

Sustainable Communities 2021-22.

Finalist case study: Copper Coast



Sustainable Communities is all about telling a community's story, getting people together to help their local towns, schools and businesses and to be proud of what they have achieved. Sharing achievements is the focus of the Sustainable Community awards, so that initiatives can have ripple effects to more areas of Australia and beyond.

During 2021-22 we saw community projects affected by the impacts of COVID-19 so the applications to the program were particularly impressive. Many initiatives focussed on social connectivity and wellbeing, potentially as a response to these challenges at the time.

The 2021-22 finalist was **The Copper Coast Council**.

The Copper Coast Council is located in the northern Yorke Peninsula, 155km north-west of Adelaide. It has strong farming and fishing industries as well as world-renowned copper mining heritage.

It's a popular tourist destination but has a residential population of around 15,000.

Their submission included initiatives in every category and showed extensive community engagement, long-term planning, a commitment to local circular economies and infrastructure.

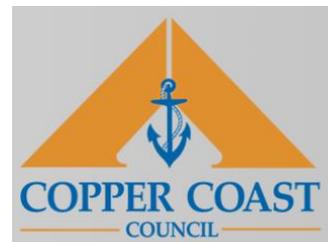
The Copper Coast projects included:

- The Kadina & Moonta cemetery wall restoration which was informed by community and developed local skills and utilised reclaimed stone.
- A new synthetic hockey pitch allowing for all-season utilisation and less maintenance which has encouraged a more active and engaged community, as has the installation of local dog parks, which the community were heavily engaged with.



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- Bee BnB hotels and workshops were organised to support local biodiversity and community education, with materials made available to the public for home DIY options.
- The SA Masters Games in the region supported active and healthy communities, as well as contributing around \$675,000 to the local economy. The games were volunteered and honed event skills whilst developing closer relationships within the immediate and surrounding community.
- The Moonta town hall restoration was informed by extensive community engagement and included long-term and diverse future use, including a virtual tour.
- To address sand drift causing residential access challenges, the North beach sand drift management plan was developed by Council and stakeholders, to utilise natural systems.
- A FOGO waste collection service and supporting education for residents and businesses was launched to better manage resources in the region, with very successful outcomes.



Congratulations to the Copper Coast community for achieving such a diversity of successful projects during a challenging time.

If you'd like to learn more about the Copper Coast's initiatives, you can contact them directly: info@coppercoast.sa.gov.au (08) 8828 1200