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Media Statement

Tidy Towns finalists named

Six Western Australian towns are through to the finals—vying for the 2017 State Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities title for 2017.

This year's finalists are Albany, Cocos Keeling Islands, Jurien Bay, Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Margaret River and West Arthur.

This year the Tidy Town awards attracted 42 entries from towns and regional communities across the State.

Keep Australia Beautiful WA Chairman Michael Aspinall said he was impressed by the diversity of this year's projects—making the judges' job extremely challenging.

"The State finalists have all demonstrated strong community engagement, partnerships, innovation and environmental outcomes," he said.

"I congratulate communities for making positive environmental, social and economic changes and for planning for a sustainable future for their community."

This year's Tidy Town category finalists are:

- General appearance – Augusta, Collie, Cocos Keeling Islands, Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Wongan Hills, Yalgoo
- Community action and wellbeing – Kalgoorlie- Boulder, Paraburdoo, Pemberton, Perenjori, Seabird, Quairading,
- Litter prevention and waste management – Cocos Keeling Islands, Coral Bay, Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Nannup, Margaret River, Wickham
- Environmental sustainability – Albany, Burekup, Greenbushes, Irwin, Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Margaret River,
- Young legends – Albany, Cocos Keeling Islands, Coral Bay, Waroona, West Arthur, Yalgoo
- Environmental education – Jurien Bay, Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Leeman, Margaret River, Preston Beach, Walpole
- Heritage and culture – Albany, Cervantes, Port and South Hedland, Southern Cross, Three Springs, West Arthur

The State winner and category winners will be announced on 20 October.

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