

**A celebration for Tidy Towners:
the Keep Australia Beautiful
Australian Tidy Towns Awards
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Young Legends: LUCINDALE, SA

Recognises environmental achievement through youth initiative and/or by a community, which encourages and promotes youth initiative and environmental education.

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Lucindale Tidy Towns Committee: Mr Ern Foster, 08 8766 2140

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Australia's Tidiest Town	Collie, WA	Hungry Jack's
Highly commended	Singleton, NSW	Hungry Jack's
Community Action Award	Collie, WA	Department of Transport and Regional Services 'Growing Regions' conference
Spirit of Australia Award	Singleton, NSW	Best Western
Environmental Innovation Award	Redcliffe, QLD	Veolia Environmental Services / Collex
Litter and Waste Management Award	Yulara/Ayers Rock Resort, NT	Australian Food and Grocery Council, Packaging Stewardship

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Community-Local Government Partnership Award	Burnie, TAS	Bunnings Warehouse
Protection of the Environment Award	Benalla, VIC	
Young Legends Award Mount	Lucindale, SA	Coca-Cola Amatil
Dame Phyllis Frost Award for Outstanding Achievement	Ray Thomas, Benalla VIC	Lothian Books, publishers of the biography of the founder of Keep Australia Beautiful

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HUNGRY JACK'S Australian Tidy Towns 2006 Program Report

Town/Community: LUCINDALE SA***Date judged:*** 21 February 2006

Population: approx 400

Organising Group/s: LUCINDALE Town Committee
in conjunction with Naracoorte Lucindale

Council

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COMMUNITY ACTION LOCAL GOVERNMENT/ COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

LUCINDALE - 'Small Town - Big Vision' has a long and proud tradition being associated with the state and national Tidy Towns program for over 25 years.

The community works in numerous partnerships to improve its environment and links with the Naracoorte Lucindale Council to ensure future developments and projects reflect principles of sustainability.

Tidy Towns projects and associated activities are coordinated by LUCINDALE's Town Committee, who is committed to ensuring the town continues to be well presented and maintained. Members undertake numerous projects to preserve LUCINDALE's reputation as being one of the state's Tidiest Towns.

An extensive network of community groups are involved with ensuring LUCINDALE continues and extends its commitment to being a clean, proud and sustainable town. Highlight for the community is the annual South East Field Days. A project of the Lions Club for the past 28 years, this major event attracts over 25 000 visitors over 2 days with funds benefiting a broad range of community groups.

The community's numerous state and 1993 national awards are proudly displayed throughout the town to reinforce the message that LUCINDALE is and continues to be a Tidy Town.

LUCINDALE's entry statements are a result of a community competition with a school student being the successful designer. Lettering was sourced from recycled iron from the town's Police Station and construction a result of community partnerships.

Naracoorte Lucindale Council has a strong commitment to work with residents to develop its assets and foster community spirit. Council staff are active supporters of Tidy Towns objectives both as Council representatives and as local residents.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION & INNOVATION

Environmental innovation and sustainability are major elements of LUCINDALE's commitment to their local environment.

Recycling programs are a priority with well organised public and school recycling systems in place. Innovation is a key to success with Kelly Rivett's outstanding array of well designed award-winning 'Wearable Art' outfits manufactured from recycled materials.

Extensive propagation and planting programs arranged through a broad network of partners are a feature in and around the township. The school's commitment to an array of environmental care and restore projects bears the testimony that LUCINDALE's residents more than care for their environment.

An important part of education within LUCINDALE relates to learning about working with and protecting the environment. The school continues to be involved in Waterwatch, Frogwatch and Saltwatch programs, together with initiating an innovative sustainable organic survival unit which focuses on a family of four being able to produce food to survive for 12 months.

One of LUCINDALE's new industries, the Limestone Coast Cheese Company utilises innovative methods of evaporative waste treatment systems to manage its waste residues. A range of other practices are employed to ensure that the company's 'ecological footprint' is well managed and sustainable.

LITTER & WASTE MANAGEMENT

Positive litter control strategies and the community's commitment to keeping LUCINDALE litter free is more than evident throughout the township with numerous bins in place and many residents picking up litter on their daily walking regimes.

The well-managed South East Field Days which sees over 25 000 visitors converge on LUCINDALE over two days provides numerous challenges for organisers. With over 150 bins located onsite, which are emptied twice each day and extensive recycling facilities in place, the event has a reputation as one of the best of its kind conducted in the state.

LUCINDALE launched its 'Plastic Shopping Bag Free' program to encourage the use of alternative bags instead of plastic and has been well accepted within the community. A reduce/reuse focus has seen the KESAB 'Good Buy Bay' calico bag program introduced with other organisations and events also providing alternatives.

The school continues to educate the local community regarding a broad range of waste minimisation and recycling initiatives.

SPIRIT OF AUSTRALIA

Maintaining LUCINDALE's proud heritage is an important part of the community's historic restoration programs.

LUCINDALE's Historical Society is totally committed to preserving the town's agricultural and broad history. The group is made up of numerous dedicated volunteers who have the foresight to preserve LUCINDALE's cultural heritage for the benefit of future generations.

The town's Museum, a great example of reuse of a restored railway station, goods sheds and school buildings, is home to an extensive and priceless collection of artefacts, information and memorabilia from within the district.

LUCINDALE Inc (LINC), a subcommittee of the Community Economic Development Board, coordinates the town's Art Gallery which enables locals to promote and sell their arts, crafts and produce within the central business area.

Life size 'Personalities in the Park' totems recognise and celebrate numerous local achievers, contributors and characters that help make LUCINDALE so special. Stunning art projects are also a feature in the school's well-maintained grounds.

LUCINDALE Health Centre is a great example of a community working together to maintain essential health services for the district. Great hardship was overcome to provide a great community asset as a direct result of the incredible generosity of many.

YOUNG LEGENDS/ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

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The school's environmental awareness and hands-on activities support community-based projects that include environmental monitoring, revegetation and beautification projects. Numerous major achievements of the school and their impact on the local community have been widely recognised.

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SUGGESTIONS

If appropriate, the extensive planting and litter free area along the 4 Mile Road may be an opportunity to join in KESAB's Adopt-a-Highway program. It provides an opportunity to promote alliances between Council, the Lions Club and Area School to further encourage care and ownership.

LUCINDALE's Historical Society projects are a major asset to the town. As the restored facilities progress and artefacts continue to grow, the development of a self-guided tour and brochure may assist in sharing these wonderful heritage resources. Appropriate heritage signs on major arterial roads may also provide opportunities for passing visitors to view the priceless collections.

Well-designed interpretive signs may assist in educating visitors to the significance of many of these wonderful resources.

Further to above, to complement the LUCINDALE's historic restoration initiatives, Council and the community may wish to develop and encourage a consistent sign approach to promote the facilities/services available within the town. An integrated timber theme or other selected concept in perhaps a heritage-style approach would add to the attraction and ambience of the town.

To complement the beautification programs already in place in LUCINDALE, opportunities become available to further encourage businesses and residences to add native landscaping in and around facilities to complement the town's welcoming appearance.

Congratulations to everyone involved in the LUCINDALE Tidy Towns program and associated community action projects.

Good luck with future initiatives and 'challenges' in helping to keep your part of Australia beautiful.

*Dick Olesinski
National Tidy Towns judge*