

Litter Prevention Award

Innovation and achievements in reducing and managing litter. Judges look for:

- · Litter clean-up activities by the community and/or local government.
- · Litter-awareness signs.
- · Integration of litter management into a broader waste management strategy.
- Community/regional litter audits to assist with preventative and education measures.
- · Litter education projects.

General Appearance Award

Improvements including; entries/approaches to towns, business areas, sporting areas, public parks and gardens, streets, including footpaths and verges. Judges look for:

- · A tidy and well-maintained community, including parks and gardens, streets and footpaths.
- · Projects that have enhanced a streetscape.
- · Restoration of prominent buildings.
- · Water wise road side planting.

Community Action and Wellbeing Award

Achievements in creating a healthy, vibrant place that has actively engaged groups from all sectors. Judges look for:

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- Sound working relationships between the community and local government leading to successful outcomes.
- Mutual support and promotion of community and government initiatives.
- Involvement of youth, schools and clubs in positive community management activities.
- Fauna and flora protection and/or rehabilitation activities.
- Cultural heritage celebrations/projects.
- Provision for an accessible community, including toilets, picnic areas, playgrounds, carparks and tourist information services).

Heritage and Culture Award

A community's outstanding commitment to the conservation and celebration of indigenous and non-indigenous heritage and culture. Judges look for:

- Successful outcomes from community/government initiatives designed to address
 preservation of cultural or natural history and culturally significant buildings and sites.
- Development and/or implementation of innovative, community-based strategic or business plans relating to historic or cultural preservation and/or restoration.
- Research into, the protection, and display, of culturally significant sites and artefacts.
- Celebration, within and by the local community, of culturally significant events.

Leadership Award

A community member who has demonstrated leadershp, given at the judges' discretion

Waste Management Award

Achievements in reducing and managing waste. Judges look for:

- · Adequate, accessible, visible recycling bins in high traffic areas and public areas.
- Cigarette butt disposal facilities in public parks/areas.
- Recovery and re-use of resources such as organics, green materials, glass, paper, cardboard, aluminium, plastic, batteries, fluoro tubes and oil across organisations.
- Innovative use of recovered resources, (e.g. composting).
- Integration of resource recovery, circular activities, recycling and waste management activities into a broader waste management strategy.
- · Recycling education and awareness programs

Young Legends Award

Achievement by an individual or group/s of young people (under 25) who have contributed to the sustainability of their own community across any area. Judges look for:

- Successful outcomes relating to the community arising from youth-initiated or youth-led environmental action. Can be school or community based.
- Demonstration of initiative, leadership and strength of character in taking action on behalf of a community.

Environmental Sustainability Award

Achievements in adaptation to environmental change. Often through working in partnership with local government, industry and the wider public. Entrants can enter one or all three sub-categories - Water, Energy and Nature Conservation. One award is given for a project from any of the three subcategories.

Environmental Education Award

Outstanding initiative for its innovative environmental advocacy and or awareness program. Judges look for;

- Awareness programs on sustainability, the environment and conservation.
- Innovative approaches to environmental education.
- Environmental education leading tobehaviour change, community improvements.
- Community/local government/industry encouragement of, and involvement in, youth activities, particularly welfare, health, environment and conservation activities.

Community Containers for Change Award

One community recognised on how their 10c beverage refunds has benefitted their community. Schools, local councils, business, organisations or individual can lead the initiative. It's not the amount of refunds that are assessed but the positive benefit to the community.

Award Categories

Litter Prevention

General Appearance

Community Action and Wellbeing

Heritage and Culture

Waste Management

Young Legends

Environmental Sustainability

Environmental Education

Community Containers for Change

Leadership Award (judges discretion)

Who can enter?

Regional and remote communities can nominate any worthwhile project for a state award. Entrants can enter projects in one, or up to all nine categories.

Valid projects

Projects started, maintained or completed between July 2022 and June 2023.

Prizes

Category winners receive \$500

The Overall State Winner receives \$2000

The Young Legends Winner receives \$1000 for personal development or an event.

The Leadership Award Winner receives \$1000 for leadership conference (including travel).

Additional sponsor category prizes.

Enter your community Opens 31 May - 21 August 2023

Design and receive your complimentary bin stickers

Find out more about the awards and enter at:

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