



Media Release

OATLANDS NAMED TASMANIA'S TIDIEST TOWN IN 2018

The midlands township of Oatlands has been named the Keep Australia Beautiful (KAB) Tasmanian Tidy Town for 2018.

Judge Lesley Gardner, who was judging the awards for the fourth time, said Oatlands was a town that modestly and confidently ticked along.

“Specifically, the recent completion of the stunning restoration of the Oatlands Commissariat on High Street further enhances the important heritage values of the town,” she said.

“There are also many health and recreation opportunities offered on the shores of wonderful Lake Dulverton, including walking, fishing and bird spotting.”

Ms Gardner also highlighted the contribution that the Midlands Multi-Purpose Health Centre made to the community, and recognised the contribution that Brian and Lyn Fish made to the collecting, preserving and demonstrating of heritage skills.

The other major awards winners, presented at a function attended by community leaders and volunteers at Smithton (the current national and state Tidy Town winner) today (19 October 2018), were Glenorchy (KAB Tasmania Sustainable Cities Award) and Macquarie Harbour Shoreline Clean-up 2018 (KAB Tasmania Clean Beach Award).

Ms Gardner said while the City of Glenorchy had endured a tough year, you could still look around and find positive things happening in the community.

She highlighted the Centenary of ANZAC Walk of Remembrance, the work of Life Without Barriers and Understorey Network, various Glenorchy City Council programs and the Austin's Ferry School Options Program as all contributing positively to the win.

Ms Gardner said the work at Macquarie Harbour encompassed all things that were important to KAB.

“It was an extraordinary effort of collaboration involving 13 organisations and 168 volunteers and staff who collected 30,000 pieces of rubbish,” she said.

Population category awards were announced as follows:

- Less than 2000 – Bicheno
- 2001 – 3000 – Dodges Ferry
- 3001 – 4000 – Somerset
- 4001 + – George Town

The KAB Community Citizen of the Year Award was presented to Daniell Hall for her work as the waste education office at the Glenorchy City Council. The youth award was presented to the Bicheno-based Kids Ocean Network.

Ms Gardner said she felt very honoured to be invited to visit these communities and see the fabulous work that so many people did in their communities.

“So much is achieved through enthusiasm, passion, persistence, partnership and in most cases volunteer hours,” she said.

“My overall feeling about this year’s awards is that community spirit and determinedness is flourishing with many groups being recognised for building and strengthening partnerships by identifying problems and finding and implementing creative solutions to problems.”

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