



# Media release

**The Hon Ryan Smith MP**

Minister for Environment and Climate Change  
Minister for Youth Affairs

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## Top Tidy Towns for 2011

Minister for Environment and Climate Change Ryan Smith today congratulated the Victorian town of Mornington for winning the 2011 Tidy Town of the Year Award.

“This award recognises all those individuals, community groups and the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council who have worked tirelessly to make their community a better place in which to live, work and play,” Mr Smith said.

“Mornington won this award for a number of exciting sustainability initiatives that engaged, educated and entertained the community, along with its on-going commitment to preserve and enhance the region’s coastline.”

Member for Mornington David Morris said the Mornington community was now recognised throughout Victoria as a place where sustainability held pride of place.

“The award reflects the high priority the Council and the community place on sustainability, waste minimisation and protection of the coast,” Mr Morris said.

“Mornington has a long and proud history of environmental protection, and a community that really cares about our town. The award recognises the work of the many people who make Mornington such a great place to live.”

Mr Smith made special mention of the Carisbrook Lions Club which won a Community Action Award for its efforts following the floods in the town early this year.

“Three-quarters of the homes in this small community were affected by floodwaters in January and the local Lions Club volunteers did an amazing job by setting up a mobile kitchen and providing meals for residents for 35 days,” Mr Smith said.

Mr Smith said 53 individual entrants and 188 initiatives were received in 2011.

“The Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Awards is an iconic program that has been warmly embraced by Victorians for almost 30 years,” Mr Smith said.

“The quality of this year’s entries once again confirms the commitment of Victorian communities to forging a more sustainable future for our state and demonstrates how everyday actions can make a difference to our environment.”

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Entries for the 2012 Keep Australia Beautiful Victoria Awards will open in January 2012. Mornington, as the winner of the 2011 Tidy Town of the Year, will host next year's awards ceremony. For further information about the awards or finalists visit [www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/kabv](http://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/kabv)

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**Winners – 2011 KABV Tidy Towns – Sustainable Communities Awards**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Winner</b>
Tidy Town of the Year	Mornington
Dame Phyllis Frost	Norm McKinlay – Capel Sound Foreshore Committee of Management and Friends of Chinamans Creek
Community Action for population ≤ 3000	Post Flood Survival - Carisbrook Lions Club
Community Action for population > 3000	Western Port Festival 2011 - Hastings
Cultural Heritage	Celebrating Inverloch's Cultural Heritage - Inverloch Community Planning Group
Pam Keating Environmental Sustainability Award	Environmental Sustainability - Saint Macartan's Parish Primary School
Towards Zero Waste	The Living Bin - Recycling Food Waste in the Victorian Alps - Victorian Alpine Resorts and NevRwaste
Protection of the Environment	Kill Off Pest Bee - Beechworth Tidy Towns Committee
Community Government Partnerships	Community Planning Partnerships - Inverloch Community Planning Group
Water Conservation	School Students Year 9 and 10 Regional Water Project - Horsham Tidy Town Committee
Efficient Energy	Sustainable Workshop - Wangaratta Community Pride Committee
Young Leaders - Individuals	Travis Robinson - Wangaratta Community Pride Committee
Young Leaders - Groups	Wildlife – Hastings <i>Judges' Commendation</i> – Linking Environmental Community Projects to School Environmental Practices and Vice Versa – Mildura West Primary School
Community Leadership	Wycheproof Vision Inc.