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Ted's Hut and dam, Sedgefield
(near Singleton, NSW)



FOREWORD

By Australian Sustainable Communities - Tidy Towns Judge Gail Langley



The 'Keep Australia Beautiful' brand has endured for almost 50 years, supporting our nation's community achievements, endeavours and undertakings, some of which were born from challenging events, others from celebratory ones.

The results of challenging and celebratory events provide the purpose and motives driving communities to forge a way forward, often utilising the Keep Australia Beautiful organisation in their communities. This is evidenced by the number of projects entered in the annual Keep Australia Beautiful National Awards Program that reflect a community's response to either a natural disaster, a pressing environmental issue or simply the celebration of its incredibly rich heritage, culture or human spirit. All the while, demonstrating a continuum of community collaboration with the assistance of Keep Australia Beautiful.

Praise for the volunteers in every community across the nation – whether involved with Keep Australia Beautiful or not – is infinite. The volunteers' contribution – which often comes

with direct or indirect financial cost to them – to the economic, social and community value is immeasurable.

I am pleased to say that this year's judging also noted an increase in local councils embracing the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which form the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development – a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future.

The nine categories utilised for judging the National Keep Australia Beautiful Sustainable Communities - Tidy Towns Awards align with the SDGs.

A sincere 'Thank You' to all involved with this year's judging visits, which included judging 60 individual category entries, all which demonstrated empowerment by embracing the need for focusing on working towards building a more sustainable place to live.

Gail Langley

Australian Sustainable Communities -
Tidy Towns Awards Judge

ABOUT SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES - TIDY TOWNS



The Keep Australia Beautiful Sustainable Communities - Tidy Towns Awards began in 1968 in Western Australia and have been running nationally since 1990.

These awards have evolved to encompass projects and initiatives with a focus on environmental sustainability and resource management to reflect a growing awareness of the importance of community-led environmental action.

The Tidy Towns name has always been synonymous with community pride, cohesion and above all community action. The awards reach beyond tourism to encourage, motivate and celebrate the sustainability achievements of grassroots rural and regional communities across Australia.

The finalists in the Australian Sustainable Communities - Tidy Towns competition, who are largely volunteers, are some of the most dedicated, passionate and colourful people in all the Keep Australia Beautiful Sustainable Communities awards programs across the country. Year upon year we see a calibre of community action that allows all Australians to aspire to be tidy Aussies.

Each year, state and territory winners from the Keep Australia Beautiful network are announced between August and November. They then receive a visit from the Australian Sustainable Communities - Tidy Towns judge, with the Awards usually presented between March and May.

The awards event, often hosted over two days, consists of networking with sustainability leaders around



Australia, finalist presentations showcasing their entries, as well as highlights and suggestions from the Australian Sustainable Communities - Tidy Towns judge. If the event is hosted by the town of the previous winner, attendees are invited to tour their projects, sustainable solutions and initiatives to learn first-hand what earned them the iconic Australian title.

In addition to a healthy dose of competition, the Australian Sustainable Communities - Tidy Towns awards bring together community leaders, environmental champions, young legends and waste warriors from every corner of our great country to share experiences, learn from and inspire each other.

This is the true Sustainable Communities - Tidy Towns spirit!

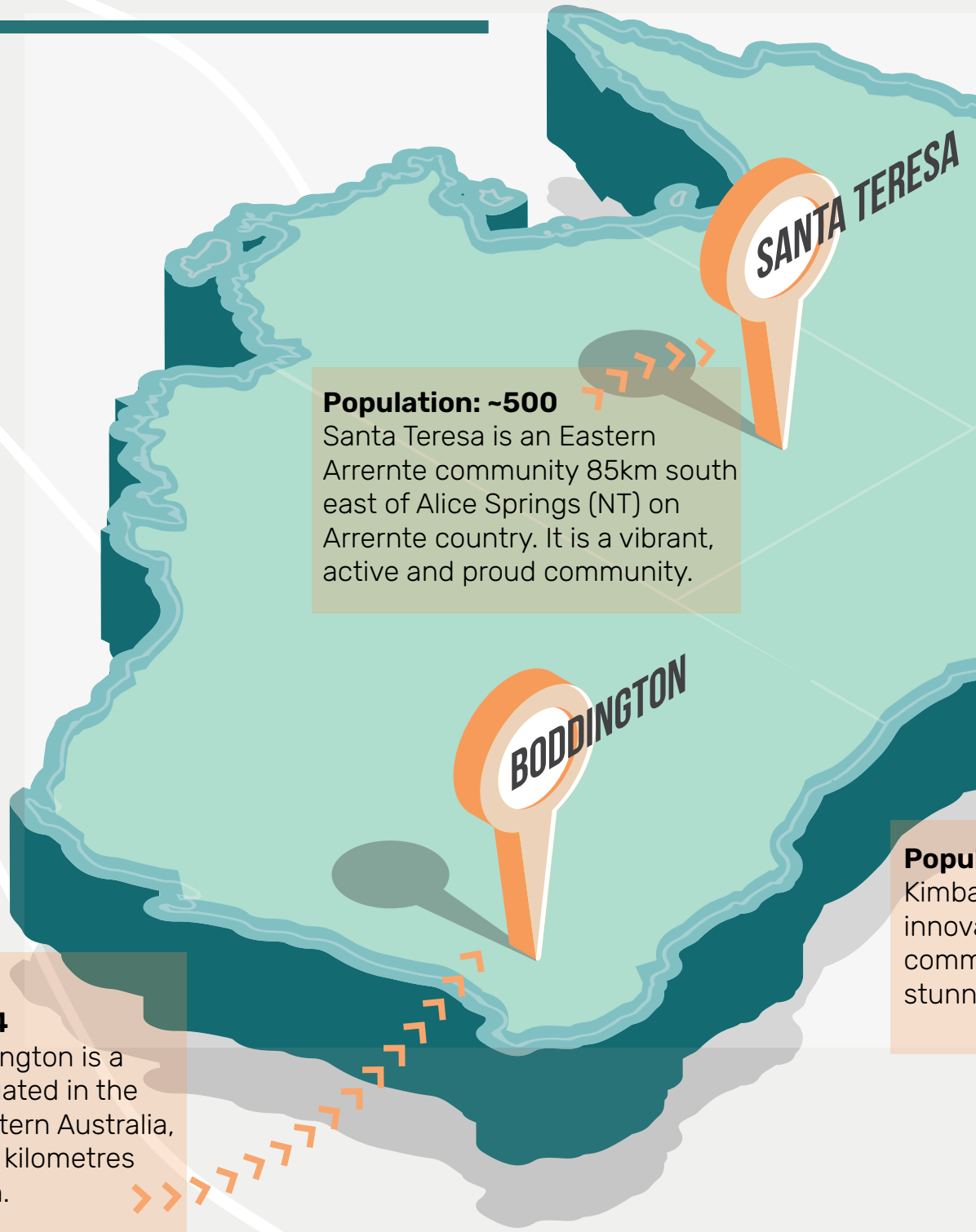


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Congratulations

2022 Finalists



Population: ~500

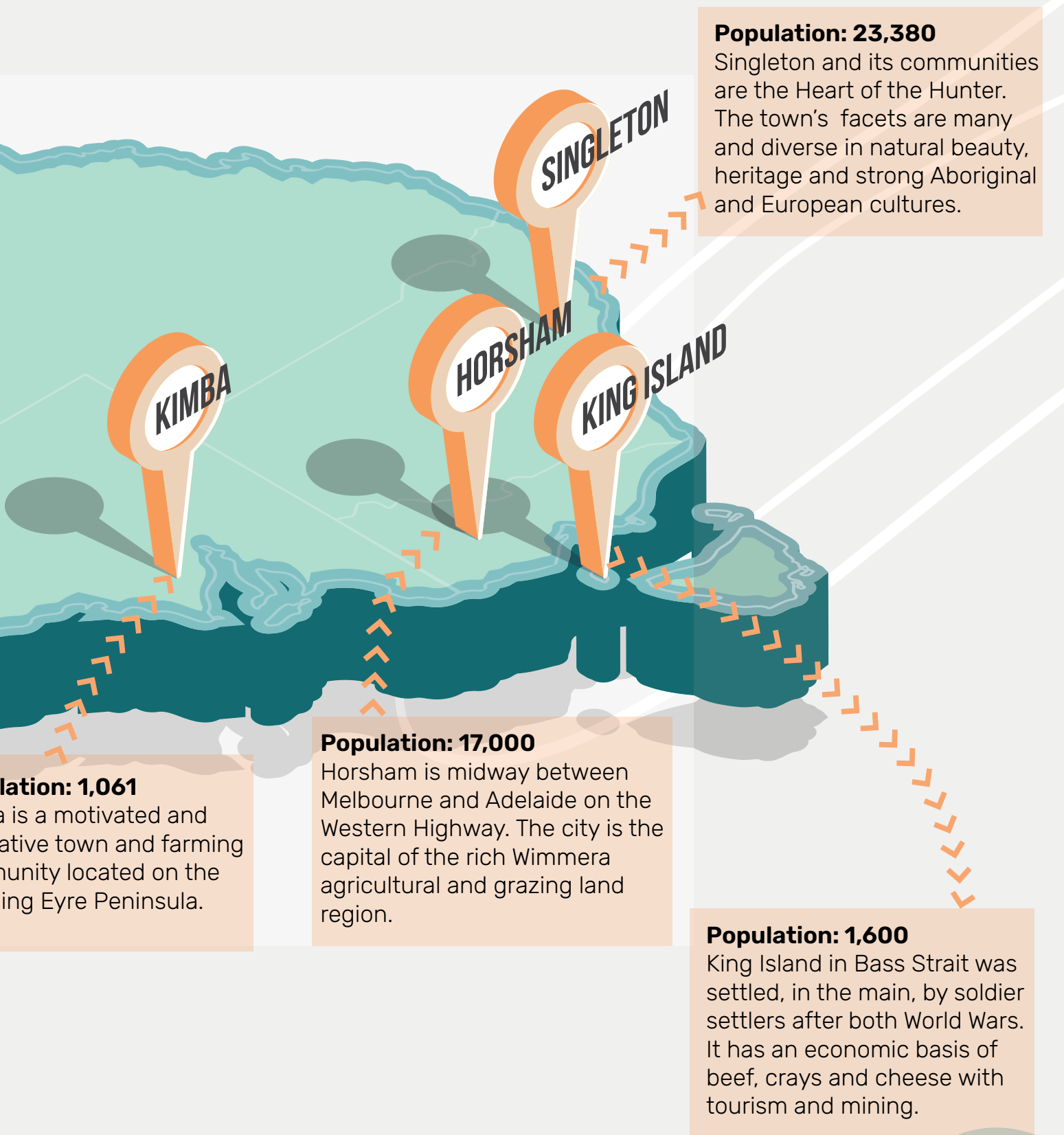
Santa Teresa is an Eastern Arernte community 85km south east of Alice Springs (NT) on Arernte country. It is a vibrant, active and proud community.

Population: 1,844

The Shire of Boddington is a rural township situated in the Peel region of Western Australia, approximately 123 kilometres southeast of Perth.

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Population: 23,380
 Singleton and its communities are the Heart of the Hunter. The town's facets are many and diverse in natural beauty, heritage and strong Aboriginal and European cultures.

Population: 1,061
 Kimba is a motivated and innovative town and farming community located on the southern coast of the Eyre Peninsula.

Population: 17,000
 Horsham is midway between Melbourne and Adelaide on the Western Highway. The city is the capital of the rich Wimmera agricultural and grazing land region.

Population: 1,600
 King Island in Bass Strait was settled, in the main, by soldier settlers after both World Wars. It has an economic basis of beef, crays and cheese with tourism and mining.

'Coopers Brewery proudly supports Keep Australia Beautiful Sustainable Communities – Tidy Towns Program, which aims to encourage, motivate and celebrate the sustainability achievements of rural and regional communities across Australia.

Coopers shares this passion for sustainability, and supports the reward and recognition of regional Australians who are making a difference in their local communities.'

Dr Tim Cooper AM
Managing Director,
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King Island, Tasmania

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WINNERS TABLE

Overall Winner

KING ISLAND

Tasmania

Dame Phyllis Frost Litter Prevention

Boddington

Western Australia

Environmental Sustainability – Water

Kimba

South Australia

Resource Recovery & Waste Management

Singleton

New South Wales

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Horsham

Victoria

Environmental Sustainability – Energy

King Island

Tasmania

Environmental Sustainability – Natural Environment Management

King Island

Tasmania

Young Legends

Individual Winner

Bart Maxwell Turgoose

Horsham, Victoria

Environmental Communication and Engagement

Kimba

South Australia

Group Winner

The Green Team

King Island, Tasmania

Heritage and Culture

Ltyentye Apurte (Santa Teresa)

Northern Territory



DAME PHYLLIS FROST LITTER PREVENTION

This award recognises innovation and achievements in litter prevention or reduction through education, effecting litter management or behaviour change. It is for projects or programs that reduce or prevent litter and could involve behaviour change techniques, the creation of partnerships or networks or the development of effective infrastructure and place design.

WINNER

BODDINGTON,
Western Australia



To reduce the reliance on single-use cutlery, cups and plates, the Boddington Reduce Recycle Group (RRR) built a dishwashing trailer that holds an industrial dishwasher, as well as cutlery and crockery, to be used at various events.

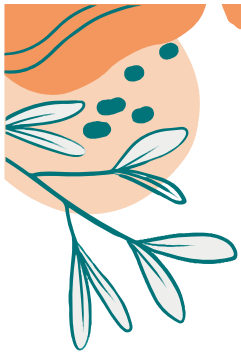
Additionally, the RRR have created an educational display that is used across various fairs and schools, which informs the community about diverse ways to reduce the use of certain materials and the proper use of recycle bins.

Boddington community volunteers have shown tremendous spirit in establishing environmentally friendly practices that align with the protection of the natural habitat and litter reduction, including organising a local Clean Up Australia Day event, which saw participants collect 218 kilograms of litter from the local community.

With a healthy social media following, the RRR Facebook page serves as another tool in the group's effort to educate the local community about the advantages of recycling, smart waste collection and upcycling.

Positive action and the ability to empower the community to make the right choices is not only left in the hands of the Boddington adult population.

A local hero and much-loved mascot – Terry T Trash Tree – was created by Boddington's 12-year-old resident, Adrian. The mascot travels to various schools and community events, spreading the message of sustainable water management practices and constructive recycling techniques.



RESOURCE RECOVERY AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

This award recognises innovation and achievements in recycling or waste reduction including initiatives that conserve resources or recover and re-use materials.

WINNER

SINGLETON, New South Wales



The Slow Food Singleton project was created by local resident, Michelle Higgins, with the purpose of identifying food waste and finding a beneficial use for it.

Michelle co-opted other like-minded people who, together, created a savvy social media campaign that became the platform for the group to launch discussions, ideas and activities in the community.

The Slow Food Group promoted awareness and discussion about food waste, establishing several solutions enabling residents to share food.

One such action is the Slow Food Singleton – Citrus Rescue, which aims to reduce food waste from the garden, create renewed enthusiasm for locally grown fresh food and encourage backyard gardening.

An idea borne from watching citrus fruit grown in the community's backyards going to waste and rot, Slow Food Singleton – Citrus Rescue uses the help of volunteers – and a savvy social campaign – to provide a service that collects surplus fruit grown by community members.

In the first year of operating, the group collected 60 boxes of oranges, sending them to Coonabarabran, an area that had not had any citrus fruit for several years due to drought.

Since 2019, Slow Food Singleton – Citrus Rescue has added a new value of locally grown fruit and vegetables, reducing food waste, with tonnes of fruit rescued from the ground and from trees and being donated to schools and local community services.

Additionally, the initiative has established a seed library, generating broader appreciation of gardening techniques.

The concept of 'Slow Food Singleton' has been a positive community project embraced by the whole community, providing them with opportunities to open their gardens and share their plant knowledge and practices.





HERITAGE AND CULTURE

This award recognises outstanding commitment to the conservation and celebration of a community's indigenous and non-indigenous heritage and culture.

WINNER

LTYENTYE APURTE (SANTA TERESA), Northern Territory



The Traditional Arts Centre in Ltyentye Apurte (Santa Teresa) has designed a project working closely with local men to source culturally appropriate timber from country for the creation of authentic bush tools such as boomerangs, woomeras, spears, shields, coolamons and slapsticks. These items are then sold online through traditionalcraft.com.au and in the community at the Alice Springs Markets.

The project connects local senior school students with the men, enabling the traditional skills and knowledge to be passed onto the younger generation, in turn fostering and strengthening connections to culture and land.

Ltyentye Apurte's Keringke Arts Studio employs many local female artists, becoming a vital component of the area's cultural, social and economic fabric. The centre fosters opportunities for local women to share their personal stories through art with a wider audience beyond Ltyentye Apurte and Australia.

Participants in the CatholicCare NT Development program had undertaken a project to plant 16 rose bushes that represent the local Skin Names. Each winter, the group plants additional roses to commemorate women from the community who had passed.

As part of the program, local 'fellas' had also planted a large Bush Tucker Medicine Garden.

The Ltyentye Apurte community holds culture and heritage as a sacred part of their spiritual lives. Importance is placed on history, country, culture and language for all ages; with the community working continuously to uphold several the United Nation's goals:

- No Poverty
- Good Health and Wellbeing
- Quality Education
- Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions



YOUNG LEGENDS - INDIVIDUAL

This award recognises achievements by an individual and/or group of young people (under 25) who have demonstrated significant commitment to the environment and/or have made significant contributions to any of the other categories.

WINNER

BART MAXWELL TURGOOSE, Horsham, Victoria

Bart Turgoose is recognised as a proactive young member of the Horsham community, who advocates for a positive outlook.

Currently in Year 12 at Horsham College, Bart is actively involved in a wide range of community activities and in addition to his year 12 studies, is undertaking a certificate III in Business.

Bart has founded his own businesses Worm King – selling worms, and Bart’s Clay Target Adventures, which encourages young people to join in clay target shooting.

Bart has an interest in social media and photography. He reported the competition activities for the Horsham Show on their Facebook page over show week.

Bart supports Horsham’s Agricultural Society, with an ambition to pursue a career in Agriculture.





YOUNG LEGENDS - GROUP

WINNER

THE GREEN TEAM, King Island, Tasmania



To focus on environmental education and sustainability, over a decade ago students joined together to establish their Green Team. From humble beginnings, the Green Team has grown to become a significant environmental group on the island.

In 2022, over 50% of the school population volunteered to join the team. Due to the team's initiative and enthusiasm, King Island is now a better place to live. Proudly, students have been the driving force behind this success.

The team identified litter as an island problem, and well before single-use plastic bags were banned, the students lobbied local retailers to implement their own ban. This achieved a voluntary ban since 2011, preventing an estimated four million plastic bags being distributed on the island.

The Green Team members also organised clean-up coast days. While snorkelling, the students have removed submerged litter and were responsible for removing a massive ghost net that had been cast on a remote part of the coast.

Resource Recovery has also made the Green Team's agenda.

After visiting the local waste management facility, the team discovered that glass bottles were being buried in landfill. The team made a formal presentation to the Council who agreed to crush and reuse glass. In six months, more than 100,000 bottles were diverted from landfill, with crushed glass now used in the island's roads construction.

The group is now focusing on recycling cardboard into compost. Fire briquettes and tyres will also be turned into playground landscaping features.

The Green Team are 'legends' in their own community, but they are also admired for their work in many organisations.





ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY - ENERGY

This award recognises leadership and innovation in energy conservation and management in the face of a changing environment.

WINNER

KING ISLAND, Tasmania



Wave Swell Energy (WSE) is an innovative Australian based renewable energy technology company that selected Grassy Harbour on King Island as the location for deployment, trial and operation of its world leading propriety technology that converts wave energy into electricity.

WSE's technology produces clean, sustainable electricity from waves, and in cooperation with Hydro Tasmania, the electricity is exported to the grid to power homes and businesses on King Island.

The "UniWave 200" wave energy converter unit was installed at Grassy in January 2021 and was commissioned in June 2021. The electricity generated from wave energy on the unit complements Hydro Tasmania's existing hybrid grid, further diversifying the renewable resources and reducing diesel consumption on King Island.

In addition to providing clean and cost-effective electricity to remote communities, the WSE technology can also support communities around the world, as well as address the threat of rising sea levels and coastal erosion.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change – United Nations body for assessing the science related to climate change – recently highlighted the requirement for investment in infrastructure that enables adaption to the effects of climate change as well as seeking to mitigate climate change through decarbonisation. When lined side-by-side or incorporated in a seawall or breakwater configuration, WSE units can form a barrier to rising sea levels and further coastal erosion.



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY - WATER

This award recognises leadership and innovation in water conservation and management for the future.

WINNER

KIMBA, South Australia



The \$750,000 Rooru Dam Stormwater Catchment project is a significant development, playing a vital role in the sustainability of Kimba's water resources.

Located at Rooru Reserve, and having a lifespan of more than 50 years, the 40,000m² area has been reshaped by laying the GeoGuard membrane and 3,000 used tyres to anchor it in place. This allows for a runoff co-efficiency exceeding 90% and surpassing the 15% of the existing natural surface. To complement the project, pipes have been installed to transfer water to the existing adjacent Rooru Dam.

Based on historical annual rainfall, calculated volumes from this catchment equate to 13.2 megalitres of water harvested annually. This generates significant environmental benefits through the reduction in water sourced via mains, predominantly from the river Murray.

The Catchment Dams also benefit from stormwater runoff from the western side of Kimba, supplying additional stormwater to the holding dams when heavy rainfall occurs.

With the project funded by the Federal Government through the Drought Communities Program Extension, Council work alongside local suppliers and Government Officials to deliver the project.

The whole catchment area, including this project, is estimated to capture 22.7 megalitres on the main Rooru Dam. This not only preserves our natural resources but also provides an estimated cost saving to the community of \$77,455.



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY - NATURAL ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT

This award recognises the protection, conservation and enhancement of the natural environment.

WINNER

KING ISLAND, Tasmania



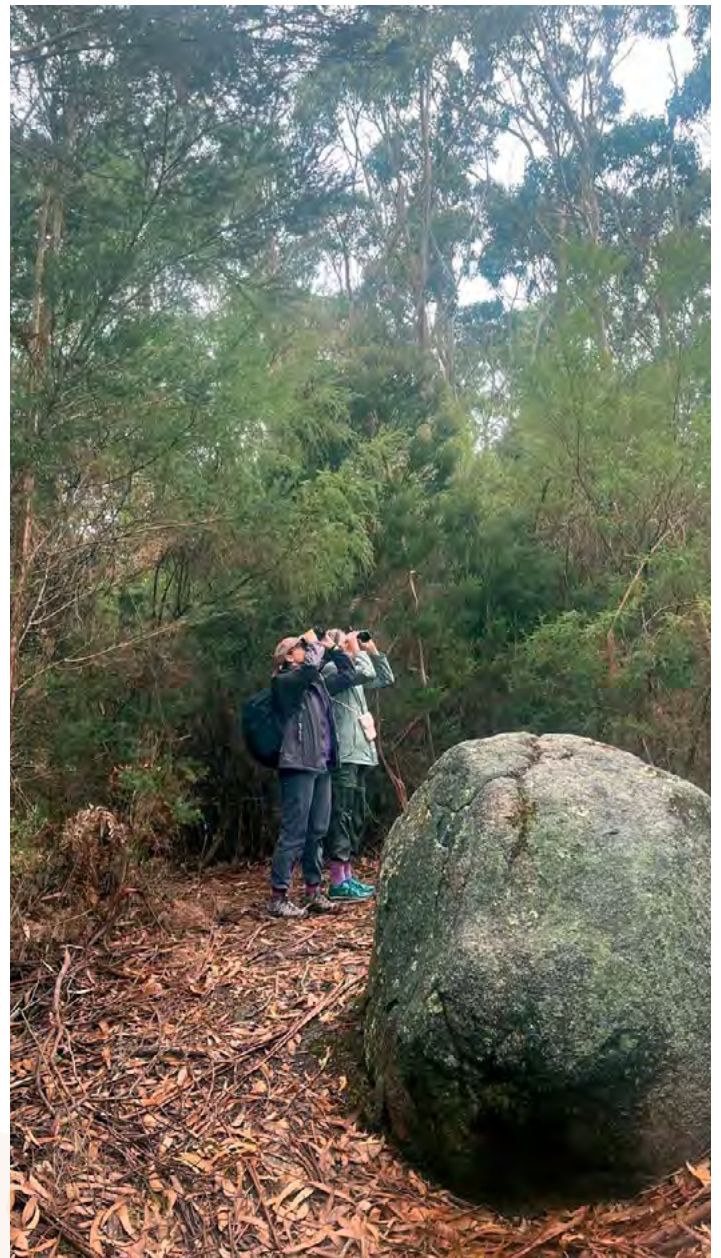
One of the many ways in which to monitor the health and sustainability of an area and its natural environment is by observing birds as an indicator species.

The King Island Landcare Group began the 'Wings on King' project – an island-wide bird monitoring program – with two aims: To track bird species on King Island as a method of monitoring the island's long-term sustainability; and to promote King Island as a bird tourism hotspot to diversifying the island's tourism.

The first 5-years of data collection was completed in spring 2021, and was professionally analysed by Ross Analytics, Tasmania, revealing that 129 surveyors participated in the project, dedicating 2,952 hours to the surveillance, and recording 680 individual bird species.

The data obtained from the 'Wings on King' project and by other organisations, in particular BirdLife Australia, has shown that King Island is experiencing some concerning environmental degradation issues by identifying three critically endangered and two endangered bird species.

As a result, a King Island Bird Conservation Action Plan has been set up to manage the recovery of these species. The plan is managed by a team of Government, NGOs, the local community and expert scientists in the recovery of bird species and their habitats.





ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY - COMMUNICATION & ENGAGEMENT

This award recognises outstanding achievements in raising awareness in environmental sustainability, leading to empowerment and behaviour change amongst the target audience. Open projects from both formal and informal educational institutions, for example: community groups, business, childcare centres etc.

WINNER

KIMBA, South Australia



The Buckleboo Farm Improvement Group (BFIG) evidences the commitment and innovative spirit epitomising Kimba's leadership within the agricultural sector, and the importance of this sector in the ongoing education about sustainability and the environment.

BFIG is known for its Research and Development particularly in Strategic Tillage and modification of subsoils. BFIG's activities range from raising the organic carbon in the soil; jointly investing in Soil Moisture Probes; setting up Weather Station Networks; studying water efficiency of crops and pastures; to Fire Danger Index predication strategies to improve efficacy of application to crops while reducing damage effects.

BFIG's programs are ably supported by local Ellen Zibell who won the Sustainable Agriculture Scholarship for extensive farming endeavours. Ellen is driven by creating a sustainable farming future and a desire to improve the environment whilst securing the sustainability of natural resources and the longevity of primary producers.

The BFIG initiatives are further enhanced by an educational framework consisting of events including workshop, regional bus trips, technology in agriculture seminars and an annual crop walk attracting growers, researchers and industry professionals from across the state.





COMMUNITY HEALTH, WELLBEING AND INTEREST

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WINNER

LTYENTYE APURTE (SANTA TERESA), Northern Territory



A partnership between McDonnell Regional Council, Melbourne Football Club and AAAC was formed with the purpose of installing a water system on the community oval and laying grass/turf covering the full-size oval. Additional to the laying of turf, gym equipment was placed at various sections around the oval.

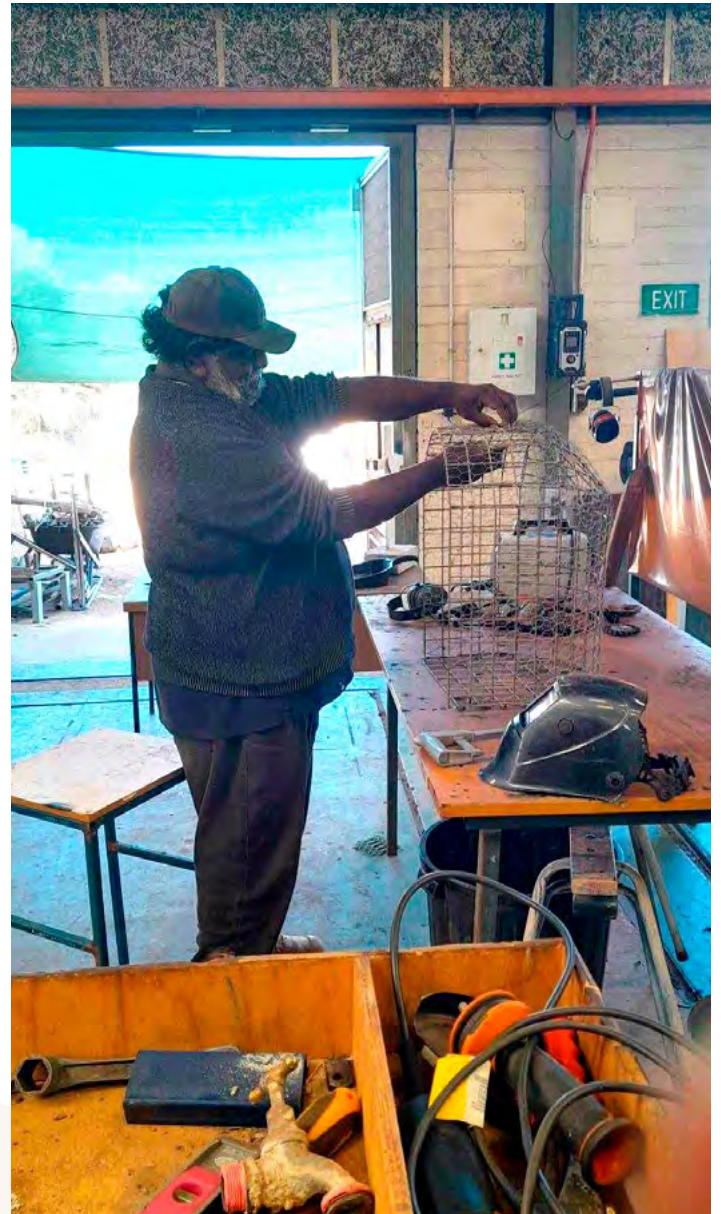
The Melbourne Cricket Ground goal posts were a gift to the Ltyentye Apurte community oval, proudly framing each end of the ground.

This project satisfies eleven of the United Nation Sustainability Goals, proving to be a tremendous success. The oval continues to host many activities and scheduled games.

Strong community and stakeholder relationships have been built over many years through different projects, which demonstrate pride and a strong vibrant, healthy community. The projects range in type and scope. Those of note include The Men's Shed, which was a created as a response to various challenges faced by the community.

The Merne Mwarre (Good Food) Nutrition Project provides four healthy take-away meals for families every week. Local staff support the trained chef in delivering this program, with school students also being taught safe food practices and nutritional cooking once a week.

Various community support groups work with local businesses to hold youth-oriented activities, skill the local community, provide employment and generate community events that bring the community together.





RESOURCE RECOVERY AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

BODDINGTON, Western Australia

Boddington Reduce Reuse Recycle (RRR), a group comprising of local volunteers, has implemented several innovative practices to aid their community establish healthy recycling habits.

What began as a bottle cap collection, has developed into a full-scale community recycling plant.

With the purchase of plastic shredder, the community is now able to shred, melt, mould and repurpose their plastic waste into creative and useful objects such as bench seats, household items and jewellery.

RRR met with several commercial operators to ascertain what items were being sent landfill that could be diverted and recycled.

Additionally, community residents are offered free, unlimited waste facility access, thus reducing illegal dumping and allowing responsible disposal options.



COMMUNITY HEALTH, WELLBEING AND INTEREST

HORSHAM, Victoria

Founded in 1876 and having weathered many downturns, the Horsham Agricultural Society remains a vital bedrock for Horsham's community events and programs.

Along with organising and hosting many events, the Society also works to reinvigorate local structures and buildings, as well as bolster the social, economic and mental wellbeing of its local community.

By working with the local employment agency, the Society has generated labour opportunities for the 'work for the dole' scheme and various disability programs.

During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Society worked to improve the mental health and social connections by hosting a Virtual Show Day on its Facebook page.

The '125km Feast' organised by the Society, showcased local food producers and wineries, engaging the services of over 50 small businesses. Three-hundred paying guests attended the event, raising almost \$30,000, which enabled the 2021 agricultural show to proceed.



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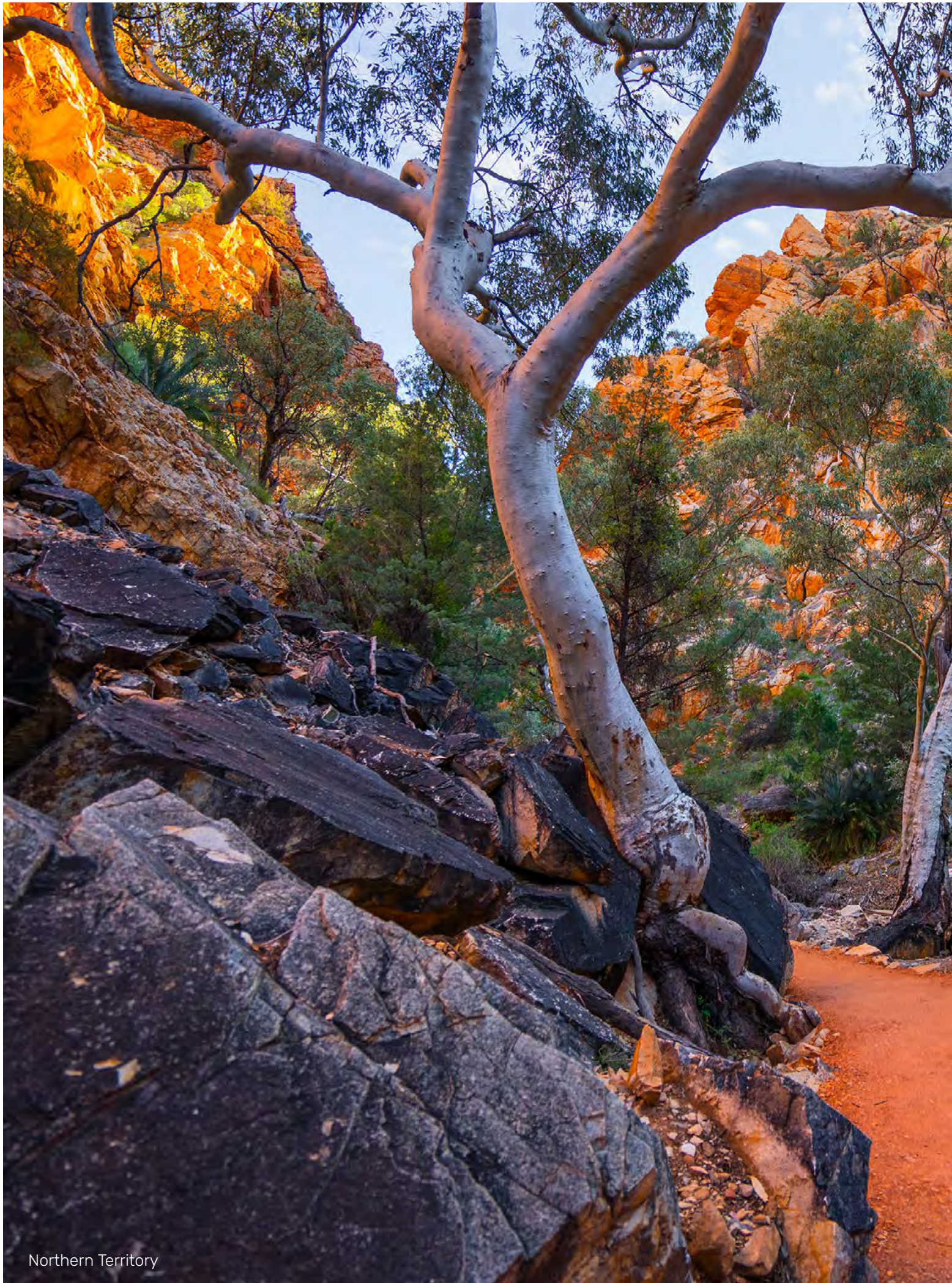
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Northern Territory



PREVIOUS WINNERS

- 2021 Hastings, VIC
 - 2020 Beechworth, VIC
 - 2019 Ltyentye Apurte (Santa Teresa), NT
 - 2018 Smithton, TAS
 - 2017 Barmera, SA
 - 2016 Triabunna, TAS
 - 2015 Toodyay, WA
 - 2014 Sheffield, TAS
 - 2013 Victor Harbor, SA
 - 2012 Caloundra, QLD
 - 2011 Lithgow, NSW
 - 2010 Beechworth, VIC
 - 2009 Tamworth, NSW
 - 2008 Toowoomba, QLD
 - 2007 Swansea, TAS
 - 2006 Collie, WA
 - 2005 Mount Gambier, SA
 - 2004 Port Vincent, SA
 - 2003 Wyalkatchem, WA
 - 2002 Soldier's Point / Salamander Bay, NSW
 - 2001 Horsham, VIC
 - 2000 Batchelor, NT
 - 1999 Goolwa, SA
 - 1998 Denmark, WA
 - 1997 awards not held
 - 1996 Stanley, TAS
 - 1995 Kiama, NSW
 - 1994 Naracoorte, SA
 - 1993 Lucindale, SA
 - 1992 Forbes, NSW
 - 1991 Mount Gambier, SA
 - 1990 Mt Tyson, QLD
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OVERALL 2022 WINNER KING ISLAND, TASMANIA



King Island is another world. Anchored in the middle of Bass Strait between Victoria and Tasmania's north-west, surrounded by wild seas, and the source of famously good produce, King Island is proudly Tasmanian. It is one of Australia's undiscovered island retreats. Measuring 64km in length, 27km in width and boasting and 200km of coastline, the land area measures 1,100km² and is an unforgettable experience of fine food, fine art, surf, Australia's best golf and rich conversations with island locals.

The next landfall to the west is South Africa.

King Island Council population is approximately 1,600, with 800 residents residing in Currie – the main town community.

On the east coast of King Island lies the beach village of Naracoopa, and to the south-east is

Grassy, originally established as a mining town for scheelite deposits and is home to the island's major commercial port.

An island rich in history, with shipwrecks, lighthouses and jagged reefs, bountiful with long stretching sandy beaches and lush green pasture. This tiny piece of paradise produces some of Australia's finest natural foods for which the island is probably best known including beef, cheese, crayfish and abalone.

Although idyllic in every aspect, the King Island community and Council are also realistic, acknowledging their future challenges of managing growth, enhancing the environment and balancing services.

Despite this, King Island demonstrates an enormous passion for their unique environment and ancestry, with the community exemplifying the concept of

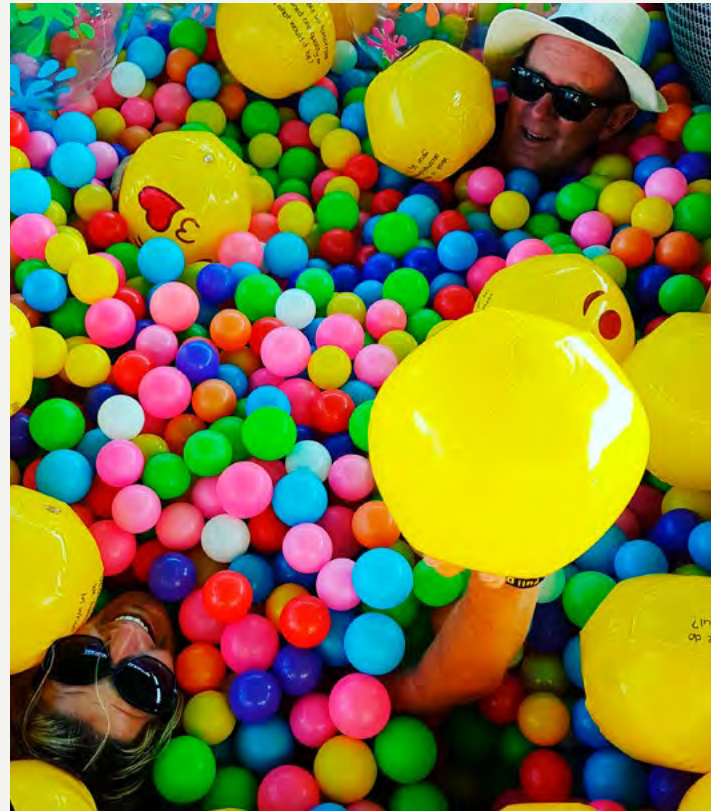


sustainability. It is a resourceful place, with the island's services mostly run by volunteers. And although there are still many obstacles to overcome, the isolation is managed by the community very well.

King Island were the winners of the:

- **Young Legends (Group) Award**
- **Environmental Sustainability – Energy Award**
- **Environmental Sustainability – Natural Environment Management Award**

The King Island community lead by example and embrace their quest to become more sustainable in the future.



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