

**Keep Australia Beautiful
Sustainable Communities Awards
Tidy Towns, Sustainable Cities, Clean Beaches**

- Community Action & Partnerships** **200 points**
Recognises achievement in community beautification, presentation and pride. Also recognises partnerships between government, business, industry and local community networks.
- ‘Dame Phyllis Frost’ Litter Prevention** **200 Points**
Recognises community litter management, reduction and education initiatives.
- Resource Recovery & Waste Management** **100 points**
Recognises achievement in resource recovery and waste management including initiatives which conserve resources, recover and reuse materials and the appropriate disposal of non-recyclable materials.
- Environmental Innovation & Protection** **100 points**
Recognises innovative principles and actions associated with developing sustainable communities. Also recognises protection of the natural environment focusing on the conservation of native flora and fauna.
- Water Conservation** **100 points**
Recognise sustainable water management within communities which has combined innovative water conservation and water re-use initiatives at the private, industrial and municipal levels, benefiting society and nature.
- Energy Innovation** **100 points**
Recognises sustainable energy management which focuses on innovative energy efficiency measures and climate change issues.
- Heritage & Culture** **100 points**
Recognises communities which proudly preserve and value cultural history.
- Young Legends** **100 points**
Recognises positive environmental outcomes which encourage and promote youth initiative and environmental education and/or achievement.

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Community Action & Partnerships

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- ◆ Tidy, well-maintained approaches to towns, including signs and features.
- ◆ Tidy, well-maintained business, retail and industrial areas.
- ◆ Tidy, well-maintained public parks, gardens and sporting areas.
- ◆ Tidy, well-maintained homes and private gardens.
- ◆ Tidy, well-maintained streets, including footpaths, verges and median strips.
- ◆ Organised community clean-ups and ongoing litter management activities.
- ◆ Established Tidy Towns Action Group or similar community/business group.
- ◆ Community involvement in the preparation and implementation of management plans/strategies for the town/region.
- ◆ Involvement of youth groups, schools and clubs in positive community management activities.
- ◆ Community celebrations associated with the town/area.
- ◆ Cultural heritage celebrations/projects initiated by the community.
- ◆ Fauna and flora protection and/or rehabilitation activities initiated by the community.
- ◆ Community-led resource recovery, reuse and recycling activities.
- ◆ Visible/measurable outcomes achieved as a result of community initiative and action.
- ◆ Where appropriate, provision of visitor and tourist facilities, including toilets, picnic areas, barbecues, shaded playgrounds, carparks and tourist information services.
- ◆ Adequate, well placed directional signage for parking, amenities, information services, tourist attractions.
- ◆ Multi-lingual signs, and/or universal symbols for non-readers and non-English readers.
- ◆ Appropriate access to and from public facilities and local attractions for the disabled and elderly.
- ◆ Local government encouragement of, and assistance with, community care, presentation and enhancement.
- ◆ Established community consultation policy and practice by local government.
- ◆ Community forums and/or workshops arranged by local government.
- ◆ Effective promotion of local government activities and services to the community.
- ◆ Strong two-way communication between local government and the community.
- ◆ Sound local government management and maintenance of local facilities, eg playgrounds, shower and toilet facilities, carparks, public open spaces, etc.
- ◆ Community/government partnerships on issues such as tourism plans, area/regional development plans, environmental or conservation management plans, public infrastructure development and/or local improvement and beautification.
- ◆ Successful outcomes from community/government partnerships.
- ◆ Programs to reduce environmental impact of the community such as illegal dumping and graffiti removal.

'Dame Phyllis Frost' Litter Prevention

200 Points

Recognises community litter management, reduction and education initiatives.

- ◆ Adequate, well placed litter bins in commercial centres, public parks/areas.
- ◆ Appropriate directional signage to litter bins.
- ◆ Frequent and adequate collection of litter bins.
- ◆ Litter education and awareness programs, literature and/or signage by local government, schools and/or community groups.
- ◆ Dog prohibition, or the provision of dog-litter bags and disposal facilities, in public areas such as parks and/or beaches.
- ◆ Cigarette butt disposal facilities in commercial centres and public parks/areas.
- ◆ Regular clean-up activities, including roadside clean-ups, by the community and/or local government.
- ◆ Litter-awareness signs, particularly at entries and exits to the community.
- ◆ Adequate fencing or other devices to manage litter blow at waste transfer and refuse facilities.
- ◆ Integration of litter and waste management activities into a broader waste management strategy.
- ◆ Regular, competent community/regional litter audits to assist with preventative and education measures.

Resource Recovery & Waste Management

100 points

Recognises achievement in resource recovery and waste management including initiatives which conserve resources, recover and reuse materials and the appropriate disposal of non-recyclable materials.

- ◆ Collection and appropriate disposal of non-recyclable materials.
- ◆ Adequate, well placed litter bins in public parks/areas.
- ◆ Adequate, well placed recycling bins/facilities.
- ◆ Appropriate directional signage to recycling facilities and/or services at waste transfer and refuse facilities.
- ◆ Frequent and adequate collection of recycling bins.
- ◆ Resource recovery and recycling education and awareness programs, literature and/or signs by local government, schools, community groups
- ◆ Recovery and re-use of resources such as organics, green materials, glass, paper, cardboard, aluminium, plastic, batteries, fluoro tubes and oil.
- ◆ Innovative use of recovered resources, eg, compost in local government services to the community.
- ◆ Integration of resource recovery, recycling and waste management activities into a broader waste management strategy.
- ◆ Regular, competent community/regional litter audits to assist with compliance and education measures.
- ◆ Education programs facilitating disposal according to the avoid, reduce, reuse, recycle waste hierarchy.

Environmental Innovation & Protection

100 points

Recognises innovative principles and actions associated with developing sustainable communities. Also recognises protection of the natural environment focusing on the conservation of native flora and fauna.

- ◆ Partnerships between community/local government/industry which have been established to address local environmental sustainability issues.
- ◆ Programs which encourage community education and/or involvement in the planning, development and/or implementation of innovative strategies which focus on cleaner production and environmental protection.
- ◆ Innovative community/local government/industry water and/or wastewater activities/projects which focus on environmental protection.
- ◆ Local government support for innovative community/ industry projects, concepts, studies and/or research which focus on cleaner production, sustainable development, pollution prevention and/or environmental protection.
- ◆ Commitment to, or involvement in, community action programs such as Landcare, Coastcare, Bushcare, Dunecare, Waterwatch, Saltwatch and similar initiatives.
- ◆ Established local conservation and/or environment group(s).
- ◆ Commitment to the establishment, where relevant, initiation, maintenance and protection of wildlife corridors in residential, industrial and agricultural areas.
- ◆ Development and implementation of public and/or protected open space plans within a community and its surrounds, including areas with significant conservation value.
- ◆ Development and implementation of vegetation management plans for natural areas in a community and its surrounds, including the maintenance and protection of coastal and/or riparian vegetation and the revegetation of riparian zones in residential, industrial and agricultural areas.
- ◆ Management plans/strategies, including community/government partnerships, which are designed to identify, rehabilitate and/or protect local fauna and flora.
- ◆ Feral animal management policies and plans.
- ◆ Weed eradication policies and programs.
- ◆ Where relevant, commitment to addressing hazards, such as salinity and soil erosion, which reduce land use capacity.
- ◆ School and community awareness of local biodiversity issues.

Water Conservation**100 points**

Recognise sustainable water management within communities which has combined innovative water conservation and water re-use initiatives at the private, industrial and municipal levels, benefiting society and nature.

- ◆ Partnerships between community/local government/industry which have been established to address local environmental sustainability issues relating to water conservation, reuse and/or recycling.
- ◆ Programs which encourage community education and/or involvement in the planning, development and/or implementation of innovative strategies which focus on water conservation and reuse.
- ◆ Innovative community/local government/industry water and/or wastewater reuse projects and implementation of water sensitive urban design principles.
- ◆ Water minimisation practices and/or devices, eg automatic shut-off taps on public toilets and showers, evaporation protection measures, etc.
- ◆ Local government support for innovative community/industry projects, concepts, studies and/or research which focus on innovative water conservation and/or reuse initiatives.
- ◆ Education initiatives and community awareness and education programs to reduce water use.

Energy Innovation**100 points**

Recognises sustainable energy management and education which focuses on innovative energy efficiency measures and climate change issues.

- ◆ Partnerships between community/local government/industry which have been established to address renewable energy options.
- ◆ Programs which encourage community education and/or involvement in the planning, development and/or implementation of innovative strategies which focus on renewable energy use and climate change issues.
- ◆ Energy efficiency initiatives by community/local government/industry, including smart/green building design, use of energy efficient building products, renewable energy projects, eg photo-voltaic cells, wind generation, etc.
- ◆ Energy minimisation practices and/or devices at public facilities, eg long-life light globes, solar-heated/powered public facilities or services, automatic light shut-off switches, where safety is not compromised.
- ◆ Local government support for innovative community/ industry projects, concepts, studies and/or research which focus on innovative energy conservation initiatives.
- ◆ Education initiatives and community awareness and education programs to reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions.

Heritage & Culture**100 points**

Recognises communities which proudly preserve and value cultural history.

- ◆ Successful outcomes from community strategies/initiatives designed to address preservation of cultural or natural history.
- ◆ Development and/or implementation of innovative, community-based strategic or business plans relating to historic or cultural preservation and/or restoration.
- ◆ Establishment of a local historical museum, or similar, to record and display culturally significant artifacts, stories and/or images, including indigenous and non-indigenous cultural heritage; maritime, agricultural and industry heritage; community and regional heritage.
- ◆ Establishment of local historical society/group(s) dedicated to the research and preservation of local cultural heritage, including indigenous and non-indigenous cultural heritage; maritime, agricultural and industry heritage; community and regional heritage.
- ◆ Protection, and display where appropriate, of culturally significant sites.
- ◆ Celebration, within and by the local community, of culturally significant events/traditions.
- ◆ Community and/or local government commitment to the preservation and/or restoration of culturally significant buildings and sites.

Young Legends**100 points**

Recognises environmental achievement through youth initiative and/or by a community which encourages and promotes youth initiative and environmental education programs.

- ◆ Youth education programs, including at schools, which focus on environment and conservation
- ◆ Organised environment and conservation activities or projects for or by youth such as through the scouts, guides, fishing clubs, school, church, environment, conservation or community groups
- ◆ School-based environment and conservation activities which encourage youth leadership and initiative
- ◆ Community/local government/industry encouragement of, and involvement in, youth activities, particularly welfare, health, environment and conservation activities
- ◆ Successful outcomes from youth-initiated or youth-led environmental action.