



Tidy Towns

The Cessnock City Tidy Town Program is a community driven initiative that enhances local pride in our environment.

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Launched in 1981 by Keep Australia Beautiful, Tidy Towns is about community involvement and community pride. No other program in NSW gathers together such a diverse group of people (community, schools, industry and business as well as local councils) for a common purpose.

Under the banner "Sustainable Communities" Tidy Towns continues to incorporate numerous community based initiatives that have improved the environment in which we live, and the overall presentation of our communities.

Cessnock City Council has had a long association with the Keep Australia Beautiful NSW Council's Tidy Town Program.



Tidy Towns in our LGA

There are currently fourteen Tidy Towns Committees in the Cessnock Local Government Area (LGA):

- Abermain/Neath Tidy Town
- Bellbird Tidy Town
- Branxton Tidy Town
- Bucketty Tidy Bush
- Cessnock Tidy Town
- Greta Tidy Town
- Ellalong Tidy Town
- Kearsley Tidy Town
- Kurri Kurri Tidy Town
- Millfield Tidy Town
- North Rothbury Tidy Town
- Paxton Tidy Town
- Weston Heritage and Tidy Town
- Wollombi Tidy Valley

Benefits of Tidy Towns

The sustainability benefits of Tidy Towns include:

Environmental:

Improves local environments through removal of litter and rehabilitation programs.

Economic:

Increases tourism in areas as community pride and respect are shown to visitors.

Social/Cultural:

Encourages community participation and engenders community pride.



Local Winners

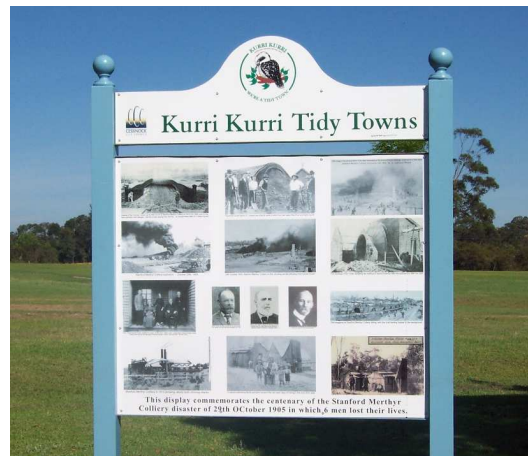
A number of Tidy Town Committees enter the Keep Australia Beautiful Awards each year and have been very successful to date. Kurri Kurri was awarded the overall Tidy Town State Winner in 1993 and other committees have received awards in the following categories:

- Bush Spirit
- Water Conservation
- Waste Minimisation
- Schools Environment
- Cultural Heritage Conservation



Council Support

Council supports the Tidy Town Program through the provision of a liaison officer to direct groups to the appropriate section of Council and assist with project development, various funding opportunities, payment of annual fees to the Keep Australia Beautiful Council, supply of paint and materials for approved maintenance works on public land and the promotion of the program.



Above: Sign erected by Kurri Kurri Tidy Towns Committee in 2006 to commemorate Stanford Mine disaster.

Left: Kurri Primary student planting Garden of Honour

Further Information

For further information on Tidy Towns check out:
www.kabnsw.org.au

Or call Council's Environment and Waste Section on 4993 4100