



Steven Kons, MHA

Deputy Premier

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Tasmania Tidy Towns Awards

Swansea has been named Tasmania's Tidy Town for 2006-07, Deputy Premier Steven Kons announced today.

At a presentation ceremony in Burnie, Mr Kons said Swansea had organised a dedicated group of organisations that formed the basis of their Tidy Town committee, and with the assistance of the Glamorgan-Spring Bay Council worked together towards achieving a common goal.

"That level of commitment from the community and willingness to be involved in such a worthwhile cause means Swansea can proudly lay claim to being the state's tidiest town," Mr Kons said.

A total of 43 community entries were received in this year's awards, which has been running for 26 years.

Mr Kons also congratulated the Keep Australia Beautiful Council on its long running and very successful Tidy Towns program.

"This is an outstanding achievement by the council and also for the thousands of volunteers that work hard to care for their communities and the environment".

Mr Kons said the State Government provided generous support for the Tidy Towns Program, and established the Main-Street Make-over Program in 2004.

"The aim of the Main Street Make-over Program is to further improve towns throughout Tasmania for the benefit of tourists and locals alike."

Mr Kons said \$2 million was provided in each of the last two State Budgets for grants of up to \$250,000 for local government projects around the State.

"Nine towns have benefited from last year's grants and of the 2006-07 grants already announced, one will be implemented in Burnie, where \$87,000 has been granted for signage to be added to the magnificent work that has already been undertaken in this area," Mr Kons said.

Mr Kons congratulated the participants in this year's awards, saying their efforts generate positive flow-on effects and provide lasting impacts on communities.

"The contributions of participants increase people's pride and confidence in their local communities, they contribute to a sustainable future, and build stronger communities and a

better quality of life for all Tasmanians”.

Mr Kons said the Tasmanian Government is proud to support the Keep Australia Beautiful Council and will continue to applaud the excellent work that it and Tasmanian communities undertake in their efforts to maintaining and improving the natural beauty of our townships and local communities.

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