



Who can enter the Sustainable Communities Awards

Keep Australia Beautiful is a federation of state, territory and national offices working together to lead, challenge and inspire all Australians to strive for a sustainable and litter free environment.

The Sustainable Communities Awards aim to encourage, motivate and celebrate grass roots initiatives in environmental, social and economic sustainability.

Keep Australia Beautiful has the potential to reach 100% of population by having one program, the Australian Sustainable Communities Awards, with three audiences:

- Tidy Towns Awards for regional and rural communities
- Sustainable Cities Awards for metropolitan and urban communities
- Clean Beaches Awards for coastal and inland waterway communities

Each program commences with state and territory awards and concludes with national awards. The national awards decide the category winners and the overall winner.

To avoid overlap and duplication, especially between the Towns awards and the Cities awards, it is important to know which communities can enter which awards.

Various differentiations were suggested including location and population size however there is no agreed national standard to define a town or a city. The guidelines for which communities can enter which awards are set by the state and territory offices of the Keep Australia Beautiful Network.

Originally Tidy Towns was offered across the country. More recently Sustainable Cities has become the program for metropolitan and urban communities.

The communities that can enter Sustainable Cities are defined below and the rest are invited to enter Tidy Towns. Clean Beaches is intended for communities that do not enter the other two awards.

This results in the following guidelines for which communities can enter which awards:

Tidy Towns

- regional and rural communities, regardless of size, that are outside the areas defined for Sustainable Cities entrants
- the exceptions are WA with a population measure and TAS with six declared cities

Sustainable Cities

- metropolitan and urban communities inside the areas defined for Sustainable Cities entrants
- NT, SA, VIC, ACT, NSW, QLD have clearly defined areas
- WA has an area and a population measure
- TAS has six declared cities

Clean Beaches

- any coastal or inland community with a beach
- Clean Beaches is intended for communities that do not enter the other two awards.

See attached:

Council Areas able to enter Sustainable Cities

The list of Council areas able to enter Sustainable Cities is a guide provided by the State and Territory member offices of the Keep Australia Beautiful Network. It includes a number of exceptions such as Richmond TAS which has always been a Tidy Towns participant but was recently amalgamated into the City of Clarence. The list of council areas in Tasmania is adjusted to allow Richmond to continue to participate in Tidy Towns and allow other communities within the council area of Clarence to participate in Sustainable Cities. Similar exemptions exist in other states and territories and will be included in updates to these documents.

Council Areas and postcodes able to enter Sustainable Cities

The list of council areas above forms the basis of this excel file of council areas, localities and postcodes that can enter the Sustainable Cities Awards. Postcodes provide a finer level of detail to better define the exemptions such as Richmond. It is in State and Territory order.

All Australian Postcodes able to enter either Towns or Cities

This document is a searchable excel file that starts with the list of all Australian postcodes, column B, then lists all the postcodes able to enter Sustainable Cities, column F, in order to define all the postcodes able to enter Tidy Towns. In this way each Australian locality is defined as able to enter either Tidy Towns or Sustainable Cities. It shows postcode numerically.

State and Territory offices are invited to check and provide updates so that these documents can be improved over time. Please show changes in a different colour and provide a cover note that lists the changed pages.