



Media Release

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Barunga, NT, wins the Heritage & Culture category at the Australian Tidy Towns Awards

The Top End community of Barunga has won the Heritage & Culture category at the Keep Australia Beautiful, Australian Tidy Towns Awards 2009/10 announced in Canberra this evening

Barunga was also recognised for their recycling activities with a commendation in the Resource Recovery & Waste Management category Award.

According to the Australian Tidy Towns National Judge, Dick Olesinski, the Barunga community have a long and proud involvement with the Territory Tidy Towns program.

'The community of Barunga have a rich heritage and culture. The community have a special place in history, and they share their country and heritage through their festival, arts, crafts and sporting activities. The town's Heritage Park is a great example of displays of cultural interpretations and the community's historic background.

'The Barunga Sports and Cultural Festival is one of Australia's longest running Aboriginal festivals and has developed into one of the most significant celebrations of Aboriginal culture, art, music and sport in the Top End.

'The festival provides a unique opportunity to be part of a remote Aboriginal community, sharing in the Jawoyn culture, and connects Aboriginal communities from right across the Northern Territory and the Kimberley in Western Australia', he added.

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		

About the Australian Tidy Towns Awards Sponsors

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As a world leading pump and pumping systems manufacturer, Grundfos Pumps has joined with Keep Australia Beautiful to help all Australians achieve improvements in water conservation.

Hungry Jack's 'Bag it and Bin it'

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Navman

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