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Media Statement

Final call for Tidy Towns' awards

The countdown is now on for the State's regional towns and communities— which only have until 1 March to register for this year's Keep Australia Beautiful Council (KABC) WA's Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities awards.

KABC WA Chairman Michael Aspinall said being involved in the program was an uplifting experience and the registration process was very simple.

"Entrants can register for this year's award categories by completing the short entrance [form](#)," Mr Aspinall said.

"Communities only need to register by 1 March 2016— the more detailed submissions are not due until two months later on 1 May."

Finalists are selected state-wide from the content of their submissions. Finalists are then visited by regional judges, and their reports assessed by a panel of state judges.

The awards recognise activities such as recycling, water and waste, planting native trees and shrubs, picking up litter, community volunteering efforts, restoring historical sites, eradicating environmental weeds, eco-tourism, cultural tourism projects and mentoring youth leaders.

"Tidy Towns celebrates regional communities that foster sustainability and a litter-free environment— so if this sounds like your community, we would be delighted to hear from you," Mr Aspinall said.

In WA, Tidy Towns is a Keep Australia Beautiful Council program and is supported by the State Government's Waste Authority through the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Account. Tidy Towns is proudly sponsored by the Australian Packaging Covenant, the Department of Regional Development, West Australian Regional Newspapers, the Water Corporation and Cliffs Natural Resources Inc.

Interested communities are encouraged to email tidytowns@kabc.wa.gov.au, phone 08 6467 5131 with any questions or visit www.kabc.wa.gov.au for further information.

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