Burleigh Heads - Queensland's Cleanest Beach 2015

Burleigh Heads has been named Australia's Cleanest Beach Runner Up 2015 by Keep Australia Beautiful. Burleigh Beach also achieved the Young Legends Award. The overall win went to Guilderton Western Australia and was announced in Darwin on 14 August.

Watch our video to find out why Burleigh is such a national treasure:

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A firm favourite with both locals and visitors, the Burleigh coastal strip beat some of the most beautiful beaches in the state, in a decision which the judges said was made because of the high and innovative level of community involvement in taking care of the beach.

Supporting the daily maintenance undertaken by City of Gold Coast teams, volunteers from local schools, scouting groups, surf lifesavers, the Jellurgal Aboriginal Cultural Centre and other community, environmental and sporting groups all contribute to ongoing beach care initiatives at Burleigh. An ongoing BeachCare program operates at Burleigh, coordinated by the Griffith Centre for Coastal Management in partnership with City of Gold Coast.

Griffith Centre for Coastal Management representatives
Tegan Croft and Peta Leahy accept the
Australia's Cleanest Beach Runner Up 2015 and
Youth Legends Award in Darwin on 14 August.

Australian Clean Beaches judge Averil Bones said "Youth 4 Beaches have adopted Burleigh Heads beach and headland through Keep Queensland Beautiful Adopt-a-spot. This contributes to their vision of making a positive impact on decreasing the amount of litter at Gold Coast beaches and fighting for a litter free future".
Youth 4 Beaches is a non-profit organisation that encourages young people to step up and keep the Gold Coast’s beaches clean and green. Their aim is to get local youth to start leading healthy, sustainable and environmentally friendly lifestyles within the community, making it fun at the same time.

"A partnership with Sort Recycling sees this youth group collecting E-waste from the local community for recycling, upcycling and re-purposing," Ms Bones said.

The Clean Beaches Awards program has been running since 1996. Beaches are considered against six key criteria:

- Community Action and Partnerships
- Litter Prevention
- Heritage and Culture
- Resource Recovery and Waste Management
- Water and Energy Conservation
- Environmental Protection and Innovation.

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