



CIRCULAR HEAD MAYOR DARYL QUILLIAM'S MESSAGE 17 APRIL 2018

I was thrilled to be able to represent our community with Jodie Saville, Di Baldock and Kurtis Maher last week at Barmera in South Australia, where Smithton was named the overall winners for 2018 at the National Tidy Town Awards. This is a remarkable achievement that we should all be very proud of considering we were up against five other state finalists around the nation. Smithton is fortunate to have many partnerships with various organisations in our district including CHAC, RSL, Landcare, CHYL, CHRSP, Rural Health, 7up and sporting groups which the National judge Gail Langley mentioned helped us secure this title. Many of these groups are primarily run by volunteers, which makes this award more remarkable. During the next year we will host both the State and National awards in Smithton, which will mean an influx of people in our region.

As well as the overall award, Smithton was also a joint winner of the Community Action & Wellbeing and Environmental Sustainability categories. Kurtis Maher won the Young Legend award, while we received a highly commended award in Heritage and Culture. There were six category sections that were judged on. All these awards were presented by the Governor of South Australia Kevin Scarce.

Next Wednesday we will again be commemorating Anzac Day, which I hope will see a large number of people attending services in Stanley, Smithton and Marrawah. Both the dawn services and the later ones have seen a large increase of numbers in recent years which is great to see. I again look forward to listening to our young people speak about the importance of this special day.