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AUSTRALIAN TIDY TOWNS AWARDS

WINNERS 2018

FOREWORD

By Australian Tidy Towns Judge - Gail Langley



Judging the Tidy Towns has been a pleasure ... the excitement hearing each state's winner ... the initial contact with each town's representative ... planning the itinerary to visit each winning town ... meeting the drivers behind each community's success ... talking with the volunteers who selflessly donate their time and effort ... judging the criteria for the six categories and fully embracing the people and activities of each town and how they 'operate' to fully consider and conclude the Tidy Towns judging.

The judging of each criteria is a methodic process – complicated by the variation in population, economics, location, geographics, culture, history and the individual factors of each town's situational analysis.

The level of participation in the six categories for each town to compete was an extremely high level, leaving minimal margin with scoring. Hence, multiple joint winners and shared commendation awards were appropriate and deservant.

Community projects where the category allowed for freedom to address issues directly affecting each community, were in some instances very brave, and a focus on dealing with humane issues close to the community was evident. Some of these localised projects were highly successful and became interstate, nationally and internationally recognised.

One of the most beneficial effects of reaching the National Awards for Tidy Towns, I believe, is the ability of being able to share project attempts and successes with other communities and to learn from each other to further benefit the people and live-ability of our own towns as a whole.

During the next couple of weeks, I will contact each state convener and make time to feedback constructively some of my judging notes and insights – these may be useful to assist with future endeavours. This knowledge is multi-dimensional and is meant to be of benefit for you to consider in your moving forward as a community.

I congratulate each town on its success and each of you for the part you have played in your community. Please pass on to your volunteers how appreciated their time and efforts are.

Thank you for your professionalism, your courtesy and your friendship during the past couple of months. I welcome emails and phone calls to assist in any way I can and simply to rekindle friendships made along the way.

Kindest Regards,

Gail Langley

Australian Tidy Towns Judge

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ABOUT TIDY TOWNS



The Keep Australia Beautiful Tidy Towns Awards began in 1968 in Western Australia and have been running nationally since 1990.

These awards have evolved to encompass projects and initiatives with a focus on environmental sustainability and resource management to reflect a growing awareness of the importance of community-led environmental action.

The Tidy Towns name has always been synonymous with community pride, cohesion and above all community action. The awards reach beyond tourism to encourage, motivate and celebrate the sustainability achievements of grassroots rural and regional communities across Australia.

The finalists in the Tidy Towns competition, who are largely volunteers, are some of the most dedicated, passionate and colourful people in all the Keep Australia Beautiful Sustainable Communities awards programs. Year upon year we see a calibre of community action that allows all Australians to aspire to be tidy Aussies.

Each year, state and territory winners from the Keep Australia Beautiful network are announced between August and November. They then receive a visit from the Australian Tidy Towns judge, with the Australian Tidy Towns Awards presented between March and May.

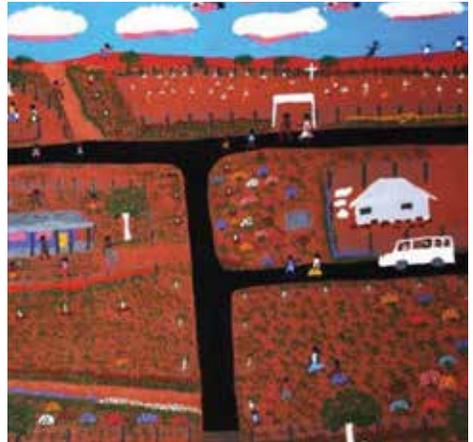




The awards event, often hosted over two days, consists of networking with sustainability leaders around Australia, finalist case studies, as well as highlights and suggestions from the Australian Tidy Towns judge. If the event is hosted by the town of the previous winner, attendees are invited to tour their projects, sustainable solutions and initiatives to learn firsthand what earned them the iconic Australian title.

In addition to a healthy dose of competition, the Australian Tidy Towns awards bring together community leaders, environmental champions, young legends and waste warriors from every corner of our great country to share experiences, learn from and inspire each other.

This is the true Tidy Town spirit.

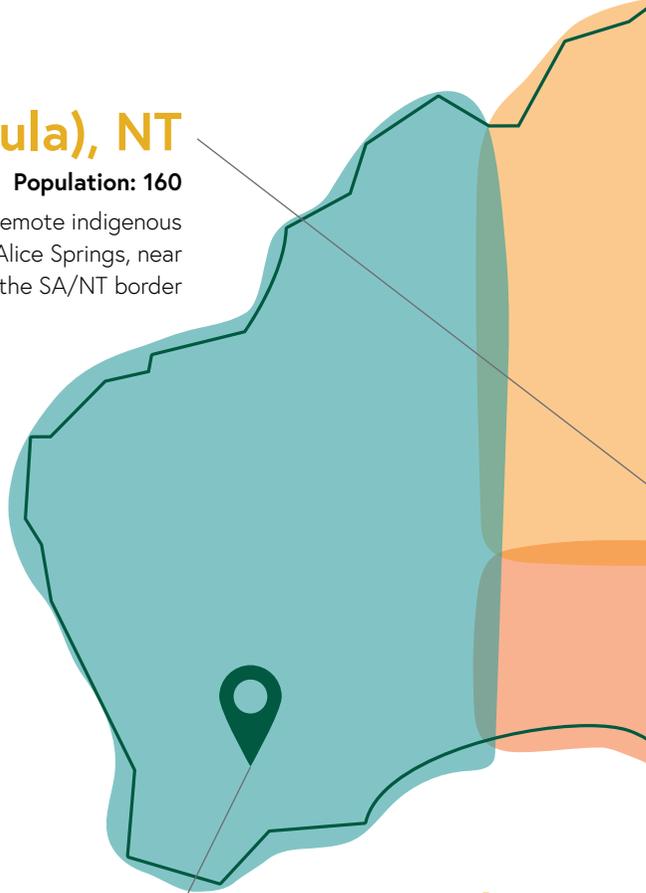


CONGRATULATIONS FINALISTS

Finke (Aputula), NT

Population: 160

Finke (Apatula) is a remote indigenous community, South-East of Alice Springs, near the SA/NT border



Kalgoorlie-Boulder, WA

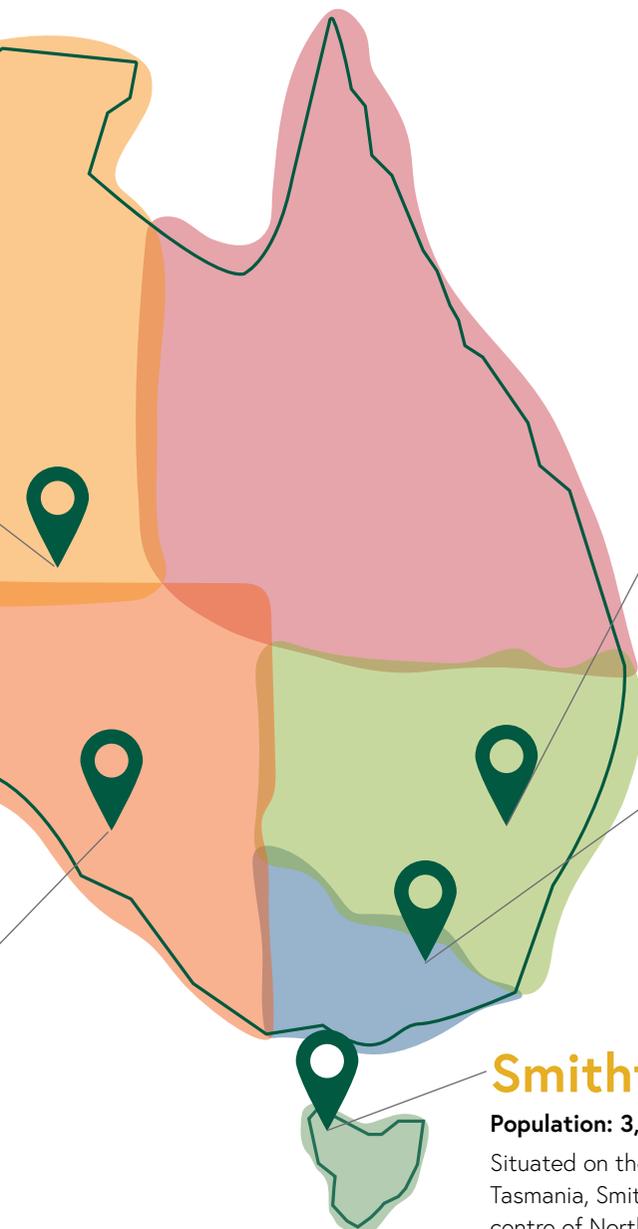
Population: 30,060

Located 595km East, North-East from Perth, Kalgoorlie-Boulder is Australia's largest outback city

Kimba, SA

Population: 650

Located at the top of the Eyre Peninsula, Kimba is the half way point between Sydney and Perth



Orange NSW

Population: 42,000

Approximately 250km west of Sydney, Orange is a significant regional centre in the Central West of NSW

Beechworth, VIC

Population: 3,859

Located 270km North-East of Melbourne, Beechworth is situated in the foothills of the Victorian Alps.

Smithton, TAS

Population: 3,881

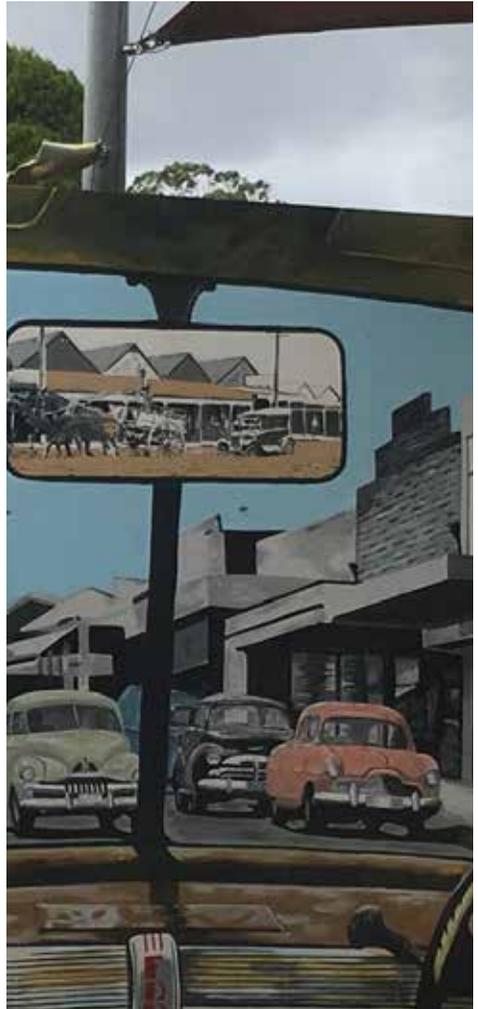
Situated on the North-West coast of Tasmania, Smithton is the commercial centre of North-West Tasmania

OVERALL WINNER

WINNER Community Action + Wellbeing (Joint)
Environmental Sustainability (Joint)
Young Legends (Joint)

HIGHLY COMMENDED Heritage + Culture

"Smithton is a highly driven community with determination to pinpoint and address issues. The parties involved with projects are highly motivated and demonstrate a sense of dedication to each other and to achieving their set goals" - Gail Langley.



SMITHTON, TAS



Smithton is a town on the far north-west coast of Tasmania, Australia. It lies on the Bass Highway, 85km north-west of Burnie. Smithton boasts Cape with the cleanest air in the world where a spectacular guided coastal walk and tour will take you to Tasmania's largest wind farm harnessing the powerful winds of the Roaring Forties.

Smithton and surrounds is blessed with an abundance of natural resources, allowing for a variety of businesses and industries.

Key sectors include forestry and timber production, agriculture, dairy and prime

beef production, commercial fishing and aquaculture, manufacturing, tourism, vegetable processing and iron ore pelletising. Circular Head businesses export to more than 20 countries, predominantly in the Asia-Pacific region.

Circular Head is Tasmania's largest dairy area with more than thirty per cent of the state's dairy farms. The municipality also has its share of successful niche industries such as Leatherwood honey production, seaweed fertiliser manufacturing and Japanese Wagyu cattle breeding.



ORANGE, NSW



WINNER Dame Phyllis Frost Litter Prevention,
Waste Management + Resource Recovery
Environmental Sustainability (Joint)

HIGHLY COMMENDED Young Legends

"The enormity of Orange City is matched with the long term projects undertaken to ensure its sustainable longevity of the community's mandatory needs. A niche focus on Food, Wine and Art provides for both local indulgence and the tourism industry to appreciate" - Gail Langley.

Blackman's Swamp was chosen, and it was proclaimed a village and named Orange by Major Thomas Mitchell in 1846 in honor of Prince William of Orange. In 1851, at nearby Ophir a significant gold find in Australia was made, resulting in a sporadic population movement which is known as the Australian gold rush.

Today, Orange is a substantial and sophisticated rural service centre which lies at the heart of some of New South Wales' most rich and beautiful agricultural land. Modern-day Orange hosts its many restaurants and cellar doors boasting the Orange wine region's acclaimed cool-climate

wines with treats from apples and berries to truffles and succulent meats.

The Orange region of NSW is renowned for fresh produce – hence the popular and ever-growing Food Week showcase events.

Orange celebrates fine food, wine and art at international levels – The Orange Regional Gallery is recognised as one of the best rural art galleries in Australia. It regularly hosts touring art exhibitions and has a fine collection of works including Ian Fairweather, Sidney Nolan, Justin O'Brien, Brett Whiteley and John Olsen.

FINKE (APUTULA), NT



WINNER Community Action + Wellbeing (Joint)
Heritage + Culture

HIGHLY COMMENDED Dame Phyllis Frost Litter Prevention,
Waste Management + Resource Recovery

"Successful collaboration is evident as Finke continues to grow – providing longevity to its current and future generations. Using their environment to their advantage, where possible, is enabling Finke to remain true to its culture and heritage while modernising their world" - Gail Langley.

The community takes its name from the usually dry Finke River (one of the oldest river systems in the world dating back 350 million years), that meanders by the area traditionally known as Aputula. The name Aputula is still used by the approximately 160 local Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara speakers when referring to their community of Finke.

Finke was originally established as a railway siding on the original Ghan railway line until 1981, when the railway line was relocated 150km to the west. Today, the community is accessed by a 434km road that mostly follows the old Ghan railway route through Titjikala to Alice Springs. Finke also boasts an all-weather airstrip.

Apart from the general tourism in the area, Finke has become famous as the midway point for the annual Finke Desert Race. The race features bikes, cars and buggies competing over many kilometres of red sandy roads and is reputed to be one of the most difficult races in one of the most remote areas of the world.

Today, Finke is serviced by a Health Care centre, school, church, store and the NPY Women's Council Aboriginal Corporation that, among other things, runs the youth program as well as sport and recreation activities from the recreation hall and the newly opened Arts Centre.

KIMBA, SA



WINNER Environmental Education (Joint)

HIGHLY COMMENDED Community Action + Wellbeing
Dame Phyllis Frost Litter Prevention, Waste Management + Resource Recovery
Environmental Sustainability

"A fighting spirit to build their community and attract others to visit and experience their way of life has lead Kimba to ignite their spirit and create lasting impressions for those passing through. Rural leaders with passion and expertise are making their mark"

- Gail Langley.

Kimba is located half way across Australia between Sydney and Perth, situated at the northern edge of Eyre Peninsula's truly vast grain growing belt.

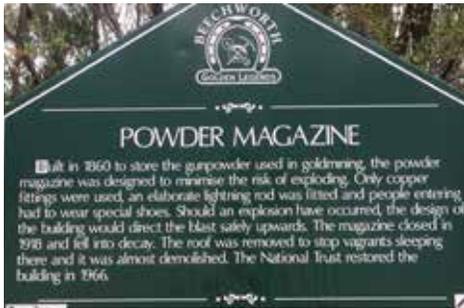
Early explorations of the Kimba and Gawler Ranges districts were made by Edward John Eyre's expedition in 1839. Near Kimba, Eyre discovered water and camped at Refuge Rocks. By the 1870s Kimba had been opened up to pastoral lease holders. More intensive European settlement of the area commenced in 1908, with the first wheat and oat crops being sown.

Kimba's early pioneers often referred to the

area as Heartbreak plains. In all truth, Kimba's early pioneering years were very tough indeed, with many farmers constructing primitive huts from flattened kerosene tins. Early transport on Northern Eyre Peninsula was equally primitive and typically consisted of Bullock Teams and Camel Trains. Such transport became outmoded with the completion of Kimba's Railhead in 1913.

Today, Kimba is the centre of a major wheat growing area, and site of one of South Australia's largest inland grain terminals. Kimba has recently ignited its silo art project, which has quickly become a major tourist destination for the area.

BEECHWORTH, VIC



WINNER Young Legends (Joint)
Environmental Education (Joint)

HIGHLY COMMENDED Dame Phyllis Frost Litter Prevention, Waste Management + Resource Recovery
Heritage + Culture

"Beechworth exerts a passion for health and produce – evident in their everyday living and longer term goals. Attention to detail with preservation of their history is insightful. Collaboration is evident with group numbers working on projects to enhance productivity" - Gail Langley.

Beechworth is a well-preserved historical town located in the north-east of Victoria, Australia, famous for its major growth during the gold rush in the mid-1850s.

During its boom times, Beechworth town boasted a range of industries including a tannery, jewellers, boot makers, a brewery, blacksmiths, livestock sale yards. It had schools, a convent, hotels, a prison with imposing stone walls, a hospital, a mental hospital, court house, police barracks, stage coach companies and a powder magazine.

Today, Beechworth is a popular tourist destination. Attractions include Ned Kelly

themed displays at the old court house and Ned Kelly Weekend. There are many annual festivals, including the famous Golden Horseshoes Festival Easter Parade through centre of town, The Burke Museum, waterfalls, Gun Powder Magazine, Newtown Bridge (Stone Bridge), Tail Race (Mining Race), Spring Creek Water Falls, Spring Creek Gorge, Beechworth Lunatic Asylum ghost tours, lakes, historic buildings, goldfields, walks, the Beechworth Bakery, brewery, the lolly shop and night tours, the restaurants and wineries.

The town is one end point of the Murray to the Mountains Rail Trail.

KALGOORLIE-BOULDER, WA



HIGHLY COMMENDED Environmental Sustainability
Heritage + Culture
Environmental Education

"Kalgoorlie is bursting with history and culture. There is an admirable and respectful balance of dedication towards the maintenance and future of Kalgoorlie, and the local cultural history. This is evident in some of the successful key projects undertaken" - Gail Langley.

Kalgoorlie, part of the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, is a city in the Goldfields-Esperance region of Western Australia, located 595km east-northeast of Perth at the end of the Great Eastern Highway.

The name Kalgoorlie is derived from the Wangai word Karlkurla, meaning "place of the silky pears".

Unlike most goldmining towns, which last for as little as a couple of years, it sits on the edge of the famous Golden Mile and has an economy which has been driven by gold since 1893. The main street, Hannan Street, is awash with glorious buildings all bearing testament to the wealth that has been generated.

Many locals and visitors to Kalgoorlie-Boulder are in search of that little piece of Kalgoorlie's past that is significant to them. Whether it be family history information, historic buildings and hotels, photographs, records, maps or memorabilia, there are many services on offer to aid finding that little historical treasure hidden among the Goldfields.

Kalgoorlie is proud of its golf course and attractions like Hammond Park, Kalgoorlie Heritage Buildings, Goldfields War Museum, Australian Prospectors & Miner's Hall of Fame, Broad Arrow Ghost Town, Boulder Market Day, Kalgoorlie Super Pit and the Miner's Monument.

ALL WINNERS

OVERALL WINNER

Smithton, TAS

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

JOINT WINNERS Smithton, TAS
Orange, NSW

HIGHLY COMMENDED Kalgoorlie-Boulder, WA
Kimba, SA

HERITAGE + CULTURE

WINNER Finke (Aputula), NT

HIGHLY COMMENDED Kalgoorlie-Boulder, WA
Smithton, TAS
Beechworth, VIC

COMMUNITY ACTION + WELLBEING

JOINT WINNERS Smithton, TAS
Finke (Aputula), NT

HIGHLY COMMENDED Kimba, SA

DAME PHYLLIS FROST LITTER PREVENTION, WASTE MANAGEMENT + RESOURCE RECOVERY AWARD

WINNER Orange, NSW

HIGHLY COMMENDED Beechworth, VIC
Kimba, SA
Finke (Aputula), NT

YOUNG LEGENDS

JOINT WINNERS Kurtis Maher
(Smithton, TAS)
Wooragee Primary
School
(Beechworth, VIC)

HIGHLY COMMENDED Bailey Dickinson-Bubb
(Orange, NSW)

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

JOINT WINNERS Kimba, SA
Beechworth, VIC

HIGHLY COMMENDED Kalgoorlie-Boulder, WA

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