



TOWN OF VINCENT

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Town Takes out Two Awards

The Town of Vincent is delighted to announce that it has been the recipient of two prestigious national awards.

The Town's highly successful [Vincent Liquor Accord](#) initiative has received another accolade – taking out the [2010 National Award for Local Government Excellence in Alcohol Management](#). In addition, [Beatty Park Leisure Centre Swim School's Angelfish Programme](#) took home [Swim Australia's Award for Outstanding Community Service](#).

"I am very proud that our Town has been so successful in winning these prestigious awards. Our administration is to be congratulated for the programmes and initiatives that we implement and it is gratifying to see all those efforts richly rewarded", said Mayor Nick Catania.

"Given the diversity of these awards, it is a testament to the efforts of the Town to create projects and services that benefit our community – from alcohol management strategies to providing specialised swimming classes for people with disabilities", continued Mayor Catania.

The National Awards for Local Government highlight the excellent and innovative work being undertaken by local government in communities across Australia to improve business practices within councils and service delivery to communities. The Awards recognise ingenuity, resourcefulness and self-reliance, and identify and promote councils that are finding new ways of delivering services and developing local solutions to complex and challenging problems.

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"The Town won the [Excellence in Alcohol Management Category](#) for our Vincent Liquor Accord – a collaboration between licensed premises, residents, businesses and patrons, WA Police and the Town to provide the community with an enjoyable and safe place to live, work and socialise. The success of the Accord relies on mutual and open communication between all stakeholders and this consultative approach was recognised with the Award", said Mayor Catania.

The Beatty Park Swim School was awarded the prize for [Outstanding Community Service](#) for the work it does in the [Angelfish Programme](#) for people with disabilities. Swim Australia recognised the Angelfish Programme for its importance and value to the community. Previous recipients of this award include Laurie Lawrence for Kids Alive, the Victorian Government for Play it Safe by the Water, Carlile Swimming for Rainbow Club support, Peter Tonkin for Indigenous Communities and the Hon. Wayne Swan MP for his parliamentary support of the learn-to-swim industry.

"The Angelfish Programme has been a great success and the Swim School team are to be commended for developing this valuable service. Learning to swim is so important for anyone in Australia who spends time around water and this programme is designed for people with disabilities and helps to integrate the participants into mainstream swim classes, ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to learn to swim in an inclusive and supportive environment", concluded Mayor Catania.

Information on the Vincent Accord can be found [here](#) and the Angelfish Programme features [here](#).

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