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Lockhart Tidy Towns Committee wins community grant from Keep Australia Beautiful to increase beverage container recycling

Lockhart Tidy Towns has won a \$7,500 community grant to increase beverage container recycling in Lockhart and reduce waste being sent to landfill.

The Keep Australia Beautiful grant, funded by the Coca-Cola Foundation, will enable the Lockhart Tidy Towns Committee for the Lockhart Lions Club to purchase site equipment and a second-hand forklift.

The focus of the \$200,000 nationwide community grants scheme funded by the Coca-Cola Foundation is on increasing away from home or 'out & about' recycling, through practical projects that leave a legacy and do not duplicate existing recycling activities. Project results must be measurable and show how recycled materials are being collected and diverted from landfill.

KAB NSW selected the Lockhart Tidy Town Committee's project to receive a grant, along with five other community projects across NSW.

Peter McLean, CEO of KAB NSW said: "The Lockhart Tidy Towns Committee was selected to receive a grant as their project provides a clear and tangible outcome for increasing the recycling rate of beverage containers in public places. With only just over half the total waste produced in Australia each year being recycled, this project will help streamline the beverage container recycling activities managed by the Lions Club."

Many of the community grants projects being announced nationally coincide with Keep Australia Beautiful (KAB) Week, which kicks off on Monday 23rd August and runs until Sunday 29th August. The theme for this year's campaign is focused on encouraging people to recycle their empty beverage containers when they are 'out & about' to reduce landfill waste.

Frances Day from the Lockhart Tidy Towns Committee said: "We are delighted to receive this grant from Keep Australia Beautiful and the Coca-Cola Foundation. We are keen for our community to play a role in increasing the recycling rates of beverage containers and this grant will help assist with providing the equipment and infrastructure needed to engage our community."

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Editor's Notes

A follow up photo opportunity will be arranged for a KAB Week story mid-August.

About Keep Australia Beautiful

Keep Australia Beautiful seeks to lead, challenge and inspire all Australians to strive for a sustainable and litter free environment. National programs include the Australian Sustainable Community Awards consisting of Tidy Towns, Sustainable Cities and Clean Beaches; the National Litter Index (results released in September) and Keep Australia Beautiful Week (23-29 August in 2010).



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