

Exmouth a Tidy Towns Winner AGAIN!

The Shire with assistance from local community groups and other government departments completed this years submission and submitted it for judging on 1 June 2015. We are ecstatic to announce that Exmouth is once again a STATE FINALIST, but this year in 4 categories!

Exmouth is now in the running for the state award for the following categories:

1. Water Conservation
2. Heritage and Culture
3. Waste Management and Litter Prevention
4. Natural Environment Conservation

The Submission

The submission included over 40 projects across 8 categories being General Appearance, Community Action & Partnerships, Energy Innovation, Young Legends, Waste Management & Litter Prevention, Water Conservation, Natural Environment Conservation and Heritage & Culture.

Projects included the Great Northern Clean Up, Canal Clean Up, Post Cyclone Olwyn Clean Up, the Recycling/Bring Centre, CARnival Celebration, Ningaloo Whaleshark Festival, Living Smart Program, Men's Shed Initiation, School Library Bags, Mrs Mac's Op Shop, Waste Water Recycling Programs, proposed relocation of the Waste Water Treatment Plant, Turtle Monitoring Program, Feral animal eradication programs, weed eradication programs, the newly initiated Bee Keepers Club, Youth Action Exmouth, School Holiday Programs, Concerts in the Park, Learmonth Airport Window Prints and many more.



The Canal Clean Up held on 7 March 2015 saw approx. 40 volunteers collect 1 and a half skip bins full of rubbish from the canal waterways and across the entire marina and canal area. It was a huge group effort from local government departments, volunteer Sea Rescue, local businesses and community members. Great job Exmouth!

The Judges are Coming!

The Tidy Towns Judges will be visiting Exmouth on Saturday 20 June 2015. This is our opportunity to showcase and promote Exmouth as a tidy and sustainable community.

We need your help!

To make the town look presentable we need the community's help. Due to the increased rainfall seen during this years' wet season, buffel grass is growing wild and unfortunately the Council does not have the resources to maintain verges. Council are focusing on the main roads, parks, gardens and reserves and would appreciate the community's assistance. Taking some ownership of our front verges will greatly assist in beautifying the town ready for the judges visit.

Tidy Towns judging also takes into account the level of community involvement. So grab your rakes and whipper snippers and help us to be the tidiest town in the STATE!



A Pick up a Day keeps Litter at Bay!

Over the next week challenge yourself to pick up one piece of rubbish a day. Whilst on your morning or afternoon walk, dropping the kids off at school, on your commute to work, if everyone chipped in to pick up one piece of rubbish a day our town will be spotless! It's as simple as one piece a day!

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History

Exmouth has registered for the Tidy Towns competition for the last 3 years. In 2013 Exmouth won the Regional Award for Heritage and Culture for the 100 Year Lighthouse Celebration, the Interpretive Signage at Krait and Potshot Memorial sites and up at the Lighthouse.

A Special Commendation Award was presented to Mrs Mac's Op Shop for the outstanding work the ladies of "the shed" do, with all proceeds going to not-for-profit charities or community projects, such as the purchase of a new Aqua Run for Paltridge Memorial Swimming Pool and play equipment for the School's pre-primary students.



In 2014 we were awarded two Regional Category Awards. Exmouth was awarded the Heritage and Culture and Young Legends. We were awarded overall Tidiest Town of the Pilbara Region.

Exmouth was then in the running for State awards of which we won the Young Legends Category. Congratulations to the Youth Action Exmouth Group!

Adopt a Spot

For those Waste Management enthusiasts, why not consider adopting a spot. Visit the Adopt a Spot Website (<http://www.kabc.wa.gov.au/get-involved/adoptaspot>) to register a spot and take ownership of its tidiness.



Looking Forward....

Recycling/Bring Centre

The Shire is working towards the development of a recycling/bring centre in Exmouth. Located on the corner of Pelias and Huston Street, the Bring Centre will be a drop-off point for residents, visitors and businesses. Separate drop-off areas will be provided for:-

- Aluminium
- Glass
- Plastics
- Steel cans
- Paper & cardboard.

The Exmouth Men's Shed will also be based in the same precinct and are keen to assist with the operations of the Bring Centre. The new, centrally located site is easily accessible for the Men's Shed members and they will have direct access to recycled materials for their projects. It's a WIN WIN!

The Bring Centre is expected to be up and running by June/July 2016.

Living Smart

The first round of Living Smart Workshops were held from July to September 2014 of which extremely positive feedback was received. The second round commenced late May and the participants on the course are again excited and enthusiastic about the program.



Community Garden

Exmouth Gardening Enthusiasts are working towards the establishment of a community garden. Living Smart Facilitators are keen to assist with this along with the shire. This is a great initiative, however needs more community support and involvement moving forward.

Street Blitz

There is talk of a street blitz to be held this year whereby teams clean up a nominated street and the cleanest street wins with a sausage sizzle being held in their street.

To get involved with Exmouth Tidy Towns please contact Brooke Shales on 0899493004 or via email shirex@exmouth.wa.gov.au.

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