

# Media Release

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## VICTORIA'S TOP TOWNS VIE FOR TIDIEST TITLE

The finalists for this year's Keep Australia Beautiful Victoria (KABV) Tidy Towns – Sustainable Communities Awards have been announced.

The Acting CEO of Sustainability Victoria, Vera Lubczenko, commended the Tidy Towns – Sustainable Communities finalists for continuing to protect and enhance their regional communities.

“This year's finalists have demonstrated a range of innovative and sustainable initiatives to make their local communities a better place to live, work and play,” said Ms Lubczenko.

“The KABV awards are a positive way to celebrate and recognise the sustainable everyday actions taken by Victorians across our State.”

This year KABV received 188 initiatives from 53 individual entrants from all levels of the community such as councils and shires, local community groups, schools and individuals.

“The high level of entries received this year and the support for the KABV Awards programs underlines the commitment of Victorian communities to forge a more sustainable future for our State,” said Ms Lubczenko.

This year's Tidy Towns – Sustainable Communities categories focus on community leadership, young leaders, water conservation, environmental innovation and protection, zero waste, cultural heritage and community government partnerships.

Rutherglen took out the 2010 Tidy Town of the Year title and in recognition of its achievement the town will host this year's Awards on Saturday 22 October 2011.

Tickets to the KABV Tidy Towns – Sustainable Communities Awards Weekend are on sale at [www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/kabv](http://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/kabv).

For further information about the awards or finalists visit [www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/kabv](http://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/kabv).

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## List of Finalists – KABV Tidy Towns – Sustainable Communities Awards

Category	Finalists
Tidy Town of the Year	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Beechworth</li> <li>2. Hastings</li> <li>3. Horsham</li> <li>4. Inverloch</li> <li>5. Mornington</li> <li>6. Wangaratta</li> </ol>
Community Action for population ≤ 3000	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Beechworth Harvest Festival - Beechworth Tidy Towns Committee</li> <li>2. Bio-diversity on the Capel Sound Foreshore and Chinamans Creek - Capel Sound Foreshore Committee of Management and Friends of Chinamans Creek</li> <li>3. Easter Hunt - Coal Creek Community Park</li> <li>4. Gardening for a Sustainable and Resilient Community - Community Garden 3231</li> <li>5. 'Load of Clothes' Market - Beechworth Tidy Towns Committee</li> <li>6. Post Flood Survival - Carisbrook Lions Club</li> <li>7. St. Arnaud Goldfields Garden Town - St. Arnaud Community Action Network</li> </ol>
Community Action for population > 3000	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dig-it for a Sustainable Future - Mornington Community Garden</li> <li>2. Healthy Ageing Forum 2011 - Ovens and King Community Health Service</li> <li>3. Koha Community Café - Koha Community Cafe Inc.</li> <li>4. Master Cook - Horsham Tidy Town Committee</li> <li>5. Schools Environment Week - Mornington Peninsula Schools Environment Week Inc.</li> <li>6. The Horsham Fishing Competition - Horsham Tidy Town Committee</li> <li>7. The Our Table to Yours /Our Garden to Yours Project - Birallee Park Neighbourhood House</li> <li>8. Warrnambool Healthy Urban Building (HUB) Project -Warrnambool Community Garden Inc.</li> <li>9. Western Port Festival 2011 - Hastings</li> </ol>
Cultural Heritage	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Beechworth Powder Magazine - Beechworth Tidy Towns Committee</li> <li>2. Celebrating Inverloch's Cultural Heritage - Inverloch Community Planning Group</li> <li>3. Creative Village – Mallee Bush Retreat on the foreshore of Lake Lascelles - Lake Lascelles/Corrong Committee of Management</li> <li>4. El Dorado Museum Association Inc. - Wangaratta Community Pride Committee</li> <li>5. Horsham Botanic Gardens - Horsham Tidy Town Committee</li> <li>6. Second World War Honour Wall and addition of Leopard Tank to Rutherglen Rec Memorial Park - Rutherglen</li> <li>7. Tresco West Bushland Reserve - Lake Boga Incorporated</li> </ol>

<p>Pam Keating Environmental Sustainability Award</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Engaging Mallee Communities in Sustainable Technology - National Centre for Sustainability, Sunraysia Institute of TAFE</li> <li>2. Environmental Sustainability - Saint Macartan's Parish Primary School</li> <li>3. Mallee Bush Retreat Community Environmental Initiative - Lake Lascelles / Corrong Committee of Management</li> <li>4. Showing the way through Example and Education to Valhalla Winery - Rutherglen</li> <li>5. Sustainable Workshop - Wangaratta Community Pride Committee</li> <li>6. Wimmera Mallee Future Living Expo - Horsham Tidy Town Committee</li> </ol>
<p>Towards Zero Waste</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Eco Friendly Town - Inverloch Community Planning Group</li> <li>2. HalveWaste - Reduce. Reuse. Recycle. - Beechworth Tidy Towns Committee</li> <li>3. Introducing Sustainable Practices - Crib Point Advisory Group Inc.</li> <li>4. Kitchen to Compost Trial in Churchill - Latrobe City Council and Gippsland Regional Waste Management Group</li> <li>5. Plastic Bag Free Torquay - Plastic Bag Free Torquay Inc.</li> <li>6. The Living Bin - Recycling Food Waste in the Victorian Alps - Victorian Alpine Resorts and NevRwaste</li> <li>7. Towards Zero Waste - Saint Macartan's Parish Primary School</li> <li>8. Zero to Landfill - Lions Recycle - Dimboola Tidy Towns Committee</li> </ol>
<p>Protection of the Environment</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bio-diversity on the Capel Sound Foreshore and Chinamans Creek - Capel Sound Foreshore Committee of Management and Friends of Chinamans Creek</li> <li>2. Habitat Protection Woolley's Beach Foreshore - Crib Point Advisory Group Inc.</li> <li>3. Kill Off Pest Bee - Beechworth Tidy Towns Committee</li> <li>4. Kyabram Drainage Basin - Kyabram Urban Landcare Group</li> <li>5. Mt Pleasant Creek Catchment Enhancement - Mt Pleasant Creek Catchment Landcare Group</li> <li>6. Protecting the Coastal Environs of Anglesea and Aireys Inlet - ANGAIR</li> <li>7. Protection and Restoration of the Coastal Environment - Friends of Flinders Coastline Inc.</li> <li>8. Snape Reserve - Dimboola Tidy Towns Committee</li> <li>9. Wildlife - Hastings</li> </ol>

Community Government Partnerships	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Coal Creek Engagement Program - Coal Creek Community Park</li> <li>2. Community Action: Bring the Lake Back - Lake Boga Incorporated</li> <li>3. Community Planning Partnerships - Inverloch Community Planning Group</li> <li>4. Crouching Emu Revegetation Project - Crouching Emu Revegetation Project Committee</li> <li>5. Directory of Activities for Positive Ageing 2011 - Ovens and King Community Health Service</li> <li>6. Entertaining our Community - Rutherglen</li> <li>7. Future Directions and Planning for Poowong - Poowong Community Consultative Committee Inc.</li> <li>8. Lake Sambell Boat Ramp, Walking Track and Amenities Block - Beechworth Tidy Towns Committee</li> <li>9. Rainbow Caravan Park Refresher - Rainbow Town Committee</li> <li>10. Schools Environment Week - Mornington Peninsula Schools Environment Week Inc.</li> </ol>
Water Conservation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dig-it for a Sustainable Future - Mornington Community Garden</li> <li>2. Havelock Road Wetlands and Indigenous Resource Area - Beechworth Tidy Towns Committee</li> <li>3. Introducing Sustainable Practices - Crib Point Advisory Group Inc.</li> <li>4. School Students Year 9 and 10 Regional Water Project - Horsham Tidy Town Committee</li> <li>5. Water Conservation - Saint Macartan's Parish Primary School</li> <li>6. Water Conservation and School Gardening - Poowong Community Consultative Committee Inc.</li> </ol>
Efficient Energy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Colac Otway Solar Photovoltaic Bulk Buy - Colac Otway Sustainability Group Inc.</li> <li>2. Efficient Energy - Saint Macartan's Parish Primary School</li> <li>3. Energy Efficiency - Horsham House - Horsham Tidy Town Committee</li> <li>4. Engaging Mallee Communities in Sustainable Technology - National Centre for Sustainability, Sunraysia Institute of TAFE</li> <li>5. Portland Solar Bulk Purchase Project 2010-2011 - Portland Sustainability Group</li> <li>6. PSE Renewable Energy - Rutherglen</li> <li>7. Sustainable Workshop - Wangaratta Community Pride Committee</li> </ol>
Young Leaders - Individuals	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Alice Thwaites - Beechworth Tidy Towns Committee</li> <li>2. Travis Robinson - Wangaratta Community Pride Committee</li> </ol>

Young Leaders - Groups	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Community Leadership - Saint Macartan's Parish Primary School</li> <li>2. 'Green Team' set to Reduce School Footprint - Poowong Community Consultative Committee Inc.</li> <li>3. Linking Environmental Community Projects to School Environmental Practices and Vice Versa - Mildura West Primary School</li> <li>4. School Students Year 9 and 10 Regional Water Project - Horsham Tidy Town Committee</li> <li>5. The Rejuven8 Project - New Look Skate Park - Beechworth Tidy Towns Committee</li> <li>6. Why we are an 'Active School' and why we have such great 'Young Leaders' Rutherglen High School Year 9 - Rutherglen</li> <li>7. Wildlife - Hastings</li> </ol>
Community Leadership	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Carisbrook Lions Club</li> <li>2. Horsham Tidy Town Committee</li> <li>3. Inverloch Community Planning Group</li> <li>4. Lake Boga Incorporated</li> <li>5. Lake Sambell Management Committee</li> <li>6. Poowong Community Consultative Committee Inc</li> <li>7. Saint Macartan's Parish Primary School</li> <li>8. Wangaratta Community Pride Committee</li> <li>9. Warrnambool Community Garden Inc.</li> <li>10. Wycheproof Vision Inc</li> </ol>