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Tidy Towns celebrates environmental and community development in Queensland since 1971, and has become the most broadly contested civic program in Queensland.

A “tidy” town is a community that works together to improve its appearance and environment, implementing sustainable practices and programs.

From the smallest and most remote communities of fewer than 10 people, to the regional metropolises, **Tidy Towns** brings communities together. The program acknowledges and rewards regional communities by recognizing projects that enhance and look after the community’s assets and surrounding environment.

You can enter online at www.kabq.org.au **Entries close: 27 May 2011**

Your entry will be used by the judges during their assessment, however, you may be asked to present the judges with further evidence of your program/s during this assessment period. You will be contacted after entries close should a visit be required.

To confirm your application, you will be required to pay the entrant fee and be a financial member of Keep Australia Beautiful Queensland.

If your town/region population is <5000 the fee is **\$100 per entry**.
If your town/region population is 5000+ the fee is **\$200 per entry**.

Payment information is immediately emailed once you have submitted an online application.

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KEY INDICATORS:

CATEGORY: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AWARD

Planning & Carrying Out:

- Vegetation management plans and activities;
- Open space plans, including areas of significant conservation value;
- 'power-line' friendly tree planting policy;
- Establishment of wildlife corridors;
- Feral animal management policies and plans.

Managing, Maintaining and Monitoring:

- Weed eradication policies and programs with specific focus on Weeds of National Significance, such as Lantana;
- Commitment to the maintenance and protection of wildlife corridors in residential, industrial and agricultural areas;
- Commitment to maintenance, protection or revegetation of coastal or riparian land in residential, industrial and agricultural areas;
- Commitment to addressing hazards, such as salinity, acid sulphate soils and soil erosion which reduce land use capacity.

Partnering:

- Established local conservation and/or environment group/s (example: Landcare, WaterWatch, Bushcare);
- Commitment to, or involvement in Keep Australia Beautiful Queensland's other environmental programs, such as Green & Healthy Schools, Clean Beach Challenge and Adopt-a-Road.



CATEGORY: QUEENSLAND'S YOUNG LEGENDS AWARD

Planning & Carrying Out:

- Environment and conservation activities/ projects for youth (e.g. scouts, guides, clubs, school, church or community groups);
- Environment and conservation activities/ projects initiated by youth.

Managing, Maintaining and Monitoring:

- Successful outcomes from youth-initiated, youth-led or youth involved activities.

Partnering:

- Youth education programs with a focus on:
 - the environment
 - conservation
 - litter prevention and management
- Council policies or planning, or business or community encouragement of, and involvement in, youth activities, particularly health, environment and conservation activities.



CATEGORY: HERITAGE AWARD

Planning & Carrying Out:

- Establishment of a local historical museum, collection, or the like, recording and displaying historic or culturally significant artefacts, stories, images, etc, including Indigenous and non-Indigenous, agricultural and industry, community and regional heritage;
- Establishment of a local historical society.

Managing, Maintaining and Monitoring:

- Maintenance of a local historical museum, collection, or the like, recording and displaying historic or culturally significant artefacts, stories, images, etc, including Indigenous and non-Indigenous, agricultural and industry, community and regional heritage;
- Maintenance of a local historical society.

Partnering:

- Celebration of historic or culturally significant events;
- Community and/or council commitment to the preservation, conservation or maintenance of significant buildings and sites;
- Heritage and cultural projects, events or activities initiated by the community.

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CATEGORY: BUSH SPIRIT AWARD

Planning & Carrying Out:

- Development and/or implementation of creative, community-based strategic or business plans designed to address a hardship.

Managing, Maintaining and Monitoring:

- Successful outcomes from strategies/initiatives that address a hardship.

Partnering:

- Partnerships between community, council, business and/or industry to address a hardship.



CATEGORY: LITTER PREVENTION AWARD

Planning & Carrying Out:

- Anti-litter education and awareness programs, literature and/or signage by council, businesses, schools and/or community groups;
- Litter management strategy for the community;
- Appropriate directional signage to rubbish bins, recycling bins and refuse stations;
- Dog prohibition, or provision of dog-litter bags and disposal facilities, in public parks;
- Cigarette butt disposal facilities in business centres and public parks/rest areas;
- Appropriate disposal of gum litter: “chew it, wrap it, bin it”, and anti-litter programs to support this message.

Managing, Maintaining and Monitoring:

- Adequate, well-placed rubbish bins in business centres and public parks/rest areas;
- Frequent and adequate collections from rubbish bins and recycling bins;
- Regular cleanup activities by the community and/or council;
- Adequate and well-placed anti-litter signage, particularly at entries and exits to the community;
- Adequate fencing or other devices to manage litter blow at refuse stations.

Partnering:

- Community participation in the Adopt-a-Road program, or regular roadside clean up activities by the council and/or community, particularly on main thoroughfares

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CATEGORY: RESOURCE RECOVERY AWARD

Planning & Carrying Out:

- Efforts by council, businesses and community to minimise plastic bag use;
- Mulching & reuse of suitable green waste;
- Collection and re-use/recycling of glass, paper, cardboard, aluminium, steel, plastic, oil and other materials;
- Collection and appropriate disposal of non-recyclable materials and re-use/recycling of electronic waste.

Managing, Maintaining and Monitoring:

- Appropriate directional signage to recycling facilities and/or services;
- Adequate, well-placed recycling bins/facilities;
- Energy minimisation practices and/or devices at public facilities (eg long-life light bulbs, solar-heated/powered facilities or services, automatic shut-off light switches - where safety is not compromised).

Partnering:

- Incorporation of resource management activities into a broader resource management strategy for the community;
- Community education and/or consultation activities with regard to resource conservation and management;
- Effective resource conservation and management activities between council, community and/or business;
- Commitment to, or involvement in Keep Australia Beautiful Queensland's other environmental programs, such as Green & Healthy Schools, Clean Beach Challenge and Adopt-a-Road.



CATEGORY: PARTNERSHIPS AWARD

Planning & Carrying Out:

- Partnerships that result in materials and resources for civic, cultural or environmental activities;
- Partnerships on issues such as planning for tourism, regional development, environmental management, or public infrastructure;
- Established community consultation policy and practice by the council.

Managing, Maintaining and Monitoring:

- Partnerships between council and community to manage local facilities, e.g. playgrounds, amenities, car parks and public open spaces;
- Partnerships that enhance community wellbeing;
- Partnerships to protect the environment, including local catchments, plants and wildlife.

Partnering:

- Partnerships that result in visible and measurable outcomes achieved as a result of community initiative and action
e.g. community forums and/or workshops;
- Involvement of youth groups, schools and clubs in positive community activities.

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CATEGORY: WATER CONSERVATION AWARD

Planning & Carrying Out:

- Water minimisation policies and practices in place by council:
 - community gardens;
 - ovals;
 - other areas;
 - reduced grassed areas (where appropriate);
 - mulching of gardens;
 - planting of hardy natives;
 - efficient watering techniques such as hand watering at night or early mornings.

Managing, Maintaining and Monitoring:

- Water minimisation devices:
 - automatic shut-off taps;
 - dual flush toilets;
 - use of grey water;
 - use of rainwater tanks;
 - underground sprinkler systems.

Partnering:

- Promotion and encouragement of Water Wise activities and water conservation initiatives within Community and Council.



CATEGORY: OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENT AWARD

An individual or group that has made an outstanding contribution to their local community, region or Queensland and espouses the principles of the Tidy Towns

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CATEGORY: FRIENDLIEST TOWN AWARD

Planning & Carrying Out:

- The existence or development of a tourism strategy for the community;
- Provision of multi-lingual signage, and/or universal symbols for non-readers and non-English readers.

Managing, Maintaining and Monitoring:

- Adequate, well-placed directional signage for parking, amenities, information services and tourist attractions;
- Maintenance and good presentation of commercial signage, including building signage, street signs and roadside billboards;
- Appropriate access to and from public facilities and local attractions for people with disabilities and the elderly;
- Provision of visitor and tourist facilities, including toilets, picnic areas, barbeques, shaded playgrounds, car parks;
- Clean, well presented community, including care and maintenance of footpaths, median strips and parks, residential and industrial. areas

Partnering:

- Genuine visitor information centres displaying the Tourism Queensland (information) sign.



CATEGORY: ENERGY CONSERVATION CHAMPIONS AWARD

Planning & Carrying Out:

- Energy efficient activities including: smart building design; use of energy efficient building products; renewable energy generation/ heating projects (e.g. solar or wind power, water heating);
- Using energy audits to identify opportunities for energy conservation;
- Undertaking research and development activities for energy conservation and renewable energy;
- Substituting electricity use with gas or renewable energy sources;
- Inventing, designing or implementing innovations in the field of energy conservation and renewable energy;
- Implementing a program which used behavioural change or organisational redesign to reducing energy use;
- Innovation and creativity.

Managing, Maintaining and Monitoring:

- Monitoring and reporting energy conservation actions;
- Energy conservation outcomes;
- Environmental impact;
- Financial and other savings;
- Impact on customers, staff and/or community.

Partnering:

- Providing educational services relating to energy conservation and renewable energy;
- Wide inclusion;
- Easy replication.

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Keep Australia Beautiful Queensland judges take into account every community's geographic, environmental, cultural and economic circumstances, and assess how efficiently and effectively the community uses the resources available to it in each award category.

Sample Judging Score Card/Sheet:

CRITERIA	STANDARDS					
	(highest)					(lowest)
	5	4	3	2	1	N
Planning & Carrying Out:						
developing	Strategy, proposed, including how it will be implemented		Plan proposed, including how it will be implemented		Intent of plan stated	
Implementing	Varied projects that demonstrate strategy having been carried out		A project demonstrated that installs the plan		An observable project evidenced	
Managing, Maintaining and Monitoring:						
managing	Evidence of how the strategy is managed		Evidence of how the plan is managed		Plan restated	
maintaining	Evidence of how the strategy is maintained		Evidence of how the plan is maintained		Plan restated	
monitoring	Evidence how the strategy is monitored		Evidence of how the plan is monitored		Plan restated	
Partnering:						
Informing / educating	Evidence of education initiatives undertaken		Evidence of explanation/information to participants		Evidence of information available to participants	
Working with others	Contributes to group, negotiates roles, works in diverse situations		Contributes to group activities given a group role		Joins in group activities	
OVERALL	5	4	3	2	1	N