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**LOCKHART ANNOUNCED NSW OVERALL TIDY TOWNS WINNER 2010!**

**Wagga, Coolamon, Henty, and Rand also take out top Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Awards!!!**

Lockhart has been announced the NSW Overall Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Winner 2010.

The towns of Wagga, Coolamon, Henty, Rand, and Lockhart all took out top Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Awards at this year's awards weekend in Tamworth between 30<sup>th</sup> October - 1<sup>st</sup> November 2009.

Wagga was the Winner of the Packaging Stewardship Waste Management and Litter Reduction Award and the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water Wildlife Corridors and Habitats Conservation Award.

Wagga also came second place in the Overall Tidy Towns Award, population category F (25,001 people plus) which recognises a comprehensive approach to environmental issues such as resource management, heritage, wildlife conservation and community partnerships. Rand received second place in the same Overall Tidy Towns Award, for population category A (up to 350 people).

Coolamon was the Winner of the Grundfos Water Conservation Award for their 'Every Drop Counts' project which encompasses several water management initiatives including the use of synthetic turf at town entrances and Bowling Club greens, a new solar power 40mg recycled water storage system, automated water monitoring and control devices, and modern low water use irrigation piping and pop-up sprinklers.

Henty received Highly Commended for the very competitive Heritage Branch Cultural Heritage Award for 'The Henty Cemetery Project - The Next Generation' which identified 250 previously unmarked graves at with plaques, preserving the town's cultural heritage for future generations and paying respect to those buried.

"Lockhart was the big Winner of the weekend, being awarded the prestigious 2010 Overall State Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Award. Peter Davis, the Tidy Towns Assessor was particularly impressed with "The cohesive partnerships formed by the Council, committees and other local community groups ensuring community consultation leading to successful outcomes overall."

In addition to being named the State's Overall Tidy Towns Winner, Lockhart had great award success in a number of award categories, Winning two awards in group B (351-1,200 people) - the Overall Tidy Towns Award, and the Grundfos Water Conservation Award for the 'Every Drop Counts' project which involved the extension of the Brookong Landcare Effluent Treatment Scheme to remove all discharge from Lockhart Sewerage Plant from entering Brookong Creek.

"The reticulated water to recreation grounds, parks and the school has had a positive impact on the community by instilling a real sense of pride in their town. The volunteer work involved has been immense with hard work put in by the Brookong Landcare group and the Lockhart Showground Committee and Industrial Park Committee and without the support and vision of the Lockhart Council this project would not have been possible." Tidy Towns Assessor, Peter Davis said.

Lockhart was also recognised with two Highly Commended Awards for the Heritage Branch Cultural Heritage Award and the Packaging Stewardship Forum Waste Management and Litter Reduction Award which was presented to Lockhart for their innovative entry, the "National Farm Art Sculpture Competition" with artwork made from recycled materials as part of the Lockhart Spirit of the Land Festival.

Peter McLean, Chief Executive Officer of Keep Australia Beautiful NSW said, "The Awards Weekend in Tamworth was a great success. It was a fantastic opportunity to recognise those who achieve positive results for their local environment and community."

Lockhart will go up against the Overall State Winners in each State and Territory across Australia for the National judging of the Australian Tidy Town Award, to be announced in April next year." Peter McLean said.

**After an independent field assessment and secondary judging, each Overall Tidy Town Winner was statistically analysed to determine the Overall 2010 State Tidy Town Winner. Overall Tidy Town Award recipients are:**

Population Category	First	Second	Third	Highly Commended	Highly Commended
A (< 350)	Nundle	Rand	Gooloogong	Tibooburra	White Cliffs
B (351-1,200)	Lockhart	Murrurundi	Euston	Coolah	Gulargambone
C (1,201-4,000)	Portland	Kootingal	Aberdeen	Summerland Point	
D (4,001-12,000)	Young	Cowra	Kurri Kurri	Toronto	
E (12,001-25,000)	Singleton	Lithgow	Griffith	Cessnock	
F (> 25,000)	Orange	Wagga Wagga			

The first town name in bold in each column is the Winner and the second town and third towns is/are the Highly Commended award recipient.

Individual Award Categories Winners	Cat A	Cat B	Cat C	Cat D	Cat E	Cat F
Grundfos Water Conservation Award	<b>Laguna</b> Tottenham	<b>Lockhart</b> Gulargambone Boggabri	<b>Coolamon</b> Summerland Point	<b>Kurri Kurri</b> Tilligerry Peninsula	<b>Griffith</b>	<b>Orange</b> Port Macquarie
Heritage Branch Cultural Heritage Award	<b>Milparinka</b>	<b>Jerilderie</b> Lockhart Henty	<b>Salamander Bay/Mambo Wanda</b> Finley	<b>Young</b> Leeton Glen Innes	<b>Singleton</b> East Maitland	<b>Maitland</b> Orange
Schools Environment Award	<b>Forster PS</b>	<b>King Street PS</b> Scone PS	<b>Grahamstown PS</b> Kyogle HS	<b>Coal Point Primary School</b> Forbes North PS	<b>Murrurundi PS</b> St Joseph's PS	
DECCW Wildlife Corridors and Habitats Conservation Award	<b>Tottenham</b>	<b>Boorowa</b> Murrurundi	<b>Summerland Point</b> Tenambit	<b>Gunnedah</b> Young	<b>Lithgow</b>	<b>Wagga Wagga</b> Port Macquarie
Country Energy Bush Spirit Award	<b>Bendemeer</b> Rydal Warrah Creek	<b>Trundle</b> Murrurundi	<b>Portland</b> Kootingal	<b>Gunnedah</b> Kurri Kurri	<b>Griffith</b> Cessnock	<b>Orange</b> Tamworth
Packaging Stewardship Forum Waste Management and Litter Reduction Award	<b>Tottenham</b> Merriwagga Delungra	<b>Coolah</b> Lockhart	<b>Portland</b> Summerland Point	<b>Toronto</b> Cooma	<b>Cessnock</b> Singleton	<b>Wagga Wagga</b> Tamworth

**Please note: For further information about the Tidy Towns Program and award recipients please visit [www.kabnsw.org.au](http://www.kabnsw.org.au)**

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