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Media Statement

Keep Australia Beautiful award entrants announced

Registrations for Keep Australia Beautiful's Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Awards have closed with 41 Western Australian regional communities set to battle it out for honours in 2017.

Keep Australia Beautiful Council Chairman Michael Aspinall said this year's entrants were particularly diverse—from the Kimberley and Goldfields' communities such as Halls Creek and Menzies to towns in the State's south like Pemberton and Burekup.

"It is encouraging to see the range of communities entered and we look forward to hearing about these towns' inspiring projects at the State Awards later this year," he said.

The Tidy Town awards recognise community efforts in areas such as heritage conservation, environmental sustainability and litter management.

"Over the years, these awards have brought communities together to achieve common outcomes that benefit the environment," said Mr Aspinall.

"Greenbushes was the 2016 WA State Winner and will be representing WA at the National Tidy Towns Awards in Tasmania in May.

Entrants have until 15 June to send in their submissions, with all communities visited by judges by end of July.

Projects will be judged in the following six categories:

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

Finalists will be announced in August and the overall category and state winners will be announced in October.

An honour roll of entrants is available online at www.kabc.wa.gov.au/get-involved/tidy-towns-sustainable-communities/whos-entered-in-2017

Tidy Towns Sustainable Community awards are supported by the Waste Authority through the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Account, the Department of Regional Development, West Australian Regional Newspapers, Main Roads and Cliffs Natural Resources Inc.

Towns vying for this year's awards include:

Albany	Augusta	Brookton	Burekup
Cervantes	Collie	Coral Bay	Cunderdin
Dowerin	Esperance	Greenbushes	Halls Creek
Harvey	Irwin	Jurien Bay	Kalgoorlie-Boulder
Leeman	Marble Bar	Margaret River	Meekatharra
Menzies	Mingenew	Nannup	Newman
Norseman	Paraburdoo	Pemberton	Perenjori
Port and South Hedland	Preston Beach	Quairading	Seabird
Southern Cross	Three Springs	Tjuntjuntjara	Walpole
Waroona	West Arthur	Wickham	Wongan Hills
Yalgoo			

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