

Cessnock LGA Tidy Town Program

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1. Objective:

The Policy identifies the Vision and Commitments for the Cessnock LGA Tidy Town Program and forms the foundation for long term strategies that will continue to form valuable partnerships between Local Government and the community that benefits the local environment. Council's

2. Definitions

KAB	Keep Australia Beautiful
LGA	Local Government Area

3. Policy Statement

The towns and villages of the Cessnock LGA benefit through the efforts of local Tidy Town Committees.

The Policy is applicable to all bonafide Tidy Town Committees in the Cessnock LGA.

The aim of the Policy is to clearly identify the rights and responsibilities of a Tidy Town Committee and Cessnock City Council with regard to the Tidy Town Program.

Vision

The Vision Statement for the Tidy Town Program is:

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

Commitment

Council is committed to supporting Tidy Town Committees in the following ways:

1. Committee establishment and adoption as section 355 committee of Council.
2. Project support.
3. Care and management of on-going projects.
4. Facilitation of community networks.

Procedure

To ensure that the partnerships created through the Tidy Town Program remain mutually beneficial a procedure has been formed. Council and Tidy Town Committees agree to use these procedures as a framework to direct the management of each Tidy Town Committee.

Principles

- A Tidy Town Committee is not a political movement. It is a community initiative designed to unite towns and villages to achieve better environments to live in.
- A Tidy Town Committee will involve a wide cross section of the community to participate in community and environmental improvement projects
- A Tidy Town Committee will adopt the principle of *‘doing what you can with what you’ve got’* to achieve local objectives
- A Tidy Town Committee is encouraged to enter the Keep Australia Beautiful (NSW) Tidy Town Awards Program which gives each Tidy Town Committee in the State the chance to be assessed and recognised by Keep Australia Beautiful (NSW).