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Tidy Towns Awards Weekend
10 - 12 October 2025 | Parkes NSW

Program of Events

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Friday 10th October 2025

1830 - 2030	**Welcome Function** Enjoy a relaxed evening and enjoy substantial appetizers (dinner substitute) with the opportunity to network with fellow participants.	Cooke Park Pavilion Cooke Park 17 Welcome Street, Parkes

Saturday 11th October 2025

0930 - 1200	**Tidy Towns Case Studies and Category Award Presentations** Announcement of category award recipients and case studies of inspiring sustainable projects from Tidy Towns entrants. *Tea, coffee, and refreshments will be provided*	Parkes Services Club 9 - 17 Short St, Parkes
1200 - 1400	**Homegrown Parkes & Lunch** Parkes is a lively town celebrated for its community spirit, vibrant arts scene and progressive outlook. All these elements come together at Homegrown Parkes, a popular community market day that attracts thousands of visitors. Come along to enjoy fresh, locally and regionally grown produce, unique homewares, and creative artworks. Be dazzled by talented local performers, or have fun participating in one of the engaging workshops. There's always something new and interesting happening at Homegrown Parkes! *Each Tidy Towns attendee will receive a voucher to purchase their lunch from their preferred vendor at Homegrown Parkes.*	Cooke Park, Parkes
1400 - 1600	**Tour 1: Lake Endeavour** Lake Endeavour, the largest water storage dam in Parkes, is a tranquil site nestled at the foot of the Bumberry Hills. In 2024, Parkes Shire Council launched an exciting initiative to elevate the visitor experience, establishing the first freshwater recreational area in Parkes Shire. Now, guests can stroll along a scenic 90-metre boardwalk, bask on the sandy beach, dive into refreshing swims, or paddle away in kayaks or dragon boats. During this tour, attendees can join the Parkes Dragon Boat Club on the water for a paddle. *Tour includes approx. one hour of travel time. Amenities are available at Lake Endeavour. Bring comfortable clothes, a hat, sunscreen, and a bottle with water, as there is no potable water on site. .* **Tour 2: Parkes Wetlands and Splash Park** Parkes Shire Council is embarking on an exciting project transforming the town's decommissioned wastewater treatment ponds into a vibrant, biodiverse wetland, also creating a much-needed 'blue' recreational space for the community to enjoy. This tour will allow participants to walk around the wetlands, learn about the design and construction process, and hear about the next stages of planned works. Participants will then be shuttled to Galing Gandhay, Parkes' brand-new splash park. This innovative play space was designed to mimic the topography and hydrology of the area surrounding Parkes, inspired by the rivers, dams, weirs and bores. Interpretive signage tells the story of water and explains the physics and engineering involved in natural and engineered water flow. *Amenities are available at the Splash Park. There are no amenities at the Parkes Wetlands.* **Tour 3: The Dish (Murriyang - CSIRO's Parkes Radio Telescope)** The CSIRO Parkes Radio Telescope, star of the movie 'The Dish' (2000) is one of Australia's most prominent landmarks. The Visitor Discovery Centre takes you on a journey exploring the highlights of the telescope's rich history. Starting as an idea in the 1950s, see how Murriyang has matured into a world-leading research facility. Includes 30-minute 3D Theatre experience. *Tour includes approx. 45 minutes of travel time. Amenities are available at the Parkes Observatory.*	Departing from and returning to Cooke Park (bus stops are located directly opposite the intersection of Welcome and Cecile Streets)
1800 - 2200	**Awards Dinner** The awards gala dinner will announce and celebrate this year's Overall Tidy Towns Award.	Parkes Services Club 9 - 17 Short St, Parkes

Sunday 12th October 2025

0700 - 0900	**Farewell BBQ Breakfast** A final chance to catch up with friends, old and new, before the weekend concludes. The handover of the Tidy Towns flags will occur at 7:45am. *Egg and bacon rolls, coffee, tea and juice will be served. Gluten free and vegetarian/vegan options available if pre-ordered.*	Cooke Park Pavilion Cooke Park 17 Welcome Street, Parkes