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## Media Statement

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### Tidy Towns registrations now open

Registrations are now open for the 2017 Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities awards for which all regional Western Australian towns and communities are eligible.

Keep Australia Beautiful Council WA Chair Michael Aspinall said the awards acknowledged regional communities promoting sustainable ways of living and a litter-free environment.

“I am continually impressed by the passion of people involved in the awards and the types of projects that take place,” he said.

“The great initiatives undertaken as part of the Tidy Towns program have benefited communities in a range of ways.

“As well as helping to motivate and initiate local action, the program recognises community efforts and allows participants to engage with and learn from others.”

Mr Aspinall said other benefits included an increased awareness of issues such as litter management, waste management and recycling, conservation of water and energy and protection of natural habitats.

There are six categories in the awards:

- Community Action and Wellbeing
- Litter and Waste Management
- Environmental Sustainability
- Environmental Education
- Heritage and Culture
- Young Legends

Communities can enter one or all of the categories. Registrations close on 1 March and project submissions are due by 1 June.

Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities is a Keep Australia Beautiful program funded by the Waste Authority through the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Account. It is proudly sponsored by the Department of Regional Development, the Water Corporation, Main Roads WA, West Australian Regional Newspapers and Cliffs Natural Resources Inc.

To register online go to [www.kabc.wa.gov.au/get-involved/tidy-towns-sustainable-communities/register-for-tidy-towns-2017](http://www.kabc.wa.gov.au/get-involved/tidy-towns-sustainable-communities/register-for-tidy-towns-2017).

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