

Lockhart cleans up tidy awards

LOCKHART is still celebrating after receiving the 2010 Overall State Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Award.

The awards were held in Tamworth last weekend, attracting representatives of Tidy Towns from across the State.

While many towns took home awards, Tidy Towns assessor, Peter Davis, said he was impressed with the partnerships formed by Lockhart council, committees and other groups in the town south-west of Wagga Wagga to ensure community consultation lead to successful outcomes.

Lockhart deputy mayor and Tidy Towns committee member, Jean Gooden, said it had been an "unbelievable" and "special" win, which had left committee members

and the community on a high.

"We got runner-up in our category last year, but we never expected a win," she said.

Six committee members travelled to Tamworth for the awards, where Lockhart won the category B Grundfos Water and Conservation Award for water reuse at the Lockhart Sports Ground and Lockhart Central School playground, as well as being highly commended in the category B Heritage Branch Cultural Heritage Award and Packaging Stewardship Forum Waste Management and Litter Reduction Award.

Councillor Gooden said Lockhart had spent more than 22,000 volunteer hours on projects in the past year

which contributed to the win.

Keep Australia Beautiful NSW chief executive officer, Peter McLean, said the awards weekend was a fantastic opportunity to recognise those who achieved positive results for their local environment and community.

Remote communities were also represented at the awards with Mr McLean noting the efforts of Milparinka, White Cliffs and Tibooburra.

Other town winners in their population categories were Nundle, Portland, Young, Singleton and Orange.

Community organisations and volunteers were also recognised at an awards ceremony in Bathurst during the weekend.

KATANA SMITH