

## **Sandringham YC wins Victorian Marine Industry Award**

Sandringham Yacht Club (SYC), one of Australia's leading and most innovative yacht clubs, has won the Environmental Award at the 2009 Victorian Marine Industry Awards, adding to a string of other successes in recent years.

The Club, which will launch its brand new multi-million Clubhouse and training facility in October, has integrated wide-ranging environmental initiatives as part of its redevelopment.

Winning the Environmental Award is directly linked to the new premises.

Club officials, well-versed on the impact to the environment, selected environmentally friendly building materials, furniture and fit-out, efficient mechanical and air conditioning equipment, low energy lighting, efficient electrical switching systems, sensitive location of building exhausts considering noise and visual amenity, use of non reflecting roofing materials, waste collection and recycling, rainwater collection and re-use and clean storm water using bio retention drainage design for its new premises.

Additionally, the Melbourne based club has installed a 60,000 litre water tank, 34 site wide water efficient shower heads, implemented the "Hunter Green Chemical Program" together with a site-wide recycling waste removal program with Veolia Environmental Services.

"Since the inception of our Facilities Master Plan, some ten years ago, we have strived to position SYC as one of the best yacht clubs in Australia in terms of environmental performance. We are delighted to have our efforts acknowledged by the Victorian marine industry" said a proud SYC commodore, Philip Burn, who recognised Veolia Environmental Services and Hunter Green, whom the Club consulted when planning the new premises, as being instrumental in the Club winning the Award.

Veolia is Australia's environmental services leader in all facets of waste management and resource recovery, as well as Industrial services such as Industrial Cleaning and Facilities Management. Committed to a green environment, SYC is also Veolia's nominated Clean Up Australia Day site and SYC was also the first club in Victoria to receive National Clean Marina Australia Accreditation.

Scott Hunter from Hunter Industrials also commented "The Huntergreen program allows the club to take ownership of the environmental impact of the cleaning chemicals and consumables used on the site. The program aims to utilise the best environmental choice products available including consumables based around degradable garbage bags, microfibre and paper coming from SCA who are acknowledged as industry leaders in terms of Carbon footprint and sustainability".

For further information on the award, phone Liz McCormack Communications Manager on (03) 9598 7444 or for further information on Sandringham Yacht Club go to: [www.syc.com.au](http://www.syc.com.au)

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**Attached photo left to right:**

Simon Tori, State Manager Veolia Environmental Services, Philip Burn, Commodore SYC and Scott Hunter from Hunter Industrials