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Nominate a Sustainability Champion for the 2012 Glossy Awards

Sunshine Coast Council is calling on the community to nominate sustainability champions for the 2012 Living Smart Glossies Awards, to be held on Friday 15 June.

The Glossies, named after the endangered glossy black cockatoo, recognise exceptional sustainability achievements in building design, construction, transport, resource management, greening the arts, and edible gardening.

New this year is the Affordable Living Award, which is open to developers and builders who have delivered a residential project which has contributed to housing choice and a sustainable and affordable living experience for the home's inhabitants.

Council's Climate Change and Environment Initiatives Coordinator, Sally Wright, said the Glossies acknowledged businesses, community organisations and individuals who have made smarter choices in how they live and contribute to the future of our region.

"With council's vision to see the Sunshine Coast become Australia's most sustainable region, the Awards acknowledge people who are inspirational role models for other residents," Ms Wright said.

"We can all contribute to this vision, and even small changes can collectively have an impressive impact on protecting and respecting our environment.

"One easy and effective way to be more sustainable is to plant an edible landscape – a garden that feeds the family in a healthy way, saves money, and helps the environment. We're encouraging residents to enter the 2012 Edible Landscape Award category and reap the benefits of gardening."

While residents, organisations and businesses can self-nominate for the awards, the Hall of Fame recipient will be selected by a specialist assessor panel. Established last year, the Hall of Fame Award recognises a well-known Sunshine Coast identity or business that has achieved sustainable outcomes over a significant period of time.

Award categories open for self nomination include the Golden Glossy – Excellence in Sustainable Design Award, Resource Saver Award, Sustainable Transport Award, Living Smart Solutions Award, Enviro-Business Award, and Greening the Arts Award.

Visit www.livingsmartqld.com.au for more information or to nominate. Entries close on Monday 14 May 2012.

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