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ARDROSSAN IS THE ONE!

The Yorke Peninsula town of Ardrossan has taken home the Overall KESAB Sustainable Communities Award for the first time in 40 years of the KESAB awards program.

Sustainable Communities (formerly Tidy Towns) 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 2018 awards have again showcased the best examples,” said Program Manager, Alex Hammett. “Small, medium and large towns from across the state submitted entries into the Awards this year and the quality was high!”

“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 Hammett, KESAB Community Engagement Manager said.

Ardrossan’s entry included the Museum and Information Outlet upgrades, the Ardrossan Community and Men’s Shed, Ardrossan Area School Projects including the nature playspace, Indigenous gardens and their involvement in town projects such as the Pitstop project, aerosol art on the foreshore toilet block, and also the outdoor fitness equipment on the clifftop.

Also included as part of the submission was the new memorial and entryway at the hospital, along with stormwater infrastructure projects.

Ardrossan’s entry embraced initiatives by the Ardrossan Progress Association, Tidy Towns Group, Ardrossan Area School as well as partnership projects with Yorke Peninsula Council. “Throughout their entry, the spirit, pride and hard work of the community was evident and this makes them a shining example of Sustainable Communities,” Alex said.





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Full winners list for 2018 Sustainable Communities Awards;

Overall Project highly commended - Council	District Council of Elliston Elliston Waste Transfer Station Whyalla City Council
Overall Project highly commended - Council	Wilson Park Upgrade City of Victor Harbor
Overall Project winner - Council	Victor Harbor Railway Turntable
Overall Project winner - School	St Catherine’s School Aquaponics Ardrossan Progress Association
Overall Project winner - community	Ardrossan Museum and Information Outlet
Overall Project highly commended - community	Port Julia Progress Association Port Julia Campground Alexandrina Council, Alexandrina Community Nursery, Goolwa to Wellington LAP Group and Goolwa Coastcare
Overall Project winner - combined	Gazania Free Goolwa District Council of Streaky Bay and Streaky Bay Tourism
Overall Project highly commended - combined	Visible
Best Small Town	Avon
Highly Commended Medium Town	Streaky Bay
Best Medium Town	Ardrossan
Best Large Town	Victor Harbor
Best Overall School	Tenison Woods College
Overall Winner	Ardrossan

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