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## *Media Statement*

### **Keep Australia Beautiful award entrants announced**

Registrations have now closed for Keep Australia Beautiful's Tidy Towns, Clean Beaches and Sustainable Cities awards.

Forty-three Western Australian regional communities have entered the 2016 Tidy Towns awards, with six communities vying to represent the State in the Australian Sustainable Cities awards and seven entrants in the mix for the Australian Clean Beaches awards.

Entrants have until 1 May to send in their submissions, after which Keep Australia Beautiful (WA) will select finalists for judging visits in May and June. An honour roll of entrants is available online at [www.kabc.wa.gov.au/get-involved/sustainable-community-awards/entrants-honour-roll](http://www.kabc.wa.gov.au/get-involved/sustainable-community-awards/entrants-honour-roll).

Keep Australia Beautiful Council WA Chairman Michael Aspinall said that entrants for 2016 included communities from diverse environmental and cultural regions in Western Australia.

"The best of the best will then be announced as WA's representatives in the Keep Australia Beautiful national awards programs," he said.

"Albany put in a strong showing at the recent Tidy Towns national awards, taking out the Heritage and Culture category, and I'm hopeful our next candidates will be just as competitive."

All three awards will be judged on the following six categories:

- Community Action and Wellbeing
- Heritage and Culture
- Litter and Waste Management
- Young Legends
- Environmental Sustainability
- Environmental Education

In WA, the Sustainable Community awards are supported by the State Government's Waste Authority through the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Account.

Tidy Towns is sponsored by the Australian Packaging Covenant, the Department of Regional Development, West Australian Regional Newspapers, the Water Corporation and Cliffs Natural Resources Inc.

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