



**Bill Marmion**

**Minister for Environment; Water**

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## **West Arthur is State's tidiest**

**Portfolio: Environment**

- **West Arthur named WA's tidiest town**
- **Northampton, Collie, Quairading, Albany, Southern Cross regional winners**

West Arthur has won the title of Western Australia's tidiest town in the 2011 Tidy Towns - Sustainable Communities State Awards, held today in Fremantle.

The small community, 200km south-east of Perth, was also named regional winner for the Great Southern region. West Arthur representatives received their award from Keep Australia Beautiful WA patron His Excellency Mr Malcolm McCusker AO CVO QC, Governor of Western Australia.

Environment Minister Bill Marmion said the West Arthur community had demonstrated excellence across a variety of categories, including improving and maintaining their town's appearance and working towards environmental sustainability.

"West Arthur has a proud record in the Tidy Towns - Sustainable Communities State Awards, with previous wins in the categories of General Appearance; Natural Heritage Conservation; Recycling and Waste Management; Enhancing Cultural Identity; and Water Conservation," Mr Marmion said.

"WA's regional communities have a reputation for being hands-on when it comes to environmental sustainability.

"Many of the local programs recognised by the Tidy Towns - Sustainable Communities State Awards are run by volunteers, and their valuable assistance is acknowledged in helping keep these wonderful communities strong and vibrant."

Tidy Towns - Sustainable Communities is supported by Keep Australia Beautiful WA; the Department of Environment and Conservation; and the Waste Authority.

### **Fact File**

- **Tidy Towns - Sustainable Communities State Awards celebrate the contribution of regional Tidy Town committees and volunteers**
- **Awards were first presented in 1969**
- **Recognise water conservation, natural and cultural heritage, waste management and community involvement**