



Media Release

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Lockhart in NSW wins the Community Action & Partnerships category at the Australian Tidy Towns Awards

The New South Wales town of Lockhart has won the Community Action & Partnerships category at the Keep Australia Beautiful, Australian Tidy Towns Awards 2009/10, announced in Canberra this evening.

According to the Australian Tidy Towns National Judge, Dick Olesinski, the Lockhart Tidy Towns Committee is a well established group that has gained a high profile due to the dedication and hard work of its members.

'Through the work of the Lockhart Progress Association and the Tidy Towns Committee, there is wide community participation and communication with council in relation to the decision making on a broad range of issues that impact the township, including local sustainability issues.

'The Lockhart Shire Council is supportive of all activities undertaken by the Tidy Towns Committee and other community organisations, providing financial assistance, education and encouraging residents to take ownership of initiatives throughout the town', he added.

Highlights earning Lockhart the community partnerships category include the local school programs that encourage children to participate in both school beautification and environmental improvement projects as well as in external community initiatives.

Lockhart Shire Council partnered with the community as well as the Federal government for the successful funding of the completion of the town's Effluent Reuse scheme, whilst Lockhart Lions club volunteers were commended for their commitment to coordinating the enormous tasks associated with recycling in the community.

The Chairman of Keep Australia Beautiful, Don Chambers, added, 'It is always a pleasure to be able to recognise and promote the work that many dedicated individuals and communities are undertaking to protect and preserve their local environment and history. Congratulations to the community members who have shown great commitment and leadership in local sustainability practices and education.'

Beechworth in Victoria won the overall national title of Australia's Tidiest Town for 2009/10.

Through the Australian Tidy Towns Awards, Keep Australia Beautiful is able to recognise local community and individual efforts that are helping rural and regional communities to become environmentally, economically and socially sustainable. The awards are sponsored by Grundfos Pumps, the Hungry Jack's 'Bag it & Bin It' program and Navman.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

Keep Australia Beautiful Australian Tidy Towns Awards 2009/2010 Results Table

Category	Winner	Commended	Sponsor
Overall	Beechworth, VIC		
Community Action & Partnerships	Lockhart, NSW		
'Dame Phyllis Frost' Litter Prevention	Beechworth, VIC		
Resource Recovery & Waste Management	Goolwa, SA	Barunga, NT	Hungry Jack's 'Bag it and Bin it' program
Environmental Innovation & Protection	Richmond, TAS	Port & South Hedland, WA	Navman
Water Conservation	Rockhampton, QLD	Goolwa, SA	Grundfos Pumps
Energy Innovation	Beechworth, VIC		
Heritage & Culture	Barunga, NT	Beechworth, VIC	
Young Legends	Port and South Hedland, WA		

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