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GREEN GLOBE AWARD WINNERS LEAD BY EXAMPLE

The 2014 Green Globe Awards were held at Parliament House last night to celebrate leading environmental work across NSW.

Environment Minister Rob Stokes congratulated the 25 award winners, recognising their environmental excellence, leadership and innovation.

“This year’s winners are leading by example and represent our most environmental-minded companies and organisations that are making sustainability an integral part of their operations,” Mr Stokes said.

“The awards showcase companies that have increased their triple bottom line through sustainable processes, producing happier staff and customers, a healthier environment, and increased financial returns.

“The winners include Serendipity Ice Cream who won for showing us that small businesses can build sustainability into their work and benefit from making carbon neutral products that we all love, like ice-cream.

“The Green Globe winners come from a wide-range of industries and regions and show that smart and resourceful people are making sustainability business-as-usual.

“Large energy saving initiatives such as the Sydney Opera House Concert Hall’s lighting upgrade are leading iconic Australian buildings into a sustainable future.

“Regional Award winners like South East Local Land Services are helping local oyster farmers to improve the management of estuaries and the profitability of the oyster industry, helping the South Coast become widely recognised as one of the most sustainable oyster producing regions in Australia.

“Gosford City Council won the *Regional Sustainability Award* for their stormwater recycling project designed to conserve valuable Central Coast drinking water.

“The boutique hotel The Observatory, Port Macquarie won the *Premier’s Award for Environmental Excellence* for their range of resource saving initiatives and environmental engagement with hotel guests.”

For more information on the awards: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/greenglobes/>