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It is time for regional SA communities to shine!

Entries now open for KESAB’s Sustainable Communities program 2017

Entries are now open for KESAB’s annual SA community awards recognising regional communities for dedication and motivation to enhance their local community and environment.

Sustainable Communities (or the old Tidy Towns program) is a focus for hundreds of regional communities to showcase positive actions taken by communities, schools, businesses and councils across SA to protect their local environment, enhance their towns, embrace sustainability and showcase their initiatives.

“Long-term sustainable practices are now entrenched in regional communities and the 2017 awards will showcase the best examples,” said Program Manager, Alex Hammett. “We are looking for the very best town across small, medium and large categories and then one of those will be declared the Overall winner.”

In 2016, over 150 category entries were received and 30 towns visited during comprehensive judging, which resulted in Barmera being announced as the overall State Winner. Barmera then went on to claim the Overall Australian Award at the Keep Australia Beautiful National Tidy Towns Awards, held in Triabunna in May this year.

“Our community is one that covers from the young to the old, but they all have one thing in common, they support and are extremely proud about all things Barmera. Having the opportunity to showcase our area and our people, get feedback and advice for the future, and network with other likeminded communities is why every community should enter the KESAB Sustainable Communities Awards program”, commented Berri Barmera Mayor Peter Hunt.

“The program is all about people getting together to contribute to a better place to live, work and play, to create a place where visitors are delighted to come, and locals want to stay. At the same time it’s about protecting, conserving, managing and improving SA’s precious natural environment. Entering the awards is a way of recognising and acknowledging the hard work, long hours, bright ideas, passion, enthusiasm and spirit of regional South Australians and their communities,” Alex says.

Categories

- Appearance, Amenities and Facilities
- Environmental Sustainability and Education
- Heritage and Culture
- Litter Prevention, Enforcement, Waste Management & Resource Recovery
- Community Action and Partnerships
- Health and Wellbeing
- Leadership and Youth Activities
- Natural Environment Management

Entries Close on September 29 2017.

Entry information now available at www.kesab.asn.au

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