

## ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS 2009

# Business/local authority

The six awards for 2009 cover a wide range of industrial, business and civic activity, and recognise environmental investments totalling millions of dollars. This year's awards bring the total in this category to 33 since 1993.

- **The Links coastal development** for environmental enhancement and stormwater treatment: Developers of the 164-lot subdivision are taking care to enhance a former gully and farm drain/stream. The revitalised and revegetated lake habitat area supports rare fauna, including teal. The wetland system also detains and treats stormwater from the development before discharge from the site. The low-impact design of the project includes rain gardens in the road network to pre-treat stormwater before it enters the gully lake system. Future roads will feature rain gardens and the final stage will feature a 'dry river bed' to encourage percolation of stormwater to ground rather than piping.



The road network at The Links includes rain gardens that pre-treat stormwater before it enters the lake system.