



■ Lockhart resident Sidna Schneider had a message for Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities judge Dick Olesinski during the street parade held during the national judging on Monday.

## National Tidy Towns judge visits Lockhart

The Australian Tidy Towns Awards judge Dick Olesinski was in Lockhart on Monday as part of the judging tour of the Keep Australia Beautiful Australian Tidy Towns Awards.

Mr Olesinski will spend two days assessing the merits of Lockhart after the town was declared the New South Wales Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities winner and national finalist.

Lockhart will now compete against the other state and territory finalists for the title of Australia's Tidiest Town in 2010 which will be announced in

Canberra in April next year.

Keep Australia Beautiful NSW chief executive Peter McLean said Lockhart and District Progress Association has worked tirelessly for many years towards ensuring Lockhart is a great place to live, work and visit.

"The organisation is well structured, proactive and planning is always done on consultation with Lockhart Shire Council, local businesses and community groups across the district," he said.

While in town, Mr Olesinski assessed notable projects such as the 'Every Drop Counts' water

conservation project. This project involved extending the Brookong Landcare Effluent treatment scheme to remove all discharge in the sewerage plant from entering Brookong Creek.

The judge will assess the work of other volunteer groups such as the Brookong Landcare Group, the Lockhart Showground Committee and the Industrial Park committee.

"The Australian Tidy Towns Awards provide a forum to demonstrate the efforts that many local communities are making to reduce their environmental impact," Mr Olesinski said.