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Triabunna's Tidy Title

Keep Australia Beautiful has announced the Tasmanian finalist Triabunna as the winner of the 2016 Australian Tidy Towns Awards, at an event held in Toodyay in Western Australia on 18 March.

The Australian Tidy Towns program sets out to recognise the hard work undertaken by individuals and groups in rural communities and share these best practices and ideas to continue to improve our vibrant rural towns. Running since 1990, the national awards are sponsored by the [Australian Packaging Covenant](#) and the [Department of the Environment](#).

Triabunna also won **Environmental Sustainability** and were highly commended in a number of awards: **Community Action and Wellbeing; Young Legends** and **Environmental Education**.

Australian Tidy Towns judge Jill Grant said, "The combination of vision and guidance provided by the Spring Bay Glamorgan Council and the dedicated and consistent efforts of community organisations and volunteers have greatly magnified the impact of a range of initiatives that preserve and enhance environmental quality and celebrate and showcase the long history of the area."

"The town has several key focal points and groups that unite the community and bring together environmental and social projects that address the key interests of the community," Ms Grant said.

Philip Robinson, CEO of Keep Australia Beautiful said, "The focus on youth in Triabunna is led by the impressive programs at the local school and is complemented by The Village hub that provides a range of enrichment activities and support for health, wellbeing and creativity."

"It's pleasing to see another year of high calibre National finalists from every corner of our amazing country," Mr Robinson said.

The two-day event included a tour of Toodyay that showcased some of the town’s excellent projects which contributed to their win last year; an address by Rhys Williams, the 2015 WA Young Person of the year; highlights from Jill Grant’s judging tour; finalist case studies; as well as opportunities which allowed representatives the chance to share information and network with like-minded professionals from around Australia.

David Carter, CEO of the Australian Packaging Covenant (APC) said, “The Keep Australia Beautiful Tidy Towns program provides an important platform for communities and their local councils to share their achievements in litter prevention and environmental sustainability.”

“The APC is pleased to be a key supporter of the nation-wide KAB Tidy Towns awards and we congratulate all finalists and the 2016 award winners.”

This year the program received 308 applicants, with 1454 category submissions across councils, shires, community groups, schools, and individuals.

The full judge reports and winners book are available at kab.org.au.

Australian Tidy Towns winners table 2016

Category	Winner	Highly Commended
Community Action and Wellbeing	Mundulla, SA	Mt Liebig, NT Triabunna, TAS
Dame Phyllis Frost Litter Prevention, Waste Management & Resource Recovery	Orange, NSW	Albany, WA Mt Liebig, NT
Environmental Sustainability	Triabunna, TAS	Horsham, VIC Orange, NSW
Heritage and Culture	Albany, WA	Mt Liebig, NT Roma, QLD
Young Legends	Roma, QLD	Mundulla, SA Triabunna, TAS
Environmental Education	Horsham, VIC	Triabunna, TAS Albany, WA Mt Liebig, NT
Special Commendation	Mt Liebig, NT	
Overall	Triabunna, TAS	

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About the Australian Sustainable Communities Awards

Keep Australia Beautiful seeks to lead, challenge and inspire all Australians to strive for a sustainable and litter free environment. It does this through research, communications programs and awards programs.

Its national awards are known as the Australian Sustainable Communities Awards which consist of the Tidy Towns, Sustainable Cities, and Clean Beaches Awards. Each awards program commences with state and territory awards and culminates in a national Grand Final event.