



# **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY POLICY COMMITTEE**

## **AGENDA**

**2 SEPTEMBER 2025**

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 that an **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING of ORANGE CITY COUNCIL** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE** on **Tuesday, 2 September 2025**.

Barry Omundson  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

For apologies please contact Executive Support on 6393 8391.

## **AGENDA**

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## **1 INTRODUCTION**

### **MEMBERS**

Cr D Mallard (Chairperson), Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr G Judge, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr M McDonell, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Chief Executive Officer, Director Corporate and Commercial Services, Director Development Services, Director Community, Recreation and Cultural Services, Director Technical Services, Manager Corporate Governance

### **1.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

### **1.2 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS, SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

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Council's Code of Conduct provides that if members have a non-pecuniary conflict of interest, the nature of the conflict must be disclosed. The Code of Conduct also provides for a number of ways in which a member may manage non pecuniary conflicts of interest.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Committee Members now disclose any conflicts of interest in matters under consideration by the Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee at this meeting.





## 2 COMMITTEE MINUTES

### 2.1 MINUTES OF THE TIDY TOWNS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING 18 JUNE 2025

RECORD NUMBER: 2025/1755

AUTHOR: Melissa Brennan, Administrative Assistant

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Tidy Towns Community Committee met on 18 June 2025 and the recommendation from that meeting are provided to the Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee for adoption.

#### LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “13.3 Provide opportunities for widespread and quality engagement and, where appropriate, shared decision making”.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

#### POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

#### RECOMMENDATION

- 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Tidy Towns Community Committee at its meeting held on 18 June 2025.
- 2 That recommendation 3.2 from the minutes of the Tidy Towns Community Committee meeting of 18 June 2025 – *Adoption of the Charter – be deferred until a workshop to develop the charter is conducted.*
- 3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Tidy Towns Community Committee from its meeting held on 18 June 2025 be adopted.

#### FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

The recommendation of this report has been assessed against Council’s key risk categories and the following comments are provided:

<b>Service/Project Delivery</b>	Services are provided within current budget allocations and staff resources.
<b>Financial</b>	No adverse impact, costs are mainly internal.
<b>Reputation/Political</b>	Tidy Towns Applications provide a positive impact on Council’s reputation.
<b>Environment</b>	No impacts from this report.
<b>Compliance</b>	Nil
<b>People &amp; WHS</b>	Nil
<b>Information Technology/Cyber Security</b>	Nil

**2.1 Minutes of the Tidy Towns Community Committee Meeting 18 June 2025**

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**SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

The Agenda and Minutes are attached for information of Council.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Minutes of the Meeting of the Tidy Towns Community Committee held on 18 June 2025, 2025/1368 [↓](#)
- 2 Agenda of the Meeting of the Tidy Towns Community Committee held on 18 June 2025, 2025/1221 [↓](#)

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**Attachment 1 Minutes of the Meeting of the Tidy Towns Community Committee held on 18 June 2025**

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**ORANGE CITY COUNCIL****MINUTES OF THE  
TIDY TOWNS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

HELD IN COMMITTEE ROOM 3

ON 18 JUNE 2025

COMMENCING AT 2.02PM

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**1 INTRODUCTION****ATTENDANCE**

Cr Tony Mileto (Chairperson) (Mayor), Cr Marea Ruddy, Chris Gryllis, Eli Todman, Natural Resources Coordinator

**1.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence**

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**RESOLVED****Member C Gryllis/Cr M Ruddy**

That the apologies be accepted from Director Development Services for the Tidy Towns Community Committee meeting on 18 June 2025.

**1.2 Acknowledgement of Country**

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The Chairperson conducted an Acknowledgement of Country.

**1.3 Declaration of pecuniary interests, significant non-pecuniary interests and less than significant non-pecuniary interests**

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Nil.

**2 PREVIOUS MINUTES****RESOLVED****Member C Gryllis/Cr M Ruddy**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Tidy Towns Community Committee held on 16 April 2025 (copies of which were circulated to all members) be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the Tidy Towns Community Committee meeting held on 16 April 2025.

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**Attachment 1 Minutes of the Meeting of the Tidy Towns Community Committee held on 18 June 2025**

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**MINUTES OF TIDY TOWNS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE****18 JUNE 2025****3 PRESENTATIONS****3.1 CHAIRPERSON PRESENTATION - ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY POLICY COMMITTEE - 3 JUNE 2025**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/1248

**RECOMMENDATION****Member C Gryllis/Cr M Ruddy**

That the Chairpersons report on the Committee on the Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee of 3 June 2025 be noted.

**4 GENERAL REPORTS****4.1 NSW TIDY TOWNS AWARDS 2025 - APPLICATIONS**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/1236

The Tidy Towns Committee will discuss the below categories for the NSW Tidy Towns Awards.

**Waste Avoidance = Zest Fest – Sustainability Team/Events**

- ✓ Progressing well waiting on some final comments from events and communications. Summary given by Sustainability Officer.

**Community Spirit & Inclusion = Rainbow Festival – Sustainability Team/Events**

- ✓ Progressing well waiting on some final comments from events and communications. Summary given by Sustainability Officer.

**Liveable Town = Lake Canobolas Places to Swim – Natural Resources Team**

- ✓ In draft for submission, Natural Resources Coordinator gave a full summary of the angle of approach for the application.

**Biodiversity Conservation = Youth Week Tree Planting - Natural Resources, Sustainability, Youth Development Overall – Sustainability**

- ✓ Summary given by Sustainability Officer, angle of approach agreed to submit it from the youth group angle.

**Local Hero = Fred Maw – Community members**

- ✓ Chris Gryllis to work towards collating information and passing it on to Natural Resources Coordinator.

**Overall Award**

- ✓ To be discussed in July meeting before submission and final review of all award drafts.

**RECOMMENDATION****Member C Gryllis/Cr M Ruddy**

That the committee note the discussion on the NSW Tidy Towns Awards 2025 Categories.

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**MINUTES OF TIDY TOWNS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE****18 JUNE 2025****4.2 TIDY TOWNS AWARDS PLAQUES - ROTARY PARK "MT LINDSAY"**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/1239

The Committee discussed the report provided.

Chris Gryllis to take the motion of installing the plaques on the western facing side of the car park wall, to the three Rotary clubs of Orange to be discussed and approved at their next meeting then report the outcomes to the Tidy Towns Committee.

**RECOMMENDATION****Member C Gryllis/Cr M Ruddy**

That the committee notes the discussion on the suitability of locating Tidy Towns awards plaques and Member Gryllis report back to the committee at the next meeting.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS ARISING FROM GENERAL BUSINESS****Chris Gryllis – Committee name change**

Look at a name change to freshen up the Committee and drum up more interest from the community and align it with the NSW Sustainability Awards?

**Cr M Ruddy - Correspondence email**

Discussion around Cr Ruddy email correspondence relating to the promotion of the community committee by having quarterly business awards.

Beautiful Business Awards

How can we execute this?

- ✓ KAB Branding
- ✓ Are we the right committee to implement this initiative
  - Sustainability YES
  - Community impact – Community and Recreation – Scott Maunder
  - Beautiful Business – Corporate – Economics – Jen Sharp
- ✓ What's the format look like?
  - Judging panel of 3 staff different but relevant divisions, 2 councillors and a community member.
  - Quarterly or half yearly?

**OPEN DISCUSSION OF FLOWING IDEAS FOR NEXT YEARS AWARDS**

- ✓ Metro Hotel renovations – M Murphy
- ✓ Adventure Playground – Orange City Council
- ✓ Conservatorium – Orange City Council
- ✓ Sporting Precinct – Orange City Council
- ✓ Bloomfield Private Hospital – Ramsay Health Care
- ✓ Wentworth Golf Club – Orange Ex-Services Club
- ✓ Electricity Orange - Sustainability

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 2.40PM**



## **TIDY TOWNS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

# **AGENDA**

**18 JUNE 2025**

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 that a **TIDY TOWNS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING of ORANGE CITY COUNCIL** will be held in the **COMMITTEE ROOM 3** on **Wednesday, 18 June 2025** commencing at **2.00PM**.

David Waddell

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

For apologies please contact Andrew Cole on 6393 8025.

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**TIDY TOWNS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE****18 JUNE 2025**

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**TIDY TOWNS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE****18 JUNE 2025**

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**1    INTRODUCTION****MEMBERS**

Cr Tony Mileto (Chairperson) (Mayor), Cr Marea Ruddy, Chris Gryllis, Director Development Services, Natural Resources Coordinator

**1.1    APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE****1.2    ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

I would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today, the people of the Wiradjuri Nation. I pay my respects to Elders past and present, and extend those respects to Aboriginal Peoples of Orange and surrounds, and Aboriginal people here with us today.

**1.3    DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS, SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

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**TIDY TOWNS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE****18 JUNE 2025**

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**2    PREVIOUS MINUTES****RECOMMENDATION**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Tidy Towns Community Committee held on 16 April 2025 (copies of which were circulated to all members) be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate records of the proceedings of the Tidy Towns Community Committee meeting held on 16 April 2025.

**ATTACHMENTS**

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**ORANGE CITY COUNCIL****MINUTES OF THE****TIDY TOWNS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

HELD IN COUNCILLORS WORKROOM, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE

ON 16 APRIL 2025

COMMENCING AT 10:07 AM

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**1    INTRODUCTION****ATTENDANCE**

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Cr Tony Mileto (Chairperson) (Mayor), Cr Marea Ruddy, Chris Gryllis, Eli Todman, Natural Resources Coordinator

**1.1    Apologies and Leave of Absence**

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Nil.

**1.2    Acknowledgement of Country**

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The Chairperson conducted an Acknowledgement of Country.

**1.3    Declaration of pecuniary interests, significant non-pecuniary interests and less than significant non-pecuniary interests**

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Nil.

**2    PREVIOUS MINUTES****RESOLVED****Member C Gryllis/Cr M Ruddy**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Tidy Towns Community Committee held on 24 July 2024 (copies of which were circulated to all members) be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the Tidy Towns Community Committee meeting held on 24 July 2024.

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**MINUTES OF TIDY TOWNS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE****16 APRIL 2025****3    GENERAL REPORTS****3.1    TIDY TOWNS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE - CODE OF CONDUCT**

TRIM REFERENCE:    2025/555

**RECOMMENDATION****Member C Gryllis/Cr M Ruddy**

That the Tidy Towns Community Committee acknowledge the requirements set by the Code of Conduct, and members commit to act in accordance with the Code of Conduct at all times while on Committee/Council business.

**3.2    TIDY TOWNS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE - CHARTER**

TRIM REFERENCE:    2025/556

**RECOMMENDATION****Member C Gryllis/Cr M Ruddy**

That the Charter for the Tidy Towns Community Committee be deferred until a workshop to develop the charter is conducted.

**3.3    TIDY TOWNS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE – 2025 MEETING DATES & TIMES**

TRIM REFERENCE:    2025/557

**RECOMMENDATION****Cr M Ruddy/Member C Gryllis**

That the Tidy Towns Community Committee set meeting dates, times and locations for the remainder of 2025.

- 18 June 10.00am – 11.00am – review applications
- 24 September Placeholder – Set delegation to attend awards ceremony
- 3 December Placeholder – Local presentation and morning tea to recognise local award winners and achievements.
- Other times as required

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**MINUTES OF TIDY TOWNS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE****16 APRIL 2025****3.4 TIDY TOWNS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN**

TRIM REFERENCE:    2025/536

Items 1 and 3 carry over – Item 2 charter and focus be removed from action plan as adopted.

Natural Resources Coordinator to provide report on the sustainability of using the walls at Rotary Park for plaques.

Natural Resources Coordinator to continue to engage with communications team to build community support.

- Young Legends
- Projects
- Stories

**RECOMMENDATION****Cr T Mileto/Cr M Ruddy**

1. That the Tidy Towns Community Committee notes the outgoing Committee's Action Plan.
2. That the Tidy Towns Community Committee update the New Action Plan with items as discussed.

**GENERAL BUSINESS****1. Nominations for this year's awards****Biodiversity and conservation**

Silver leaf candle bark project with Irabodola, Orange City Council youth group and Nophema Environmental.

**Community Spirit and Inclusion**

Orange Rainbow Festival

**Liveable Cities and Towns**

Lake – Places to Swim

**Litter Prevention**

Zest Fest Reusable Cups

**Heritage and Culture**

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**Local Hero**

Fred Maw

**2. Promote Young Legends Category**

Committee to promote young legends category through comms team.

**3. Certificates of Appreciation**

Committee to consider appropriateness and the structure around that, include Cr M Ruddy correspondence in agenda for June meeting and note it in the action plan.

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.47AM.**

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TIDY TOWNS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

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**3    PRESENTATIONS****3.1    CHAIRPERSON PRESENTATION - ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY POLICY COMMITTEE - 3 JUNE 2025**

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The Chairperson, Cr Mileto will provide an update to the Committee on the Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee of 3 June 2025 when the last Community Committee minutes were presented to Council for adoption.

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**4    GENERAL REPORTS****4.1    NSW TIDY TOWNS AWARDS 2025 - APPLICATIONS**

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RECORD NUMBER:    2025/1236

AUTHOR:    Andrew Cole, Coordinator Natural Resources

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Tidy Towns Committee will discuss the below categories for the NSW Tidy Towns Awards.

- Waste Avoidance = Zest Fest – Sustainability Team/Events
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- Liveable Town = Lake Canobolas Places to Swim – Natural Resources Team
- Biodiversity Conservation = Youth Week Tree Planting - Natural Resources, Sustainability, Youth Development Overall – Sustainability
- Local Hero = Fred Maw – Community members

**LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN**

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “15.3. Provide opportunities for widespread and quality engagement, and where appropriate, shared decision making”.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

NIL

**POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS**

NIL

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the committee review the applications and decide on the categories.**

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

The search is on for councils, towns, organisations, businesses and individuals across NSW who are leading the way to a sustainable future!

These annual awards inspire councils and communities to make a genuine and lasting contribution to their area. There are a broad range of award categories to enter with emphasis on partnerships between local authorities, businesses, community groups, schools and individuals.

The benefits of entering the awards are many, to which those who have taken part can testify. Your communities, volunteers and hard work can gain recognition, in turn assisting with grant funding, future planning approvals and state-wide credibility. In addition to the increase in civic pride, community organisations can position themselves as leaders in their area of expertise.

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**TIDY TOWNS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE****18 JUNE 2025****4.1    NSW Tidy Towns Awards 2025 - Applications**

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**KEY PROGRAM DATES**

Categories for 2025 include:

- Circular Economy
- Litter Prevention
- Resource Recovery
- Waste Avoidance
- Liveable Towns
- Biodiversity Conservation
- Heritage & Culture
- Community Spirit & Inclusion
- Climate Change Mitigation & Adaptation
- Communication and Engagement
- Plastic-Free Communities
- Waterways & Marine Protection
- Young Legends (≤ 25)

A copy of the Tidy Towns Awards Kit for 2025 is attached for information of the committee.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1        NSW Tidy Towns 2025 - Entry Kit, D25/67631

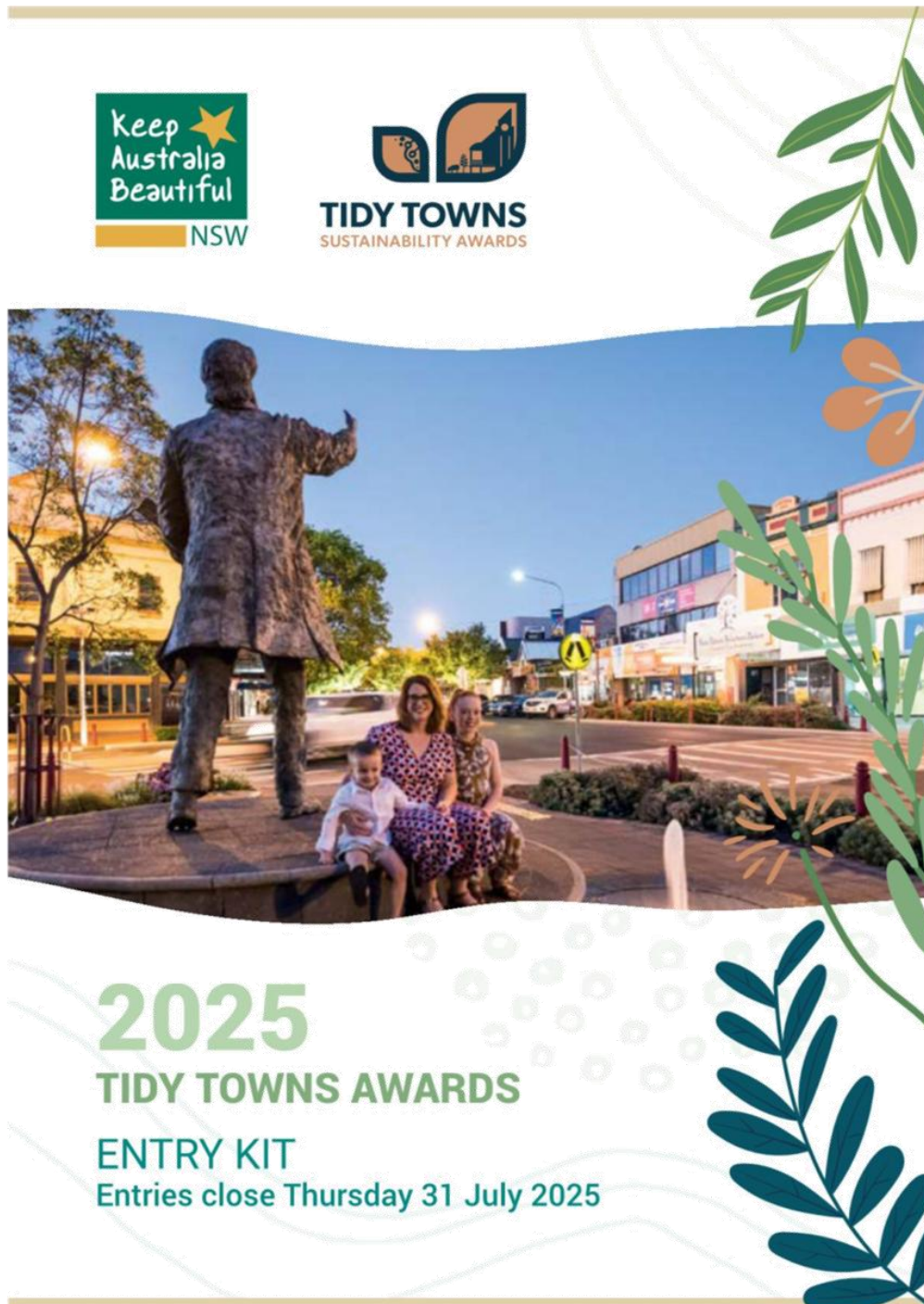


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### Key Program Dates

Entries Open	Monday 10 March 2025
Entries Close	Thursday 31 July 2025
Category Judging	Aug - Sep 2025
Overall Assessor Visits	17 August - 5 September 2025
Tidy Towns Awards Weekend	10 - 12 October 2025 (Parkes)

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## Chief Executive Officer's Message

**Welcome to the KAB NSW Tidy Towns Awards for 2025!**

2025 marks Keep Australia Beautiful NSW's (KAB NSW) 44th year of rewarding and recognising the regional towns, councils, communities, organisations, schools, and individuals that are working tirelessly towards a more sustainable future. This year's categories reflect the most pressing areas for environmental action that affect us all and we remain constant in our search for new projects that enhance the future sustainability of towns across regional NSW. The category awards will once again be a major part of our search for the winner of the coveted overall KAB NSW Tidy Town Award for 2025.

So, what does a sustainable future look like for rural and regional NSW? Here at KABNSW sustainability is the consistent drive to improve our relationship with the environment while creating a better way of life for all. Keeping this front of mind, the defining and most crucial element of any winning project or program is that it achieves harmony between economic, social, and environmental needs, and that it is innovative in its design, inclusive in its planning, and effective in its approach.

The awards event itself is an opportunity to recognize and reward the amazing achievements from our entrants as much as they are an opportunity to learn from each other's experiences.

I also want to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank our partners for their support and our incredibly experienced judges, and on the ground assessor for giving their valuable time in assessing all the entries. Without all of these the awards would not be possible.

I wish all the entrants the best of luck for their entries and we look forward to showcasing the fantastic projects happening across our state and announcing both the category and overall winners at the awards weekend in Parkes from 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> of October 2025.



Warm regards,

Val Southam  
Chief Executive and Executive Director  
Keep Australia Beautiful NSW2025 Tidy Towns Awards - Entry Kit **3**

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## About Tidy Towns

It's likely you have come across a town proudly displaying their Tidy Town achievement.

Running since 1981, the NSW Tidy Towns program encourages, rewards and recognises projects across a range of categories. These projects are a source of community pride and cohesion and driven largely by volunteers.

The Awards weekend celebrates the achievements of these dedicated and passionate people from across regional NSW and allows other communities to learn from their experiences and successes. In October 2025 the event will be hosted by Parkes who were the overall winner in 2024.

In 1990, the state Tidy Towns Awards came together to form the Australian Tidy Towns Awards. The Overall winner for NSW has the opportunity to be nominated as the NSW finalist in this iconic national environmental sustainability program.



## About KAB NSW



Keep Australia Beautiful NSW is the premier non-profit organisation leading behaviour change by engaging the community to continually improve our local environment.

Over our 40-year history we have built a state-wide network of dedicated businesses, community groups, councils, schools and individuals assisting our causes.

We deliver many programs throughout the state to promote sustainability and reduce litter:

- Tidy Towns Sustainability Awards (regional)
- Sustainable Cities Awards (metropolitan)
- EnviroMentors® environmental education program
- Annual Congress



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## 2024 Overall Winner Parkes

The residents of Parkes are proud to be declared the Overall Winner of the 2024 NSW Keep Australia Beautiful Tidy Towns Sustainability Awards. This prestigious honour reflects our town's strong community spirit and dedication to sustainability and innovation.

The award celebrates the collective efforts of Parkes Shire Council, our residents, businesses and volunteers. It also highlights Council's success in collaborating with partners and the community to create a more vibrant and liveable town, while keeping sustainability at the forefront of our future goals.

By winning this award, Parkes was recognised for its outstanding initiatives that target biodiversity conservation, best-practice water management, community-based infrastructure, and community engagement. These efforts position our town as a model for other communities striving for environmental excellence and sustainability.

Parkes is thrilled to be hosting the next Keep Australia Beautiful Tidy Towns Sustainability Awards in October 2025. This event will welcome representatives from towns across NSW to celebrate achievements, share innovative ideas and inspire future projects. Hosting this event presents an opportunity to showcase Parkes' achievements and promote a shared commitment to sustainable development. It also reinforces the need for collective action in addressing the challenges of an ever-changing climate.

We look forward to welcoming delegates to Parkes in October 2025, which will be a fantastic opportunity to share our town's unique charm and foster meaningful connections that inspire lasting collaboration.





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## WHO CAN ENTER?

The Tidy Towns Awards are open to rural, regional and coastal towns and villages across NSW. Category entrants include (but are not limited to) Tidy Towns groups, Individuals, Progress Associations and CWA's, Youth Organisations, Landcare Groups, Chambers of Commerce, Local Authorities/Council's, Tourism Associations, School's, Pre Schools, Businesses, Small Enterprises and Industry, Registered Clubs and Service groups.

If you or your project, community group, business, school, town or village is based within the following local government areas, you should enter the Tidy Towns Awards Program:

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| • Balranald       | • Dubbo        | • Leeton           | • Valley        |
| • Bathurst        | • Dungog       | • Lismore          | • Shellharbour  |
| • Bega Valley     | • Edward River | • Lithgow          | • Shoalhaven    |
| • Bellingen       | • Eurobodalla  | • Liverpool Plains | • Singleton     |
| • Berrigan        | • Federation   | • Lockhart         | • Snowy Monaro  |
| • Bland           | • Forbes       | • Maitland         | • Snowy Valleys |
| • Blayney         | • Gilgandra    | • Mid-Coast        | • Tamworth      |
| • Bogan           | • Glen Innes   | • Mid-Western      | • Temora        |
| • Bourke          | • Severn       | • Moree Plains     | • Tenterfield   |
| • Brewarrina      | • Goulburn     | • Murray River     | • Tweed         |
| • Broken Hill     | • Mulwaree     | • Murrumbidgee     | • Upper Hunter  |
| • Byron           | • Greater Hume | • Muswellbrook     | • Upper Lachlan |
| • Cabonne         | • Griffith     | • Nambucca         | • Uralla        |
| • Carrathool      | • Gunnedah     | • Narrabri         | • Wagga Wagga   |
| • Central Darling | • Gwydir       | • Narrandera       | • Walcha        |
| • Cessnock        | • Hay          | • Narramine        | • Walgett       |
| • Clarence Valley | • Hilltops     | • Newcastle        | • Warren        |
| • Cobar           | • Inverell     | • Oberon           | • Warrumbungle  |
| • Coffs Harbour   | • Junee        | • Orange           | • Weddin        |
| • Coolamon        | • Kempsey      | • Parkes           | • Wentworth     |
| • Coonamble       | • Kiama        | • Port Macquarie-  | • Wingecarribee |
|                   |                | • Hastings         | • Wollongong    |
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For projects, community groups, businesses, schools and Council's in the Greater Sydney Metropolitan Area, please refer to the [Sustainable Cities Awards Program](#).

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## Awards Categories



### Circular Economy

The Circular Economy Award is for any operationally viable projects in the circular economy which do, or could potentially, divert solid materials, fluids or energy from waste streams and return them to the productive economy.

Examples of eligible projects may include:

- Design, planning or implementation of a program specifically designed to collect and process material resources to be either re-purposed or recycled into a marketable resource/ product.
- The development of a business extended producer responsibility scheme that supports the environmentally sound management of products and materials over their life, including at the end of their useful life, by ensuring ownership and responsibility for actions to minimise the negative impacts from products, ensuring the avoidance or minimisation of waste, and maximising reuse, repair and recycling of products and materials throughout their life cycle.
- A financed project in pre-commercial development or a scheme in commercial operation.



### Litter Prevention

The Litter Prevention Award is for a project or program that reduces or prevents litter. Projects should demonstrate inventive techniques that specifically address local litter issues with quantifiable outcomes. Within this award there are two sub-categories:

- Land-based litter prevention
- Water-based litter prevention

This could include projects that use one or more of the following approaches:

- Behaviour change techniques to stop littering
- New or effective ways to communicate about litter and its impacts.
- Building partnerships or networks to prevent litter.
- Enforcement techniques to reduce litter
- Create effective infrastructure and place design to reduce litter (signage, bins, other landscaping).

Projects that use more than one approach will be highly regarded. Projects can address any form of litter in any environment.

Examples of eligible projects may include:

- A litter reduction campaign which involves the community.
- A project or program aimed at a specific section of the community - for example, children, young people, culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) groups, Indigenous communities.
- A project aimed at addressing litter with a long-term solution based on behaviour change techniques.
- Innovative strategies to target litter for example signage, phasing out plastic bags/bottles etc.



### Resource Recovery

The Resource Recovery Award is for projects or programs that conserve, recycle or minimise wastage of our everyday resources, which include water, food & organic materials, and waste materials.

Projects should demonstrate inventive techniques that specifically address local waste problems, with quantifiable effective outcomes.

Examples of eligible projects may include:

- Projects that use recycling and prevent waste material going to landfill.
- The development of a Resource Recovery Strategy and Action Plan.
- A local group addressing the problem of food waste in their community.
- The planning and implementation of a program that facilitates appropriate disposal of items, for example, free drop-offs to help tackle illegal dumping or management of event sites.

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### Waste Avoidance

The Waste Avoidance Award is for projects or programs that address waste prevention or reduction and education.

Projects should demonstrate inventive techniques that specifically address local waste problems, with quantifiable effective outcomes.

Examples of eligible projects may include:

- Initiatives that promote and waste avoidance and reduction to improve recycling systems, single-use plastic pollution and food waste reduction.
- Demonstrations of zero waste living (e.g. Zero Waste House, Zero Waste Restaurants/hospitality businesses)
- Education campaigns addressing the impact of waste generation and disposal and promoting practical alternatives
- Promotion of alternatives to single-use products and methods to reduce packaging
- Programs to encourage backyard composting and worm farming
- School programs such as "Waste-Free Wednesdays"



### Liveable Towns

The Liveable Towns Award is for projects that contribute to the liveability of a particular area.

Projects could include any of the following aspects of what it means to improve liveability:

- Accessible and sustainable mobility or housing
- A diverse and resilient local economy.
- Vibrant and beautiful public spaces.
- Social stability and equity.
- Health and well-being.

Examples of eligible projects may include:

- Micro-mobility projects or programs.
- Public housing developments.
- Development of green spaces.
- Health and wellbeing events or community groups.
- Transport improvements.
- Urban farming infrastructure.



### Biodiversity Conservation

The Biodiversity Conservation Award is for projects which regenerate, conserve, or advance scientific understanding of biodiversity in terrestrial and marine ecosystems, such as:

- Projects created to restore or protect the biodiversity of a terrestrial and/or marine environment.
- Leadership in the promotion and advocacy for conserving local biodiversity
- Actions which improve the biodiversity in that area, through community participation.
- Partnerships that encourage the community to be proactive in the conservation of biodiversity.
- Research projects that aim to improve scientific understanding, improve conservation or regeneration efforts, or raise awareness.
- Policy or mission that supports the protection of local biodiversity in an area.

Examples of eligible projects may include:

- Education programs and projects that raise awareness about local threatened species and their protection.
- Biodiversity restoration projects or studies taken in a particular area to enhance scientific understanding of a particular ecosystem, species, or habitat.
- Development or upgrades to community or local nurseries which provide greater access to local provenance species.
- Supporting community participation in projects such as fauna and flora conservation. Includes promotion and education, data collection and mapping, community involvement and feedback.
- Development of, or increased involvement by the community in Landcare, Bushcare, Dunecare or other community projects that assists in enhancing biodiversity.

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### Heritage & Culture


The Heritage and Culture Award is for community projects that enhance and protect either our built heritage, natural heritage or indigenous cultural heritage.

Projects may include:

- Commitment to the conservation of built heritage, such as a building and/or other infrastructure restoration.
- Education projects and/or research into an area's heritage.
- Conservation actions which promote and support indigenous heritage.
- Proactive long term planning that allows an area's Aboriginal heritage to be preserved

**Examples of eligible projects may include:**

- The restoration of an area, heritage building or other infrastructure.
- An event that recognises the history of an area, such as a cultural festival.
- The protection of significant natural areas that are an integral part of the history of an area.
- A Heritage Centre (or similar) that promotes heritage and facilitates local history documentation in an area.
- Education which provides for the ongoing existence of the Aboriginal heritage of an area. For example, the teaching and preservation of language.



### Community Spirit & Inclusion

The Community Spirit and Inclusion Award is awarded to communities that successfully demonstrate strong community spirit and inclusion in the face of ongoing challenges. This award is given to communities that refuse to 'give in' when facing a challenge.

**Examples of eligible projects may include:**

- A community coming together to restore and rebuild a community hub.
- Events, programs or festivals that celebrate and promote community spirit and inclusion.
- Activities to promote civic pride, create community awareness, cohesion and wellbeing.
- Innovative approaches to community engagement, such as communications techniques or alternative methods of delivering events, programs or festivals
- A community supporting each other at a time of crisis – such as bushfire, drought or flood recovery



### Climate Change Mitigation & Adaptation

The Climate Change Mitigation & Adaptation Award is for projects that strengthen resilience to the impacts of climate change, reduce emissions, or sequester carbon from the atmosphere. This includes projects that enable our communities to better anticipate, manage and adapt to our changing climate. We believe that mitigation and adaptation building are a shared responsibility that requires sustained and ongoing action. Successful projects will demonstrate a comprehensive approach by considering the natural environment, the built environment, social impacts, and economic impacts.

**Examples of eligible projects may include:**

- Improving erosion proofing to protect coastal infrastructure from rising sea levels.
- Developing or improving renewable energy generation or usage within an organisation.
- Reducing reliance on fossil fuels within a community
- Products, projects, or infrastructure that facilitate the use of renewable energy.
- Improving business accountability for and reporting of energy use.
- Long term plans to reduce energy demand, especially energy sourced from fossil fuels.
- Long term planning supporting the likely impacts of climate change and increased extreme weather events.
- Education programs which provide knowledge and support for individuals, students and communities to learn, discuss and voice concerns.
- Research and scholarship projects that look closely at likely impacts and possible solutions.



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## Awards Categories



### Communication & Engagement

The Communication & Engagement Award is for programs and projects that inspire environmental action, through:

- Education and communication campaigns that raise awareness of environmental sustainability for topics such as energy, water or waste reduction to create empowerment and behaviour change amongst the target audience.
- Developing and building communication partnerships that enable sharing of resources, ideas and knowledge.
- Creating spaces and places for environmental communication programs that demonstrate ideas and practical solutions for the community.

Examples of eligible projects may include:

- A series of education workshops on a range of topics that inspire community to share ideas and learn about environmental issues.
- Regional education programs that specifically target behaviours of a group around a specific issue (for example, wood fire smoke or illegal dumping).
- A council that has implemented an effective communication program, ranging from media campaigns to multi-dimensional campaigns which tackle a problem from different angles.



### Plastic-Free Communities

The Plastic-Free Communities Award is for innovation and programs that take action to tackle single use plastics, empowering individuals and businesses to avoid single use products and encourage more sustainable choices.

Examples of eligible projects may include:

- An education campaign to inform local cafe's and retailers of plastic-free and reusable alternatives.
- Programs offering incentives for saying no to single-use products and/or providing reusable receptacles.
- Programs that support redesigning products/packaging to utilise alternative materials.
- Programs supplying reusable crockery for local events.



### Waterways & Marine Protection


The Waterways & Marine Protection Award is for programs and actions that create, restore and/or enhance our natural waterways and beaches, through:

- Actively advocating coastal and waterway protection through education, action, data collection and partnerships.
- Developing projects that encourage community participation in the protection of waterways and beaches.
- Sustainably managing water resources within the community, through improved infrastructure, systems and planning.
- Improving water quality through reducing litter.
- Sustainable coastal use and development for healthy habitats.
- Protecting the cultural values of the marine estate.
- Sustainable fishing and aquaculture.

Examples of eligible projects may include:

- Building a fish ladder to improve fish movement upstream.
- Caring for a local beach, through community participation. Actions may include clean-ups, education through signage, data collection and improved bin infrastructure.
- Weed control along streams, rivers and dunes.
- Advocacy and action around threats to marine environments, including data collection, projects around minimising the use of single use plastic or fishing line management.

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**Young Legends (≤ 25)**

The Young Legend's Award is for an individual, school (including classes or groups) or a group of individuals (25 years and under) who demonstrate outstanding commitment to their environment and show leadership in pursuing environmental outcomes in any of the preceding categories e.g. Litter, biodiversity conservation, waste minimisation etc. through:


- Advocating for change in the local area, through participation on committees or clean-up activities, volunteering at community nurseries or Bushcare etc.
- Programs that encourage mentoring and development of sustainability throughout the school and in the community.
- Working in partnership with other organisations to make significant change in relation to the environment.
- The adoption of sustainable methods in operations such as retrofitting school infrastructure or undertaking of whole of school behaviour change programs.

Projects may be submitted by:

- Individuals.
- Schools and Pre-Schools
- A group of young people.

Examples of eligible projects may include:

- An individual who volunteers by growing plants at their local community nursery for planting in a local area of bushland.
- A youth or school group who advocates the reduced use of plastic litter through active clean-ups, education campaigns and partnering with the local community.
- A school that has implemented a waste or sustainability project within their school or community.
- A pre-school or vacation care group who take part in sustainability or environmental projects.




**Local Heroes**

The Local Heroes Award recognise individuals who demonstrate leadership and an outstanding commitment in any of the awards categories.

Nominations for Local Heroes should be made by email to [events@kabnsw.org.au](mailto:events@kabnsw.org.au) outlining the contribution that individual has made to their community and must be accompanied by a high resolution photograph (300dpi or minimum file size of 1MB)

*Presentation of Local Heroes Awards is at the discretion of KAB NSW.*



**Overall Award**

An overall winner for each population category will be presented and from this shortlist of population category winners, the Overall KAB NSW Tidy Towns winner for 2025 will be selected.

A regional council, town, village or regional centre is eligible for the overall award in their population category if they have either:

- Entered 4 or more categories or
- Submitted an overall award entry form which will enable you to enter multiple categories within one entry.

- To be eligible for the Overall NSW Tidy Towns Award you must be part of a regional local government area listed on page 6.
- Councils/Towns may include entries by outside organisations within the local government area, for example entries from a school or business, so long as some degree of collaboration between the Council and the external organisation is evident.
- Towns/Councils that qualify will be assessed by an on-the-ground assessor who will visit you to view your projects between 17 August and 5 September. Exact times and dates will be confirmed with each Council/town before the assessor arrives.

**POPULATION CATEGORIES**

The Tidy Towns awards are split into population categories to acknowledge the different challenges faced as well as availability of resources in different sized towns across NSW.

On your application form, please enter the population of your town only (not the entire population within your Council). To confirm the population of your town, please refer to the most recent Census data (use the data under the "Urban Centres and Localities" heading).

- Population Category A: ≤ 1,500
- Population category B: 1,501-5000
- Population category C: 5001-12,000
- Population category D: 12,001-23,000
- Population category E: > 23,001

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## Preparing + Submitting Your Entry

Before you begin completing the online form, we recommend you collate your submission material so that you can simply copy and paste/upload the respective content into the form. Please refer to the list below for the required information, a Microsoft Word template is available on the [awards program page of the KAB NSW website](#).

### MAIN CONTACT - for correspondence relating to your entry

- Name
- Organisation
- Postal Address
- Phone
- Email

### ABOUT YOUR PROJECT

- Please select the award category you wish to enter
- Name of project (max 40 characters including spaces, please enter as you would wish it to appear on any awards)
- Project Owner (please enter your organisation/committee name as you would wish it to appear on awards)
- How many volunteers have worked on this project
- Approximately how many volunteer hours were spent on the project
- Type of Organisation: Group; Business / Enterprise; Individual; Organisation (NGO, NFP); Local Authority; School
- Project Overview. 125 words max. NOTE: This information will be used for awards promotions. No score will be assigned to this section. In your response, please address: What challenge was this initiative seeking to address? How did you address the challenge (What did you do)? Who were the main stakeholders? What were the key outcomes/achievements?
- Hero Image. Please provide one main image in LANDSCAPE format that best encapsulates the spirit of your project. We appreciate your efforts to ensure these are high resolution (e.g. 300dpi or minimum file size of 1MB). Note, you may supply additional images in the attachment section.

### ABOUT YOUR TOWN

- Town
- Population Category
- Which Local Government Area is your Project in?  
If your LGA is not listed here then you most likely should be entering the Tidy Towns Awards Program, please visit <https://www.kabnsw.org.au/awards/tidytowns2024/> for information and the entry form link.
- Contact at Council (if known)

### MEDIA AND PROMOTIONS

- Media Contact
  - Name
  - Phone
  - Email
- Social Media Tags
  - FaceBook
  - Instagram
  - LinkedIn
- Please list your local newspaper(s), radio stations and any other media contacts (it would be very helpful if you can provide their social media tags).

### SUPPORTING ATTACHMENTS

- To support your entry you may upload up to 10 attachments. These may be photographs or documents (e.g. reports). It will assist the judges if you reference any attachments within your Entry Questions and we encourage you to upload photos and videos as these can be used to promote your project through KAB NSW and other channels. All photos submitted to Keep Australia Beautiful NSW may be used for promotion and marketing purposes and you must ensure that you have permission from all individuals featured in any photographs prior to submitting your entry.
- You may also upload or link to videos. This can be used to answer ALL OF THE CRITERIA as set out by the online portal.

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**ENTRY QUESTIONS (100 words per question)**

- 1. Background:** Provide a summary of the history of the initiative.
  - a. What is the history of the initiative?
  - b. How was the need identified?
- 2. Partnerships & Collaboration:** Identify the key stakeholders involved in the initiative.
  - a. Who was involved in the initiative?
  - b. How was the community, stakeholders and/or partners engaged in the initiative?
- 3. Planning:** Describe the planning of the initiative - What were the steps involved in planning for the initiative?
- 4. Implementation:** Discuss the opportunities and challenges that arose when developing and implementing the project - What challenges did you face and how did you overcome them?
- 5. Outcomes:** How did you evaluate the success of the initiative and what did you learn?
  - a. How did you evaluate the overall success of the initiative?
  - b. What were the outcomes of the initiative?
  - c. What opportunities arose from the initiative?

**Category Specific Question (500 words max)**

Category	Question
Circular Economy	Describe how your project shows a long-term commitment to the diversion of waste materials into the productive economy?
Litter Prevention	In what ways will the project lead to long term litter reduction in your community?
Resource Recovery	In what ways will the project increase resource recovery in your community?
Waste Avoidance	In what ways will the project lead to long term reduction in waste in your community?
Liveable Cities	Describe how your project or program is contributing to higher living standards in your region
Biodiversity Conservation	Describe how or why your project demonstrates a commitment to the conservation and preservation of biodiversity in your area?
Heritage & Culture	Describe how or why your project demonstrates a commitment to the conservation and preservation of heritage in your area.
Community Spirit & Inclusion	Describe how your project provides an ongoing solution to the issue being addressed and how this has been embedded in the solution?
Climate Change Mitigation & Adaptation	Describe how or why your initiative implements effective mitigation strategies and/or effective adaptive capabilities throughout your area.
Communication & Engagement	Describe how your project provides long term solutions for your community to continue to learn from and engage in your communications campaign?
Plastic-Free Communities	Describe how your project is contributing to a reduction in the use of single-use plastics in your community.
Waterways & Marine Protection	Describe how your project supports and achieves long term commitment to the protection of your coastal or waterway area?
Young Legends (s25)	Describe how the nominated individual or group has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to sustainability and the environment?

If you wish to enter the Overall Category, please submit your category entries before completing the Overall Entry Form, referencing your category submissions. To make nominations for Local Heroes awards please email [events@kabnsw.org.au](mailto:events@kabnsw.org.au).

Now that you are prepared, visit  
<https://www.kabnsw.org.au/awards/tidytowns2025/>  
 to start your submission

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## Frequently Asked Questions

**Where can I find examples of past entries and projects?**

Details on previous year's projects are available in the awards Winners Books which can be downloaded from the KAB NSW website ([click here](#)) or visit [kabnsw.org.au](http://kabnsw.org.au) > What we do > Sustainability Awards > Winners Books.

**Which Award program should I be in, Sustainable Cities or Tidy Towns?**

If you are outside of the Greater Sydney area, then you should enter Tidy Towns. [Click here to check which Councils are in each program.](#)

**If my initiative is multi-disciplinary and I'm not sure which category it belongs in, can I enter the same initiative in multiple categories?**

We get it, some projects are big and therefore span potentially multiple categories, you can enter your initiative in multiple categories, but your responses must be tailored specifically to the categories you wish to enter.

**Can I enter multiple projects in the same category?**

Yes, absolutely!

**Can I include other projects that have taken place in my Council for our overall entry?**

Yes! We will ask you to demonstrate some collaboration in the project.

**Does my initiative have to be completed in order to enter?**

No. If your initiative is underway, we want to hear all about it.

**If my program began over two years ago, but it is still operating, can I enter?**

Yes! Whether or not you have entered this program before, we want to hear about your ongoing programs!

**I entered a project last year; can I enter again this year?**

Yes! Just be sure to demonstrate that you have made progress on your project in the last 12 months.

**My project is operating in multiple locations, which Council do I say it's from?**

In this case, nominate the council in which you or your organisation are based, whether that's an office location or a place of residence.

**Who can I contact if I have any questions relating to my entry?**

You can contact the KAB NSW Team at [events@kabnsw.org.au](mailto:events@kabnsw.org.au).



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## TERMS + CONDITIONS

1. Entrants should endeavour to attend the Awards Event on 10 - 12 October 2025 in Parkes (Inability to attend does not disqualify entry).
2. Entry is free and open to both KAB NSW members and non-members.
3. Entries must be based in New South Wales.
4. All guidelines should be addressed in your online nomination. Supporting documents and photographs should be attached to your nomination if relevant.
5. By entering the Awards the entrant gives permission to KAB NSW to publish, exhibit and promote the content of the submission, including supporters of the Awards, where their use of submission content is specifically related to their promotion of their involvement in the Awards.
6. Entrants agree to media publicity and promotion associated with the Awards nomination, including any photos submitted or taken at the Awards Presentation ceremony.
7. All entrants must be prepared to submit further material for exhibition and publication if required, such as additional photography.
8. Entries close on 31 July 2025.
9. The 2024 Overall winner is not eligible to enter the Overall Award category for 2025.
10. By entering, the main contact declares that they are authorised to submit the project, and that they have obtained appropriate releases and authorities in writing from project clients, collaborating organisations, copyright holders for entry submission materials, licensees, photographers. In particular where images of children are used.
11. By entering this program, the entrant agrees to absolve KAB NSW from any liability relating to confidentiality or intellectual property issues that may be raised by any party.
12. KAB NSW is committed to providing a quality awards program and makes every attempt to ensure accuracy, currency and reliability of the information included in this document and elsewhere. However, changes in content and process may become necessary at the absolute discretion of KAB NSW. KAB NSW accepts no liability for any use of the said content or reliance placed upon it.

## FURTHER INFORMATION + CONTACTS

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**Website:** [www.kabnsw.org.au](http://www.kabnsw.org.au)  
**Mailing address:** Suite 29, Level 1, 93 George Street  
Parramatta NSW 2150

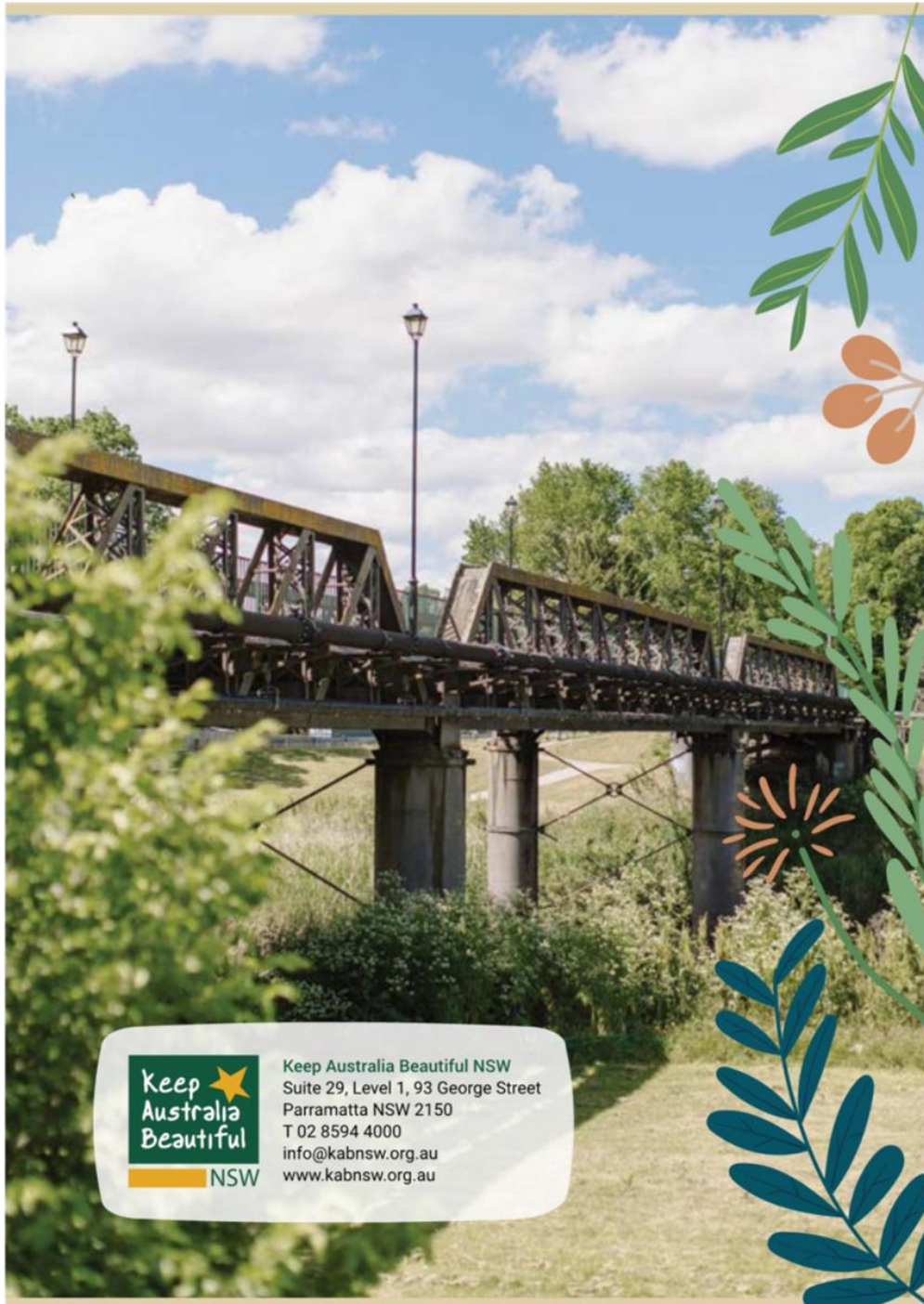
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**4.2 TIDY TOWNS AWARDS PLAQUES - ROTARY PARK "MT LINDSAY"**

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RECORD NUMBER: 2025/1239

AUTHOR: Andrew Cole, Coordinator Natural Resources

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The committee are invited to discuss the suitability of installing Tidy Towns award plaques on a designated wall within the Rotary Park "Mt Lindsay."

**LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN**

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy "15.3. Provide opportunities for widespread and quality engagement, and where appropriate, shared decision making".

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Works can be undertaken using the existing maintenance budget.

**POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the committee discuss the suitability of locating Tidy Towns awards plaques and resolve an action if applicable.**

**FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

The recommendation of this report has been assessed against Council's other key risk categories and the following comments are provided:

Reputation/ Political	There were some initial concerns around the current usage of the walls for tribute to past severing rotary members and the remembrance of babies lost to miscarriage. The past rotary members plaques are isolated to a three walled section facing to the West. No evidence or identification points are present to acknowledge a designated section to the remembrance of babies lost in early pregnancy. Upon consultation with other staff, it was found that this section was removed due to a lack of use and maintenance that the community group that originally campaigned for it and took on the responsibility of its upkeep. It was a separate area and had no relationship to the rotary walls.
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**SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

This report investigates the suitability of installing Tidy Towns award plaques on a designated wall within the Rotary Park "Mt Lindsay". The objective is to Honor local achievements, foster community pride, and enhance the park's cultural value.

A site assessment was conducted considering visibility, accessibility, structural, current usage and environmental impact. The proposed wall location offers some pedestrian traffic, is structurally sound, and is reasonably viewable by park visitors. Community Committee and Rotary Club feedback indicates some early support for the initiative, recognizing its potential to celebrate local contributions and encourage civic engagement.



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**4.2    Tidy Towns Awards Plaques - Rotary Park "Mt Lindsay"**

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Image 1. Rotary Clubs Members Tribute Walls looking East, North East

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**4.2    Tidy Towns Awards Plaques - Rotary Park "Mt Lindsay"**

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Image 2. Paved courtyard behind Rotary Clubs Tribute Walls Looking West, South West.

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**4.2    Tidy Towns Awards Plaques - Rotary Park "Mt Lindsay"**

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Image 3. Rear of courtyard walls from walking Track back to Carpark Looking North, North West.



**2.2 MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING  
1 AUGUST 2025**

RECORD NUMBER: 2025/1783

AUTHOR: Eleanor Pratten, Sustainability Project Officer

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee held on 1 August 2025 are provided to the Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee for adoption.

**LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN**

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “8.2 Develop and promote initiatives to reduce water, energy and water waste in consultation with the community”.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee at its meeting held on 1 August 2025.**
- 2 That Council determine recommendations 3.2 from the minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee meeting of 1 August 2025.**  
*3.2 That Council consider participation in National Water Week, to be held from 20 to 26 October 2025*
- 3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee from its meeting held on 1 August 2025 be adopted.**

**FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

The recommendation of this report has been assessed against Council’s key risk categories, and the following comments are provided:

<b>Service/Project Delivery</b>	Nil.
<b>Financial</b>	Nil.
<b>Reputation/Political</b>	Nil.
<b>Environment</b>	Nil.
<b>Compliance</b>	Nil.
<b>People &amp; WHS</b>	Nil.
<b>Information Technology/Cyber Security</b>	Nil.



**2.2 Minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee Meeting 1 August 2025**

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**SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

The Agenda and Minutes of the meeting are attached for the information of Council.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Minutes of the Meeting of the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee held on 1 August 2025, 2025/1622 [↓](#)
- 2 Agenda of the Meeting of the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee held on 1 August 2025, 2025/1520 [↓](#)



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**Attachment 1 Minutes of the Meeting of the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee held on 1 August 2025**

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**ORANGE CITY COUNCIL****MINUTES OF THE****ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

HELD IN COUNCILLORS' WORKROOM, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE

ON 1 AUGUST 2025

COMMENCING AT 8.02AM

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**1 INTRODUCTION****ATTENDANCE**

Cr David Mallard (Chairperson), Cr Melanie McDonell, Nick King, Andrew Kennedy, Reg Kidd (*Audiovisual Link*), Shahreen Alford, Amanda Lockwood, Cyril Smith, Cynthia Jarratt (*Audiovisual Link*), Belana Oliver, Director Development Services, Water Treatment Manager, Water and Sewerage Strategic Manager, Sustainability Project Officer, Sustainability Officer.

**1.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence**

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**RESOLVED****Member A Lockwood / Member N King**

That the apologies be accepted from Jennifer Lacey, Stephen Nugent and Peter West for the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee meeting on 1 August 2025.

**1.2 Acknowledgement of Country**

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The Chairperson conducted an Acknowledgement of Country.

*\*Cr M McDonell joined the meeting with the time being 8:06am\**

**1.3 Declaration of pecuniary interests, significant non-pecuniary interests and less than significant non-pecuniary interests**

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Nil.

**2 PREVIOUS MINUTES****RESOLVED****Member A Kennedy/Member A Lockwood**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee held on 6 June 2025 (copies of which were circulated to all members) be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee meeting held on 6 June 2025.

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MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE 1      AUGUST 2025

### 3 PRESENTATIONS

#### 3.1 CHAIRPERSON REPORT

TRIM REFERENCE:      2025/1503

The Chair provided an update on the outcomes from the Council meeting on 17 June, the Council meeting on 1 July, the Environment Sustainability Policy Committee meeting on 1 July, and the Council meeting on 15 July.

The Chair reminded members that the [Redmond Place Development Control Plan](#) is on exhibition for comment until 6 August 2025.

A request was made to upload the *Q&A Document* from the Electrify Your Home event to the Orange City Council website for others to access.

#### RECOMMENDATION

**Member S Alford/Cr M McDonell**

That the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee acknowledge the verbal report provided by the Chair.

#### 3.2 WATER SECURITY UPDATE

TRIM REFERENCE:      2025/1514

The Water and Sewerage Strategic Manager provided an update on water security projects currently underway at Orange City Council, and how these projects align with the focus areas in the [Macquarie-Castlereagh Regional Water Strategy](#).

The Water Treatment Manager will share a contact at Quakers Hill Wastewater Treatment Plant to ESCC members so they can progress with organising a tour of the site. A virtual tour is also available online [here](#).

A suggestion was made for more education and reporting on water use and water security to the community, particularly during National Water Week (20-26 October 2025).

#### RECOMMENDATION

**Member R Kidd/Member S Alford**

1. That Council consider participation in National Water Week, to be held from 20 to 26 October 2025.
2. That the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee acknowledge the verbal report provided by the Water and Sewerage Strategic Manager.

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**4 GENERAL REPORTS****4.1 CNSWJO EMISSIONS REDUCTION REGIONAL OPPORTUNITIES REPORT**

TRIM REFERENCE:      2025/1492

The Chair advised members that the Central NSW Joint Organisation has received a third round of funding from the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water to support emission reduction projects across the CNSWJO Councils.

The Chair encouraged members to review the [CNSWJO Emission Reduction Regional Opportunities Report](#) and advised that the [NSW Net Zero Community Emissions Guide](#) is available and would be a useful document to support the work of the Climate Change Project Group.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Member C Smith/Member A Kennedy**

That the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee acknowledges the CNSWJO Regional Opportunities Report.

**4.2 PROJECT GROUP UPDATES**

TRIM REFERENCE:      2025/1504

Member S Alford provided an update on behalf of the Biodiversity Project Group. The Director of Development Services will prepare a report on Council's Biosecurity Plans and Biodiversity Strategy for consideration of the Biodiversity Project Group.

The Chair provided an update on the Climate Change Working Group. The Group is yet to meet but is hoping to schedule an initial meeting for the week commencing 11 August.

Both groups will complete the Action Plans for the next ESCC meeting in October.

Cr M McDonell confirmed she will join the Biodiversity Project Group.

Member B Oliver will confirm her participation in a Project Group after some further consideration.

The [Circular Future Forum](#), which is being held from the 3-5 September 2025 at Banksia was shared by Member R Kidd for the committee members to consider.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Member A Lockwood/Cr M McDonell**

That the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee acknowledge the verbal reports provided by the project groups.

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.10AM.**



## **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

# **AGENDA**

**1 AUGUST 2025**

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 that an **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING of ORANGE CITY COUNCIL** will be held in the **COUNCILLORS WORKROOM, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE** on **Friday, 1 August 2025** commencing at **8AM**.

David Waddell  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

For apologies please contact Eli Todman on 6393 8208.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE****1 AUGUST 2025**

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**AGENDA****EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

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**ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE****1 AUGUST 2025**

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**1    INTRODUCTION****MEMBERS**

Cr David Mallard (Chairperson), Cr Melanie McDonell, Peter West, Nick King, Andrew Kennedy, Stephen Nugent, Reg Kidd, Shahreen Alford, Amanda Lockwood, Jennifer Lacey, Cyril Smith, Cynthia Jarratt, Belana Oliver, Director Development Services, Manager Building and Environment, Water Treatment Manager, Manager City Presentation, Manager Waste Services and Technical Support, Water and Sewerage Strategic Manager

**1.1    APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE****1.2    ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

I would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today, the people of the Wiradjuri Nation. I pay my respects to Elders past and present, and extend those respects to Aboriginal Peoples of Orange and surrounds, and Aboriginal people here with us today.

**1.3    DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS, SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS  
AND LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

The provisions of Chapter 14 of the Local Government Act, 1993 (the Act) regulate the way in which Councillors and designated staff of Council conduct themselves to ensure that there is no conflict between their private interests and their public role.

The Act prescribes that where a member of Council (or a Committee of Council) has a direct or indirect financial (pecuniary) interest in a matter to be considered at a meeting of the Council (or Committee), that interest must be disclosed as soon as practicable after the start of the meeting and the reasons given for declaring such interest.

As members are aware, the provisions of the Local Government Act restrict any member who has declared a pecuniary interest in any matter from participating in the discussion or voting on that matter, and requires that member to vacate the Chamber.

Council's Code of Conduct provides that if members have a non-pecuniary conflict of interest, the nature of the conflict must be disclosed. The Code of Conduct also provides for a number of ways in which a member may manage non pecuniary conflicts of interest.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Committee Members now disclose any conflicts of interest in matters under consideration by the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee at this meeting.



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ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

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**2    PREVIOUS MINUTES****RECOMMENDATION**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee held on 6 June 2025 (copies of which were circulated to all members) be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate records of the proceedings of the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee meeting held on 6 June 2025.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1    Minutes of the Meeting of the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee held on 6 June 2025

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**ORANGE CITY COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE

**ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

HELD IN COUNCILLORS WORKROOM, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE

ON 6 JUNE 2025

COMMENCING AT 8:04 AM

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**1    INTRODUCTION****ATTENDANCE**

Cr David Mallard (Chairperson), Nick King (*Audiovisual Link*), Andrew Kennedy, Stephen Nugent, Reg Kidd (*Audiovisual Link*), Shahreen Alford, Amanda Lockwood, Jennifer Lacey, Cyril Smith, Water Treatment Manager, Manager Waste Services and Technical Support

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**1.1    Apologies and Leave of Absence****RESOLVED****Member R Kidd/Member A Lockwood**

That the apologies be accepted from Cr Melanie McDonell, Cynthia Jarratt and Peter West for the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee meeting on 6 June 2025.

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**1.2    Acknowledgement of Country**

The Chairperson conducted an Acknowledgement of Country.

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**1.3    Declaration of pecuniary interests, significant non-pecuniary interests and less than significant non-pecuniary interests**

Nil.

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**2    PREVIOUS MINUTES****RESOLVED****Member S Nugent/Member A Kennedy**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee held on 4 April 2025 (copies of which were circulated to all members) be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee meeting held on 4 April 2025.

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**MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE    6 JUNE 2025**
**3    PRESENTATIONS**
**3.1    CHAIR REPORT**

TRIM REFERENCE:    2025/866

The Chair advised members of several upcoming opportunities for involvement. The Electrify Your Home community event will be held on 25 June 2025 at 5.30pm in the Civic Theatre Foyer. This event will assist residents in reducing their energy costs and improving the comfort of their homes.

In addition, two community surveys are currently open seeking public feedback. The *Open Space Strategy* survey will inform future planning and provision of open space and recreation in Orange. The *Active Transport Strategy* survey will help guide the future development of active travel infrastructure and initiatives across the city. Both surveys will close on 29 June 2025.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Member S Nugent/Member R Kidd**

That the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee acknowledge the verbal report by the Chair.

**4    GENERAL REPORTS**
**4.1    STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION - OUTCOMES**

TRIM REFERENCE:    2025/868

Committee members volunteered to participate in the following project groups, each supported by Council Sustainability staff:

1. Climate Action: Cr Mallard, Stephen Nugent (Convenor), Cyril Smith and Cynthia Jarratt.
2. Biodiversity: Amanda Lockwood, Jennifer Lacey, Shahreen Alford, Peter West, Andrew Kennedy, Nick King and Reg Kidd.

In addition, the Committee established a Process Improvement Group, comprising Cr Mallard, Andrew Kennedy, Stephen Nugent and Cyril Smith.

The working groups will meet over the coming months to develop action plans for the current term.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Member S Nugent/Member A Kennedy**

That the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee:

1. Acknowledge the outcomes from the strategic planning session.
2. Form proposed project groups, nominate convenors, and develop action plans.
3. Support the suggested improvements of committee processes as outlined in report.

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8:58 AM**

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ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

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**3    PRESENTATIONS****3.1    CHAIRPERSON REPORT**

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The Chairperson will provide a verbal report with feedback on Council's adoption of Committee recommendations and share any other information relevant to the ESCC.

**3.2    WATER SECURITY UPDATE**

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Council's Water and Sewerage Strategic Manager will provide a verbal update on water security projects.

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**4    GENERAL REPORTS****4.1    CNSWJO EMISSIONS REDUCTION REGIONAL OPPORTUNITIES REPORT**

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RECORD NUMBER:    2025/1492

AUTHOR:    Eleanor Pratten, Sustainability Project Officer

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The CNSWJO 2024 Regional Opportunities Report Update ("the Update"), provides an overview of the progress made to achieve the nine key priority areas for action, which were identified in the Regional Opportunities Report for CNSWJO in 2022.

The Update summarises the outcomes of the CNSWJO Workshop held on the 22 May 2024 in terms of target setting for scope 1, 2 and 3 emission reduction and explores the opportunities for action by the CNSWJO and member Councils over the next one to three years in the areas of waste management, land-based carbon sequestration, emissions tracking, Revolving Energy Funds and Community Abatement Action.

The Chairperson requested that the Update be shared with ESCC for consideration.

**LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN**

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy "8.2 Develop and promote initiatives to reduce water, energy and water waste in consultation with the community".

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee acknowledges the CNSWJO Regional Opportunities Report.**

**FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

Consideration has been given to the recommendation's impact on Council's service delivery; image and reputation; political; environmental; health and safety; employees; stakeholders and project management; and no further implications or risks have been identified.

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

Executive Summary of the CNSWJO Regional Opportunities Report is included as an Attachment. The full report is available via this link [https://www.centraljo.nsw.gov.au/content/uploads/2024-CNSWJO-Regional-Opportunities-Report\\_final-adopted.pdf](https://www.centraljo.nsw.gov.au/content/uploads/2024-CNSWJO-Regional-Opportunities-Report_final-adopted.pdf)

**ATTACHMENTS**

1        2024 CNSWJO Regional Opportunities Report Executive Summary, D25/84084

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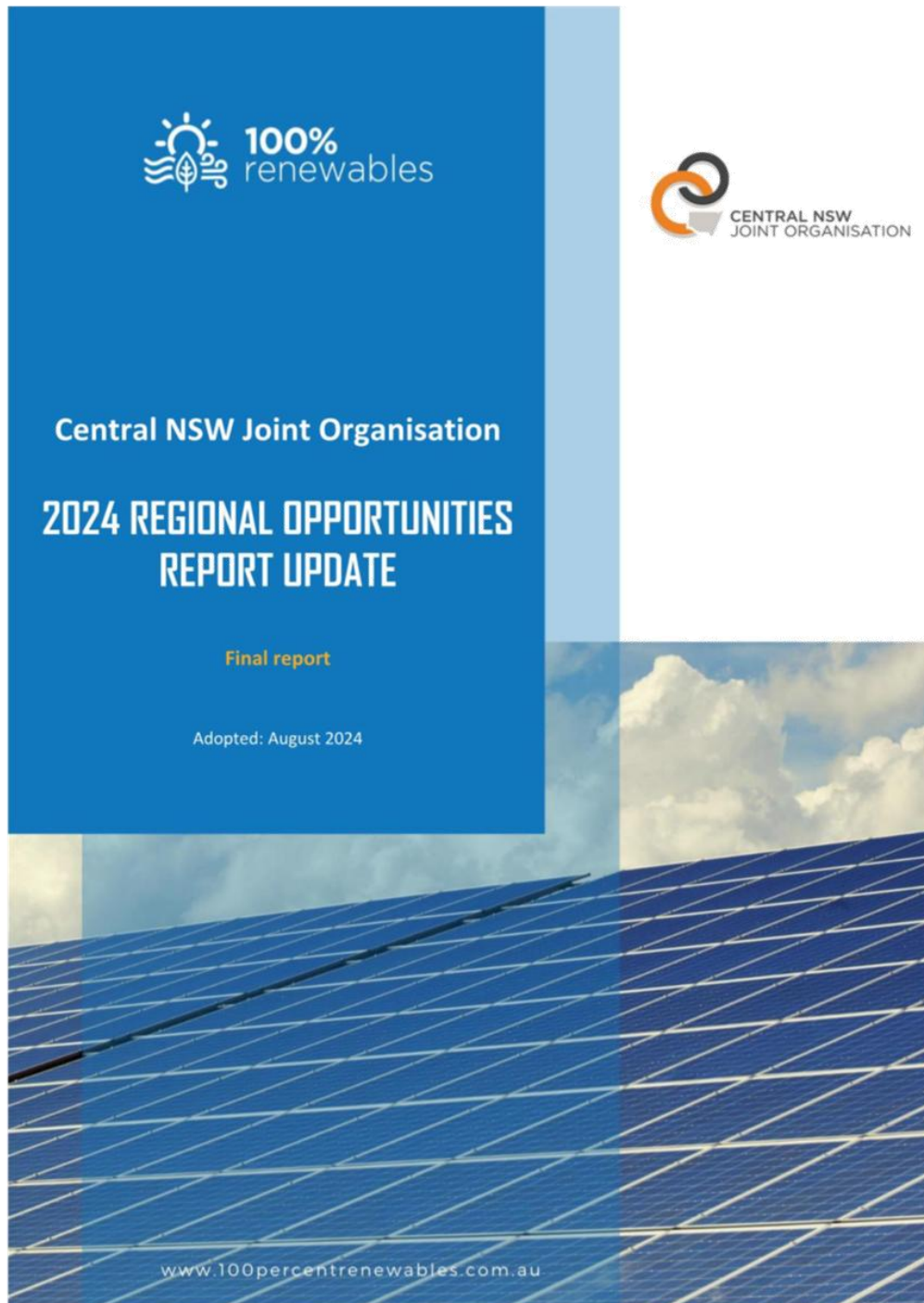
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CNSWJO Regional Opportunities Report (update)

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CNSWJO Regional Opportunities Report (update)

**1 Executive summary**

100% Renewables developed a Regional Opportunities Report (ROP) for CNSWJO in 2022, following the development of Renewable Energy Action Plans (REAPs) for several Councils focused on energy-related scope 1 and scope 2 emissions, and the development of fuller carbon footprints including waste and scope 3 emissions sources for Bathurst Regional Council and Cabonne Council.

Based on the emissions-related work performed at the time, nine key priority areas for action were identified, which are summarised below along with a comment on progress to date.

**TABLE 1: KEY REGIONAL PRIORITIES FROM ROP 2022 AND UPDATE ON PROGRESS**

<b>CNSWJO Regional Opportunity</b>	<b>Progress to date</b>
Collaboration on waste management to develop opportunities to meet the emissions reduction goals set out in the NSW Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy 2041 (WSMS).	Limited regional progress. New gas flaring infrastructure developed by Bathurst Regional Council. Estimation of landfill gas emissions per Council via ERP project.
Enhancing energy security in the region.	Business Case on the Nexus Between Energy Security and Emissions Reduction has been prepared by Ernst & Young through funding received by CNSWJO from the Dept of Regional NSW.
Development of hydrogen energy opportunities in the region.	Not progressed.
Supporting councils with the procurement and development of EV transition plans, and with the procurement of a regional strategy that builds on individual council plans.	EV fleet transition plans developed or in progress for all CNSWJO councils, along with a Regional EV Fleet Strategy which provides direction for the CNSWJO to support councils with their transition.
Start to build capability and capacity to measure and implement supply or value chain improvements that lead to reduced scope 3 emissions.	Scope 3 Carbon Footprints (CFPs) developed for Cowra (via Sustainability Advantage program) and for Bathurst & Cabonne (via Sustainable Councils program).
Assessment of the region's land-based carbon sequestration capacity for carbon removals and adaptation.	Not progressed.
Leverage CNSWJO successes and leadership to help accelerate support to help the region's communities reduce emissions.	The Business Case includes a focus on helping local residents and businesses be more energy resilient and secure through renewables.
Developing regional emissions data reporting and management to develop regional opportunities.	Scope 1 & 2 CFP tool developed as part of ERP program of work as an Excel tool, with training provided.
Increase and improve resource capacity in the region to deliver key emissions reduction opportunities.	NSW Gov support to Joint Organisations via Joint Organisation Net Zero Accelerator (JONZA) initiative, re-committed for FY2024-25.

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CNSWJO Regional Opportunities Report (update)

As noted in the above table, several initiatives have been progressed over the last two years, principally a region-wide study on energy security & emissions reduction, Council-focused EV strategies, and an Emissions Reduction Plan (ERP) program that has expanded the scope of REAPs to encompass other scope 1 emissions sources and started the process of developing scope 3 carbon footprints for CNSW region Councils.

Arising from the development of ERPs, which provides the first region-wide view of Councils' operational emissions and potential pathways for decarbonisation, and drawing from workshops held with each Council in the development of ERPs, a number of key opportunities and areas for further work and engagement stand out, and are the main focus of this updated report. These are:

1. Adoption and engagement related to Emissions Reduction Plans for scope 1+2 emissions
2. Target setting having regard for legislated targets as a whole and for waste emissions targets
3. Waste emissions reduction across Councils and the region
4. Scope 3 supply & value chain emissions and sustainable procurement options
5. Addressing residual emissions with long term planning around local sequestration
6. Emissions tracking and reporting for scope 1+2 emissions
7. Revolving Energy Funds (REF) as outlined in each ERP as one of potential funding options

In addition, building on a recent guide produced by the NSW Government, addressing community emissions at Council level is an emerging opportunity. The Guide was recently presented to CNSWJO representatives, and in addition to a framework for action to address community emissions the Guide links to several case studies of community emissions reduction plans that can inform whether and how CNSWJO Councils engage as climate action leaders with their communities. This opportunity is also noted in this report as one that the JO may seek to focus more on going forward.

The ROP2022 remains current and may be further updated with next regional priorities that arise out of the EV charging, regional energy security, and other works.

**1.1 SMART Action Plan from CNSWJO Workshop**

The following table presents the consolidated action plans developed during the workshop in Cowra on 22 May 2024. These plans outline actions for the next one to three years, with the aim of fostering sustainability, improving environmental practices, and supporting CNSWJO councils. The table categorises the recommended actions into short-term (1 year) and longer-term (2-3 years) initiatives, ensuring a structured and comprehensive approach to achieving Councils' sustainability goals.

**TABLE 2: RECOMMENDED JO ACTION PLAN ON EMISSIONS REDUCTION**

Recommended action plan for the next 1 Year	Recommended action plan for the next 2-3 Years
<b>Emission reduction plan</b>	
Develop an education and policy framework, including for the adoption of ERPs at individual Councils level.	Continue to support councils with the transition of heavy vehicle fleets to sustainable alternatives.
Support initiatives to transition HVAC and heating systems off gas.	Advocate for improved energy infrastructure and capacity to support and encourage

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Develop an advocacy position around emissions.	sustainable energy development and investment.
Support councils to have the conversation with communities around what emissions reduction means and why it is important.	Continue to advocate for State Government funding for the energy transition.
Support councils to incorporate their emissions reduction activities and goals into their IP&R Framework.	
<b>Emissions reduction targets</b>	
Individual Councils to consider adoption of emissions reduction targets.	
Explore the appetite for a regional target through the Statement of Strategic Regional Priorities (SSRP) process with the incoming CNSWJO Board.	
<b>Waste management</b>	
Provide assistance to Councils to meet waste 2030 targets.	Advocate to the EPA for the implementation of emissions reduction technology and solutions.
Promote education and advocacy for waste reduction.	Encourage collaboration between Parkes SAP, NetWaste, EPA, and regional partners to develop strategies for diverting waste from landfills and explore waste management solutions.
Work with Netwaste and other partners on waste diversion to help achieve 2030 waste reduction targets.	Explore efficient waste management options for categories with small volumes.
Develop an advocacy position regarding landfill emissions.	Develop frameworks for battery, tech-waste recycling, and circular economics.
Explore ways to add value to waste streams.	Focus on commercial opportunities like FOGO (Food Organics Garden Organics) in collaboration with Lachlan, Forbes, Parkes and possibly Eugowra in Cabonne, expanding beyond Netwaste for advanced FOGO solutions.
Seek funding and facilitate the development of a region-wide circular economy roadmap, partnering with other organisations where possible to ensure buy-in.	Conduct a region-wide material flow analysis.
<b>Scope 3 value chain emissions</b>	
Support councils in developing and embedding sustainable procurement policies, targeting regional contracts for implementation.	Pilot sustainable procurement initiatives and establish a negotiation platform.
Focus on JO level contracts and establish sustainable assessment criteria per contract.	Capitalise on identified synergies and expand sustainable procurement initiatives.

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Support procurement policy updates to prioritise sustainability and provide a list of vetted sustainable suppliers.	Work with Netwaste to explore opportunities to incorporate locally sourced crushed glass through the regional waste contract and/or Tomra for the inclusion in local road construction.
Provide industry awareness and advocacy for demand for low-emission alternatives.	
Assist with resourcing, capacity building, and knowledge sharing on sustainable practices.	
Research and share insights on sustainable practices in other local and state governments.	
Encourage suppliers to provide emissions data for their products.	
Incorporate knowledge on lowering emissions in materials like emulsion bitumen into future contract preparations.	
<b>Land-based sequestration &amp; offsets</b>	
Subject to support / resources, conduct a JO-wide carbon offset potential mapping exercise and basic communications piece to talk through process of establishing offsets for distribution within member councils.	
Explore whether there is a biodiversity offset pathway to insetting.	
Consider a CNSWJO-led initiative to identify accredited Australian offsets that align with local needs and values.	
<b>Emission reporting tool</b>	
Keep the emissions reporting tool updated; update ERP data to track trends across the JO.	Coordinate reporting efforts and track progress.
Support councils with data generation and review, including education on the importance of data collection.	Implement an education initiative emphasising the significance of reporting to communities.
Develop an accountability framework and support councils with embedding same.	
<b>Revolving Energy Funds</b>	
Ensure all CNSWJO Councils have DCCEEW-supported REF materials that could inform adoption of such a model.	Evaluate the potential for a regional REF model that is funded through Councils, grants and savings.
CNSWJO to provide support to councils to develop and embed a REF.	
<b>Community abatement action</b>	
Evaluate the scope, capacity and appetite for initiating action on community emissions reduction plans within CNSWJO, including the scope for one or more pilot projects in the region's councils and communities <sup>1</sup> .	

<sup>1</sup> Note that as part of a NSW Government (Sustainability Advantage) project, a community emissions reduction plan and local one-on-one support to businesses was delivered with Cowra Council.

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**4.2    PROJECT GROUP UPDATES**

RECORD NUMBER:    2025/1504

AUTHOR:                Eleanor Pratten, Sustainability Project Officer

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This is an opportunity for project groups to provide a verbal update on current focus areas.

**LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN**

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “8.2 Develop and promote initiatives to reduce water, energy and water waste in consultation with the community”.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee acknowledge the verbal reports provided by the project groups.**

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1        Community Committee Action Plan - Biodiversity - 2025, D25/83998
- 2        Community Committee Action Plan - Climate - 2025, D25/83996

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**COMMUNITY COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN**
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