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## Media Statement

### Tidy Towns turns 50

Registrations are open for the 2019—and 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary—Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities awards.

Launching the awards at the Margaret River Farmers' Markets today, Keep Australia Beautiful Council WA Chairman, Michael Aspinall, urged regional and remote Western Australian towns and communities to get involved with the Tidy Towns initiative.

“Tidy Towns is celebrating 50 years of recognising and rewarding sustainable community initiatives and litter-free environments,” he said.

“The awards bring communities together and contribute to the sustainability of regional towns.”

Mr Aspinall said Bunbury was the very first WA Tidy Towns winner back in 1969 and has already committed to enter the awards in this, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.

“As well as helping to motivate and initiate local action, the program recognises community efforts and encourages people to work together and learn from each other,” he said.

“Other benefits include an increased awareness of community issues like managing litter, waste and recycling, conserving water and energy and protecting natural habitats.”

There are seven categories in the Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities awards and communities can enter one or all of the categories:

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

Registrations close on 3 May 2019 and project submissions are due by 14 June 2019.

Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities is a Keep Australia Beautiful program funded by the Waste Authority through the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Account. It is sponsored by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, Tourism Western Australia and Main Roads WA.

For more information about the Tidy Towns program and to register online go to the [KABC website](#) or email [tidytowns@kabc.wa.gov.au](mailto:tidytowns@kabc.wa.gov.au).