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Media Statement

Finalists named for Keep Australia Beautiful awards

Keep Australia Beautiful's judges will soon be on the road visiting State finalists in this year's Tidy Towns, Clean Beaches and Sustainable Cities awards programs.

Seven finalists will compete for this year's Tidy Towns State title—Albany, Collie, Greenbushes, Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Miling, Newman and Port and South Hedland.

Port Hedland's Cemetery Beach and Pretty Pool will be visited to determine which beach will represent the State in the Australian Clean Beaches awards. The Western Australian town of Guilderton currently holds the title of Australia's Cleanest Beach.

Judges will also visit Albany and Fremantle, who will vie for the honour of representing WA in the Australian Sustainable Cities awards. Judging for all three awards will take place from 30 May to 1 July.

Keep Australia Beautiful WA Chairman Michael Aspinall wished the finalists well for the judging round.

"These communities were shortlisted from 57 entries this year,' he said.

"They have all demonstrated strong community engagement, partnerships, innovation and educational initiatives, and evidence of planning.

"I congratulate them for making positive environmental, social and economic changes and for planning for a sustainable future."

In WA, the Sustainable Community awards are supported by the State Government's Waste Authority through the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Account.

Tidy Towns is sponsored by the Australian Packaging Covenant, West Australian Regional Newspapers, the Water Corporation and Cliffs Natural Resources Inc.

Clean Beaches is supported by Tourism Western Australia.

For more information about the awards visit www.kabc.wa.gov.au/get-involved/sustainable-community-awards.

The other Tidy Towns category finalists are:

- **Community Action & Wellbeing:** Esperance, Greenbushes, Jurien Bay, Marble Bar, Morawa, Wongan Hills, and Yalgoo

- **Litter Prevention & Waste Management:** Collie, Greenbushes, Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Meekatharra, Port and South Hedland, Wickham
- **Environmental Sustainability:** Albany, Exmouth, Greenbushes, Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Karratha, Newman, Port and South Hedland
- **Young Legends:** Albany, Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Meekatharra, Newman, Paraburdoo, Port and South Hedland
- **Environmental Education:** Albany, Collie, Greenbushes, Meekatharra, Miling, Newman
- **Heritage & Culture:** Greenbushes, Merredin, Mulan, Port and South Hedland, Tom Price, Toodyay

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