion Point Campaign), Protection of the Environment (Restoration Works and Bird Conservation), Cultural Heritage (Request for Significant Landscape Classification for the Mollacoota Foreshore), and Community Leadership.

They were also finalists in the overall award, Clean Beach of the Year (Bastion Point Beach) presented by Minister for the Environment and Climate Change, the Hon Ryan Smith MP.

Friends' Co-ordinator, Lorelle Roberts said "We are delighted to have this recognition for our group and our town. Mollacoota is a very special place, and Friends' members put in a great deal of effort to help preserve its outstanding natural environment and other values.

We congratulate the overall winner for the Clean Beaches Award - Frankston City Council for its work on the Frankston foreshore."

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