



Keep Australia Beautiful NSW
Tidy Towns Awards Weekend
16 - 18 October 2026 | Orange NSW

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Friday 16th October 2026

1800 - Welcome Catch-Up

2000 Join us for a relaxed get-together at the historic Hotel Canobolas in the heart of Orange. It's a chance to catch up with fellow attendees, meet new faces and settle into the weekend ahead of the Awards program.

Please note: attendees are responsible for their own meals and drinks.

Back Bistro

The Hotel Canobolas
248 Summer St, Orange

Saturday 17th October 2026

0930 - Tidy Towns Category Award Presentations and Case Studies

1300 Celebrate the announcement of this year's category award recipients before hearing from a selection of Tidy Towns entrants as they share inspiring sustainable initiatives from their communities.

Tea, coffee, morning tea and lunch will be provided.

The Ballroom

The Hotel Canobolas
248 Summer St, Orange

1300 - Tour 1 - Gaanha-bula & Ross Hill Wines

1600 Begin with a brief stop at Lake Canobolas, where Council staff will highlight recent upgrades and future plans for this key community space. Continue to Gaanha-bula (Mount Canobolas) for an immersive cultural tour led by Three Rivers Cultural Services, exploring its volcanic origins, cultural significance, and connection to Country. Conclude with a visit to Ross Hill Wines, Australia's first Climate Active certified carbon neutral winery, to learn about their sustainability journey and low-emissions operations.

Please note: A \$25 per person fee applies to this tour, which includes the winery tour at Ross Hill Wines and a complimentary wine or other beverage.

Departing from and
returning to the Hotel
Canobolas

Tour 2 - Culture Precinct (walking tour)

Explore Orange's cultural precinct at your own pace, with a self-guided walk through key arts and cultural destinations. Visit the Orange Regional Gallery, home to a vibrant program of contemporary exhibitions, and the Orange Regional Museum, showcasing local stories and heritage. Conclude at the newly completed Conservatorium, a flagship cultural infrastructure project that highlights the city's growing investment in music, performance and creative industries

1800 - Awards Dinner

2200 The signature event of the weekend. Celebrate the remarkable achievements of communities from across New South Wales as we announce the remaining category award recipients and the coveted Overall NSW Tidy Towns Award.

Bus transfers from Quest Orange will run at 5:30pm and 6:00pm, returning at 9:30pm and 10:00pm

Banksia Orange

4929 Mitchell Hwy, Orange

Sunday 18th October 2026

0700 - Farewell BBQ Breakfast

0900 A final chance to catch up with friends, old and new, before the weekend draws to a close. The ceremonial handover of the Tidy Towns flags will take place at 7:45am.

Egg and bacon rolls, coffee, tea and juice will be served. Gluten free and vegetarian/vegan options available if pre-ordered.

Orange Botanic Gardens
300 Hill St, Orange

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