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Stansbury wins the Young Legends category at the Australian Tidy Town Awards

Stansbury, situated on the Gulf St Vincent coastline approx 210 kms from Adelaide, has won the Young Legends category at the annual Keep Australia Beautiful Australian Tidy Towns Awards, hosted by the Governor-General, Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC at Government House in Canberra last night.

Stansbury has a long and proud tradition with the state Tidy Towns program for numerous years. The program is a cooperative approach with the town's Primary School, community groups and the supportive District Council of Yorke Peninsula.

According to Australian Tidy Towns Judge, Dick Olesinski, "The Stansbury Primary School is part of the Australian Sustainable School network and is strongly focused on environmental programs.

"Notable examples include their innovative approaches to waste reduction and recycling, waterwise programs, renewable energy use and developed community partnerships for positive environmental outcomes.

"Their community engagement includes working in partnership with the Tidy Towns group and involvement with senior residents from Elanora Homes. The community's intergenerational approach to environmental improvement projects is highlighted by the strong alliance between the school community and the Tidy Towns group", he added.

The Stansbury Tidy Towns committee also won the Dame Phyllis Frost Group Award. The dedicated group of local residents meet every Tuesday and have volunteered almost 4000 hours of community service projects the past year. They undertake a broad range of projects associated with beautification, maintenance and environmental improvement including recycling, feral pest eradication programs, weeding and tree planting.

The iconic Tidy Towns program celebrates 40 years of local environmental achievements in 2009 and aims to identify, acknowledge and promote Australia's best examples of sustainable communities in regional and rural areas across Australia.

The program is sponsored by the Packaging Stewardship Forum of the Australian Food and Grocery Council 'Do the Right Thing' program, Grundfos Pumps and the Hungry Jack's 'Bag it and Bin it' program.

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For further information about Stansbury and all national category award winners visit www.kab.org.au/tidytowns

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EDITOR'S NOTES

Australian Tidy Towns 2009 Award Winners

Category	Winner	Sponsor
Australia's Tidiest Town	Tamworth - NSW	
Community Action	Tamworth - NSW	
Heritage and Culture	Oatlands - TAS	
Environmental Innovation	Kambalda - WA	
Water Conservation	Horsham - VIC	Grundfos Pumps
Energy Innovation	Tamworth - NSW	
Litter Prevention	Horsham - VIC	Hungry Jack's® 'Bag it and Bin it'
Resource Recovery	Atitjere - NT	Packaging Stewardship Forum 'Do The Right Thing'
Community Partnership	Oatlands - TAS	
Protection of the Environment	Caloundra - QLD	
Young Legends	Stansbury - SA	
Dame Phyllis Frost Award: Individual	Don Johns OAM – VIC winner Greg McKean – QLD commended	
Dame Phyllis Frost Award: Group	Stansbury Tidy Towns Committee – SA	

About Keep Australia Beautiful

The Keep Australia Beautiful Network has been encouraging people all around Australia to care for their local environment since 1968. It holds the Tidy Towns, Sustainable Cities and Clean Beaches Awards and conducts the National Litter Index research. Keep Australia Beautiful Week is held at the end of August each year as a reminder of what we can all do to improve our local environments.

About the Tidy Towns Awards

2009 is the 40th Anniversary Year of Tidy Towns in Australia. The program was borrowed from Tidy Towns Ireland and commenced in Western Australia with Bunbury the first winner in 1969. Since then it has grown to become an Australian icon involving individual effort to create positive environmental change within local communities

Tidy Towns Partners

Packaging Stewardship Forum 'Do the Right Thing' program

The Packaging Stewardship Forum of the Australian Food and Grocery Council provides a vehicle for broader corporate support for Australia's efforts to improve resource recovery and reduce littering of food, beverage and grocery packaging.

Grundfos Pumps

As a world leading pump and pumping systems manufacturer, Grundfos Pumps has joined with Keep Australia Beautiful to help all Australians achieve improvements in water conservation.

HUNGRY JACK'S® 'Bag it and Bin it' program

Hungry Jack's is doing its bit to help keep Australia beautiful by introducing a 'Bag it and Bin it' anti litter message and a range of environmental initiatives in stores across Australia.