



COMMUNITY ACTION & PARTNERSHIPS AWARD WESTONIA WA

WESTONIA's Tidy Towns committee plays an important role in preserving and enhancing the local environment through a range of projects and developed partnerships for a sustainable future.

Various improvements are a feature of WESTONIA's welcoming and unique presentation and beautification approaches.

Great example is the Cement Street streetscape project which has created many benefits for existing businesses by fostering social links and interaction in the community. Informal seating, shade and shelter are features for casual meetings amongst the community and visitors. The project has assisted in boosting community morale by creating an active and safe precinct, both day and night, for local residents as well as visitors to enjoy.

A joint project between Catalpa Resources Mine, Kings Park and Botanic Gardens, Shire of WESTONIA and community members has seen the successful translocation of the declared rare species, *Eremophila resinosa*. There are three sites around WESTONIA, which have had a very positive survival rate, particularly in this hot and arid environment.

Ongoing work on the community's Sandalwood Plantation with seeding of sandalwood nuts and general maintenance. The community will harvest the sandalwood seed for sale and in the long term future, harvest the wood for sale. Profit from sales benefits the community through the WESTONIA Progress Association.

The Shire of WESTONIA and WESTONIA Community Resource Centre are very active in promoting and educating the youth of the community about the environment and the consequences if not cared for properly. A great example is the promotion, raising awareness and education by visiting the Woodlands and Wildflowers Heritage Walk Trail for guided trail events.

The Shire encourages and is supportive of all activities undertaken by the Tidy Towns Committee and other community organisations.

School programs encourage children to participate in both school beautification and environmental improvement projects as well as in external community initiatives. As a result, students benefit greatly from innovative ways to lessen their impact on the environment as well as contributing to promoting WESTONIA through their annual banner program.

**DAME PHYLLIS FROST LITTER PREVENTION AWARD
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WESTONIA WA**

Various litter reduction approaches are in place throughout WESTONIA with a strong emphasis on the community's commitment to clean up activities.

It is fortunate that littering is seen as unacceptable and is not tolerated within the community. Participation in events such as Clean Up Australia Day reinforces this ethos and the community is more than happy to support such events.

All local sporting venues and public facilities have special butt bins which are utilised by the smoking community. Those who choose to smoke are conscientious in regards to disposing cigarette butt litter in the appropriate manner.

The Catalpa Resources mine has a strict behaviour policy for their staff which is inclusive of littering and respecting community facilities. Staff at the mine have been very supportive and as such no significant litter problems have been seen since the commencement of mining adjacent to the town.