

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Barmera cleans up at the National Tidy Towns Awards

Barmera has triumphed at the Keep Australia Beautiful National Tidy Towns Awards, claiming the honour of the 2017 Overall Winner. Barmera also won a number of category awards;

- Dame Phyllis Frost Litter Prevention, Waste Management and Resource Recovery Award
- Environmental Sustainability Award
- Environmental Education Award (joint winner with Horsham)
- Young Legends Award
- Community Action and Wellbeing Award (Highly Commended).

The Awards Ceremony, held in Triabunna, Tas, was the culmination of the two day event where finalists had the opportunity to share their community story and see firsthand the initiatives of the 2016 winner. Finalists and KAB network members were honoured to be joined at the Ceremony by Their Excellencies, The Governor General of Australia Sir Peter Cosgrove and Lady Cosgrove.

Barmera was the South Australian finalist, having won the 2016 KESAB Sustainable Communities Awards in November 2016. Barmera underwent national judging in April and showcased a number of community initiatives including;

- Barmera Playspace, a community initiative at the Lake Bonney foreshore reserve
- Barmera Men's Shed, repurposing furniture for those in need, special projects and an inclusive environment for the community
- Barmera Primary school, including an overview of the highly successful Environmental Expo
- Barmera Kindy and their bush kindy initiative, encouraging children to actively engage with nature
- Barmera Central and the Loveday Internment Display and community events such as the Twilight Markets
- Upper Garden of Memory improvements, Anzac Centenary Memorial Cross, Rocky's Hall of Fame and the efforts of the Barmera Beautification Group.

Well done to the Berri Barmera Council and the Barmera Community for their fantastic efforts in cultivating a vibrant, attractive, engaging and sustainable community.

#### For Further information about Awards

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