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Tangalooma cleans up at clean beach awards

Tangalooma Island Resort has won two awards at the annual Clean Beach Challenge, Moreton Bay Regional Awards.

The two awards won by Tangalooma Island Resort include: *Tourism Queensland's Friendliest Beach* and *Moreton Bay's Cleanest Beach*.

The awards were presented by Keep Australia Beautiful Queensland CEO, Carole Miller to Tangalooma Island Resort's Marine Biologist Andrea Van Niekerk in a ceremony held on 6th November at Suttons Beach Parkland.

Ms Miller said that the Clean Beach Challenge competition has become very popular in the past 11 years.

"Entering the Challenge has become an annual tradition for so many communities," Ms Miller said.

"Tangalooma is a fine example of a business working together with the community to achieve outstanding environmental outcomes, whilst ensuring their beautiful beaches are clean and inviting for the residents and tourists that visit the area," she said.

Ms Van Niekerk, from Tangalooma's Marine Education and Conservation Centre was thrilled to accept the awards on the company's behalf.

"The awards and recognition is a great achievement for us at Tangalooma, as we place a considerable amount of time into caring for the environment that surrounds us," Ms Van Niekerk said.

"Through Tangalooma's Marine Education and Conservation Centre (TMECC), we work with Resort guests to help educate them about everyday actions that they can take to keep our beaches and waterways clean, which in turn help protect the marine and wild life that live within the environment.

"The expansion of our TMECC program to include the Mobile Marine Education Centre which travels to schools in South East Queensland to provide free educational programs, has also enabled us to extend knowledge to students, who play a crucial role in the future of our environment and its protection," she said.

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Tangalooma's Resort Manager, Mr Trevor Hassard is delighted with Tangalooma's achievement, giving credit to all the hard work and effort put in by Resort guests and staff.

"These awards could not have been won if it was not for the continuous efforts of our Resort staff and guests, and all the hard work they put in to keep the beaches at Tangalooma clean," Mr Hassard said.

"By implementing our environmental management philosophy throughout all areas of the Resort, the staff have been able to successfully maintain a clean, healthy, and ecologically friendly environment.

"Our philosophy is known as the 5Rs - Responsible reduction, recycling, rejuvenation and revegetation and has been implemented in conjunction with the Resort's tourism development strategy and best practice environmental strategy, in order to produce the best possible environmental outcome for the Moreton Bay Region," he said.

Tangalooma Island Resort has now gone into contest for the Clean Beach Challenge State award due to be announced on 8 December 2008.

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