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Western Australia's 2002 TIDY TOWNS ANNUAL AWARDS BOOKLET

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Tidy Towns is a community based program aimed at recognising Western Australia's achievments in enhancing our regional built and natural environment. The Tidy towns program encourages building community partnerships to generate pride and respect for our towns.

Keep Australia Beautiful Council WA

TIDY TOWNS PROGRAM AND AWARDS "Sustainable Living in WA"

Information Booklet

Keep Australia Beautiful Council's Tidy Towns program provides the framework to encourage and recognise the achievements of thousands of communities that get involved each year in environmental improvement, beautification, heritage and education programs.

The Tidy Towns program is a comprehensive approach to a better environment and a stronger and more vibrant community.

The information in this booklet outlines the Western Australian Tidy Towns program, judging criteria, awards, contacts and important dates.

The Tidy Towns program and competition is open to all Western Australians living outside of the Perth metropolitan area.

Registration

Each year a town must register with Keep Australia Beautiful Council WA to participate in the coming years Tidy Towns program and awards. The deadline for registration is the end of April and entry is free.

Submission

All towns participating in the years program are required to fill out a Tidy Towns Submission Information Booklet to be completed and returned by July, when State judging will commence. Submissions should provide as much information as possible to judges to help in a fair assessment of your town. Photographs and newspaper articles can be displayed in a portfolio to support your submission and this can be given to the judge on the day of judging.

Tidiest Town Award

This award recognises communities that are achieving outstanding results across all areas of the Tidy Towns "Sustainable Living in WA" Program. The areas included in the judging are set out in the Initiative Categories below. A winner and runner up will be awarded in each of the six population categories.

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A (up to and including 250); B (251 - 550); C (551 - 900); D (901 - 2,000); E (2001 - 6,500); F (over 6,500).
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Winners of the six population Categories go in the running for the Western Australian Tidy Towns of the Year title, who will then take part in the Australian Tidy Towns Awards.

Awards Presentation

The WA Tidy Towns Awards Day is held in Perth in the first week of December. The Australian Tidy Towns Awards is held in April or May of the following year. The state and territory winners attend an all expenses paid awards function where the National Tidy Towns Awards are announced.

Five Star Rating

All towns who enter the Tidy Towns awards program are judged across all the criteria, except the Bush Spirit category. Every year the Tidy Towns judging process provides feedback and advice to towns on ways to improve the environmental quality and community involvement in their town. Each town that enters is given a star rating between one to five, five stars indicating a community working successfully towards an ecologically sustainable and culturally vibrant future.

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5 Stars 90 – 100%
4 Stars 80 – 89%
3 Stars 70 – 79%
2 Stars 60 – 69%
1 Star 50 – 59%
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COMPETITION JUDGING: The state will be split into smaller regional boundaries and judging will occur during the period July – October. Judges will be looking for evidence of ongoing environmental management rather than just for appearances on the day of judging.

INITIATIVE CATEGORY AWARDS: In addition to the population category awards, one finalist for each of the 10 Initiatives Awards, will be nominated from each of the 5 judging regions. From these 50 finalists, ten state Initiative Awards winners will be announced at the annual Western Australian Tidy Towns Awards to be held in the first week of December.

INITIATIVE AWARDS

(individual sponsors are sought for each of these categories)

Resource Conservation and Waste Management Award

This award recognises outstanding accomplishment in resource conservation and waste management. Judges look for evidence of community, business and/or local council initiatives in the conservation of resources such as water and energy, the recovery and reuse of "waste" materials, and the appropriate disposal of non-recyclables.

Cultural Heritage Award

This award recognises outstanding accomplishment in preserving and valuing our rich cultural history. Judges look for evidence of a commitment to the preservation and celebration of cultural heritage within a community.

Local Government Leadership Award

This award recognises outstanding accomplishment by a local council which motivates, educates, involves and leads its community. Judges look for evidence of a council's proactive influence in and around the community.

Environmental Innovation Award

This award recognises outstanding initiative, innovation and commitment to the principles and practical implementation of sustainable development. Judges look for evidence of innovative activities or projects - planned, under development or established - which have cleaner production and sustainability as their focus.

Friendly Tourism and Townscape Award

This award recognises outstanding efforts by a community to improve the general appearance of their town or city. In particular areas such as the entrances to town, business, retail and industrial areas, parks, gardens and sporting areas, homes and gardens and streets, footpaths and verges. The judging takes into consideration the economic, social and environmental conditions for the area.

Community Action Award

This award recognises outstanding community organisation and pride - expressed through civic, cultural and environmental activities. Judges look for evidence of strong partnerships between the local community (including clubs and organised groups), local business, schools and the local council.

Litter Prevention Award

This award recognises outstanding accomplishment in litter prevention, management and education. Judges look for evidence of sound and proactive litter management and abatement activities.

Natural Heritage Conservation Award

This award recognises outstanding accomplishment in the protection of the local natural environment. Judges look for evidence of a community's and/or council's commitment to the preservation of local fauna and flora.

Young Legends Award

This award recognises outstanding accomplishment by youth and by a town/community which encourages and promotes youth activity. Judges look for evidence of strong youth initiative and involvement in/around a community.

Bush Spirit Award

This award recognises communities which are facing or have faced difficult times, but which are committed to solving problems by turning them into opportunities. Judges look firstly for evidence of community/regional hardship (economic, environmental or elemental) and then for evidence of a community's refusal to "give in".

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