



## HOW TO ENTER

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- ◆ Award launched at media event (Feb 2016).
- ◆ Entries called for (Category Award entrants & Tidy Towns Support entries).
- ◆ Entrants fax, mail and email entry forms and Award Support documents.
- ◆ Communities that aspire to be better and require Tidy Towns supportive 'dot point plans', fax or email entry form for your category specific support plans.
- ◆ All Entries lodged by return FAX, mail or email to Keep Australia Beautiful Council (NT) and to include:
  - Returned Tidy Towns 'Self Assessment' judges sheet (tick box format)
  - or
  - Text and images, relevant to each TTT category criteria
  - Text: no more than one page on each criteria please
  - Images: indexed; captioned for category/criteria
  - (photos in jpg or similar, close ups of participants appreciated)
  - Name, role/office, details of contact person included

## CATEGORY CRITERIA

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### **Suburb / Electorate / Community Participation**

Actions and partnership achievements in community beautification, presentation and pride. Partnership achievements by communities with all levels of government and/or business, building better major hubs and remote community societies.

### ◆ **Innovation**

Innovative projects or practices that focus on social and ecological sustainability.

### ◆ **Litter Control/Prevention**

Achievement in community litter management and reduction of ground litter including the undertaking of litter audits, and litter education awareness programs. These activities will improve remote community social and environmental well being with a positive effect on health.

### ◆ **Resource Recovery**

Achievement in resource recovery and waste management including initiatives which conserve resources and encourage waste minimisation practices; the recovery of beverage containers for recycling, reuse of materials such as building materials, and the appropriate disposal of non-recyclable materials. These activities will achieve improved community environmental well being.

### ◆ **Environmental Care (Innovation & Protection)**

Achievements in innovative principles and actions associated with developing sustainable communities. Also achievements associated with the protection of the natural environment and, specifically, the preservation of native flora and fauna.

### ◆ **Water Conservation**

Sustainable water management achievements within communities which has combined innovative or new water conservation and water re-use initiatives at the private, industrial and municipal levels, benefiting society and nature.

### ◆ **Energy Conservation**

Achievements in sustainable energy management which focus on innovative or new energy efficient measures and climate change issues.

### ◆ **Heritage & Culture**

Community achievements which proudly preserve and value cultural history.

### ◆ **Citizen & Youth Legends**

Citizen and Youth initiatives which encourages and promotes community residential initiatives and environmental education with positive environmental and social outcomes.

### ◆ **Best House/Street (Actions & Activities)**

House or Community Street actions and activities that focuses on home and street beautification and pride, delivering continuous improvements towards social and environmental development.

### **Northern Territory's Tidiest Towns**

Judges assess the communities against a range of criteria, including community pride and partnerships with government or business, innovative projects or practices that focus on ecological sustainability, litter management, resource recovery and waste management, energy minimisation and protection of the natural environment.

The winner will be the Territory community which best exemplifies all of the elements of the judging criteria.

Importantly, when selecting finalists, judges are required to take into account each community's geographic, environmental, economic and cultural circumstances, and to assess how efficiently and effectively the community uses the resources available to it.

## **JUDGING**

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A judging panel will review all entries (*judging criteria available at any time*).

## **TIMING**

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- ◆ Award launched February 2016
- ◆ Entrants judged up through to mid October 2016

- ◆ 21<sup>st</sup> Oct 2016 Northern Territory Finalists and National Representative announced
- ◆ March 2016 Australian Tidiest Towns Awards – NT Finalist representing our Territory

### **AWARD SPONSORS**

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The Northern Territory Tidiest Towns Award 2016 is conducted by Keep Australia Beautiful Council (NT) and is sponsored by:

- ◆ **Northern Territory Government**
- ◆ **APC (Australian Packaging Covenant)**

The Territory's Tidiest Towns Awards conducted by Keep Australia Beautiful are sponsored by:

- ◆ **Northern Territory Government** (DLPE) is a major supporter of Keep Australia Beautiful Council Northern Territory and the Territory Tidy Towns program.

The Territory Government and its various Departments have key 'shared' objectives with Keep Australia Beautiful (NT). They have shared visions with the local 'Territory' community and are seriously committed to continuous improvement through community social and environment development. The Northern Territory Government, as a long term partner, regularly funds KABC(NT) community based programs and proudly assists in creating community awareness of our flagship Tidy Towns program, encouraging participation.

- ◆ **APC -The Australian Packaging Covenant** (APC) is an industry sustainable packaging initiative which aims to change the culture of business to design more sustainable packaging, increase recycling rates and reduce packaging litter. It is an agreement between government, industry and community groups to find and fund solutions to address packaging sustainability issues. Currently over 900 organisations are signatories to the APC. APC is an Industry Sponsor of The Territory Tidy Towns Awards & Forum Program for 2016. APC are proudly supporting Keep Australia Beautiful and working together towards creating ownership and responsibility, jointly providing a clear, concise and social message to the communities of Northern Territory, and help deliver a better quality of life and a sustainable Australian environment for generations to come.

Regards



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