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Community Pride Promotion Recognised

Programs promoting community pride in Tasmanian towns and cities received a boost today with a \$30,000 grant from the State Government to the Keep Australia Beautiful Council (Tasmania).

Lyons MHA Heather Butler said the grant recognises the council's ongoing commitment to engage communities on environmental issues and to encourage energy conservation, waste minimisation and recycling.

"The Keep Australia Beautiful Council (Tasmania) is to be congratulated for its great work to inspire local communities, industry and government to look after and improve the environment," Ms Butler said.

"This grant contributes to one of the council's major programs, the Spring Clean Tasmania Tidy Town Awards. The awards have been operating for 27 years and engender a concept of well-being through self help and contribution to the community."

Ms Butler said the hotly-contested awards involved more than 20,000 Tasmanians across the State and it was a huge thrill when this year's winner, Swansea, also won the coveted title of Australia's tidiest town.

She said the annual grant to the council was increased this year by \$5,000 to support the Clean Beach Challenge Program.

Run in conjunction with the Tidy Towns competition the competition gives coastal communities an opportunity to showcase their beaches and their contribution to their care.

This year's winner of Tasmania's Clean Beach Challenge was Boat Harbour Beach.