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Celebrating Sustainable Communities: Finalists revealed for the 2024 Keep Australia Beautiful NSW Tidy Towns Awards

Keep Australia Beautiful NSW (KAB NSW) is thrilled to announce the finalists for the 2024 Tidy Towns Awards. This year's competition has seen an exceptional level of entries from a diverse range of organisations and individuals, all dedicated to creating a more sustainable future for New South Wales.

KAB NSW has been running the Tidy Towns program since 1981 which celebrates, recognises and rewards projects that reduce litter, minimise waste, encourage recycling, promote heritage and culture, biodiversity, and waterways protection, celebrate community spirit and many other environmental areas.

"The quality of entries in this year's competition has been outstanding, showcasing the innovative and impactful projects and actions being undertaken across NSW," said Val Southam, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director of Keep Australia Beautiful NSW. "I would like to congratulate all the finalists and entrants for their dedication to creating a more sustainable city for present and future generations."

The winners of the 2024 Tidy Towns Awards will be announced on Saturday 2nd November at two events to be held in the town of Bathurst, the overall Tidy Towns winner from 2023. Several category awards will be presented at The Greens on William in the morning with the remaining category winners presented at a dinner at the Bathurst Harness Racing Club. The Overall 2024 KAB NSW Tidy Town Winner will be announced from amongst the five finalist towns.

The awards are hosted by Keep Australia Beautiful NSW with support from the NSW Environment Protection Authority, Bathurst Regional Council, JR Richards and Snowy Hydro.

For more information about the awards please visit: <https://www.kabnsw.org.au/awards/tidy-towns-awards-weekend-2024/>.

THANK YOU TO OUR 2024 AWARDS AND EVENT SUPPORTERS



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2024 KAB NSW Tidy Towns Awards Finalists

CATEGORY	FINALISTS
Biodiversity Conservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Responsible Management at Thredbo</i> Thredbo Resort • <i>Bellingen Island Restoration</i> Bellingen Shire Council • <i>Teralba Public School Tiny Forest</i> The Groundswell Collective / Teralba Public School • <i>Coolamon Corridor</i> Coolamon Landcare Group Inc • <i>Waders and Woodlands: Parkes Wetlands</i> Parkes Shire Council • <i>Keep Tilligerry Native</i> Tilligerry Landcare • <i>Queanbeyan River Corridor Rehabilitation</i> Queanbeyan Landcare Inc • <i>Cessnock Bushcare Renaissance</i> Cessnock City Council
Circular Economy (Sponsored by NSW EPA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Bowerhouse Reuse Shop</i> Bellingen Shire Council • <i>ARC City to Soil Program</i> Armidale Regional Council • <i>Wangarang Orange Return & Earn</i> Wangarang Industries Ltd • <i>Hunter Recycling/Circular Economy Campaign</i> Toronto Area Sustainable Neighbourhood Group • <i>Recycling for profit and charities</i> Menshed Wagga Wagga Inc.
Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation (Sponsored by Red Energy)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Adaptation & Mitigation at Thredbo</i> Thredbo Resort • <i>Towards Net Zero</i> Bellingen Shire Council • <i>Raw Water Storage Lagoon - Big Battery</i> Parkes Shire Council • <i>Building momentum towards Net Zero</i> Bathurst Regional Council
Communication and Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Community Engagement at Thredbo</i> Thredbo Resort • <i>'Go Before You Go' sustainability campaign</i> Bellingen Shire Council • <i>New Aussies Recycle Too!</i> Halve Waste • <i>Bathurst's Illegal Dumping Strategy</i> Bathurst Regional Council • <i>Wollongong's FOGO Heroes</i> Wollongong City Council

CATEGORY	FINALISTS
Community Spirit and Inclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Coomba and District Progress Association</i> Coomba & District Progress Association • <i>Silver Seniors Soiree</i> Branxton Community Hall • <i>Homegrown Parkes Community Events</i> Central West Lachlan Landcare Inc • <i>Connecting Tilligerry Peninsula: TAG</i> Tilligerry Arts Group (TAG) • <i>Seniors Festival in the Cessnock LGA</i> Seniors Reference Group and Cessnock City Council • <i>Orange United Sports Club</i> Orange United Sports Club
Heritage and Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Bellingen Memorial Hall - A grand design</i> Bellingen Shire Council • <i>Keeping our Tilligerry Heritage</i> Tilligerry Community • <i>OCTEC Building Heritage & Streetscape</i> OCTEC Limited • <i>Orange 'The Local Fallen'</i> Orange City Council
Litter Prevention (Sponsored by NSW EPA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Litter Prevention at Thredbo</i> Thredbo Resort • <i>A Tidier Tilligerry</i> Tilligerry Landcare • <i>Reducing Illegal Dumping in AlburyCity</i> Albury City Council • <i>Summer Cleansing</i> Wollongong City Council
Liveable Towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>GALING GINDHAY - Water Play for Parkes</i> Parkes Shire Council • <i>Lake Endeavour Places to Swim Project</i> Parkes Shire Council • <i>A More Liveable Tilligerry</i> Tilligerry Landcare • <i>Machattie Lane Ecological Greenspace</i> Bathurst Regional Council • <i>Orange Community Vegetable Garden</i> Orange City Council
Resource Recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Coomba Park Sustainability</i> Coomba & District Progress Association • <i>Resource Recovery at Thredbo</i> Thredbo Resort • <i>Landfill to Circular Hub: Moss Vale RRC</i> Wingecarribee Shire Council Waste and Resource Management • <i>Mobile Community Recycling & Soft Plastics</i> Wingecarribee Shire Council Waste and Resource Management • <i>The Caswells Development</i> Tilligerry Community/Landcare • <i>Material Recovery Facility</i> Albury City Council • <i>Residential Bin Assessments</i> AlburyCity Council

CATEGORY	FINALISTS
Waste Avoidance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Coomba Sustainability</i> Coomba & District Progress Association • <i>Bathurst Waste 2 Art</i> Bathurst Regional Council and NetWaste • <i>Less is More</i> Cessnock City Council • <i>Orange High School - Don't Be Trashy</i> Orange High School
Young Legends	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sustainable Scallywags</i> Bathurst Regional Council
Overall Tidy Towns Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thredbo • Bellingen • Tilligerry Peninsula • Parkes • Orange

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EDITOR'S NOTE:

About the KABNSW Tidy Towns Awards

Since 1981, the Tidy Towns Program has been rewarding and recognising projects around litter, waste management, recycling, heritage, community spirit and other environmental areas in towns both large and small across the breadth of NSW.

We endeavour to deliver an inclusive and positive platform that encourages shared learnings and inspires environmental action at the local level. The program recognises and celebrates those rural and regional communities who are pioneering the path towards a more sustainable future.

About KAB NSW

Keep Australia Beautiful NSW (KABNSW) is the state's premier organisation for litter reduction and environmental sustainability. Independent and not-for-profit, our focus is to engage communities to make NSW the least littered state in Australia, transforming littering behaviour to create a beautiful and more sustainable environment.

Over a 40-year history we have built a state-wide network of dedicated individuals, businesses, schools, community groups and government bodies striving to deliver a cleaner environment.

Through five core programs we work with communities across regional, metropolitan, and coastal NSW to educate and motivate environmental initiatives.