



## Media Release

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### **Stanthorpe in QLD wins the Resource Recovery & Waste Management category award at the Australian Tidy Towns Awards**

The Queensland town of Stanthorpe has won the Resource Recovery & Waste Management category award at the Keep Australia Beautiful, Australian Tidy Towns Awards 2010/11.

The announcement was made at the national awards ceremony held this evening at Beechworth in Victoria, the winner of the prestigious award last year.

According to the Australian Tidy Towns National Judge, Dick Olesinski, the Stanthorpe Tidy Towns Committee is a well-established group that has gained a high profile due to the dedication and hard work of its members who have embraced conservation programs with enthusiasm.

Highlights earning Stanthorpe the Resource Recovery & Waste Management category award include the opening of a new Resource Recovery and Transfer Station, extensive kerbside recycling programs and a litter canopy to cover the centre's waste disposal area.

The Resource Recovery and Transfer Station is successfully operated by staff of the Endeavour Foundation. Through extensive consultation, the facility was designed to improve and increase recycling and recovery of resources. Before the centre was operational, the only items that were recycled were green waste, scrap metal and vehicle oil.

The National Judge, Dick Olesinski, said "Stanthorpe's Resource Recovery program has achieved important milestones that have significantly improved waste management in the area.

"Their commitment to waste management and their enthusiasm to encourage others to participate is truly inspiring."

Chairman of Keep Australia Beautiful National Association, 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 of Stanthorpe who have shown great commitment and leadership in local sustainability practices and education."

Lithgow in New South Wales won the overall national title of Australia's Tidiest Town for 2010/11.

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 'Do the Right Thing' and Replas.

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## **AUSTRALIAN TIDY TOWNS AWARDS RESULTS TABLE 2010/11**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
Overall	Lithgow, NSW	
Community Action & Partnerships	Westonia, WA	'Do the Right Thing'
'Dame Phyllis Frost' Litter Prevention	Barunga, NT	
Resource Recovery & Waste Management	Stanthorpe, QLD	Replas
Environmental Innovation & Protection	Lithgow, NSW	
Water Conservation	Rutherglen, VIC	
Energy Innovation	Waikerie, SA	
Heritage & Culture	New Norfolk, TAS	
Young Legends	New Norfolk, TAS	

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