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Teams in Orange vie for tidiest town

Orange is being shown-off to delegates from across the state as it hosts the 2018 Tidy Towns Awards.

As last year's winner of the NSW Sustainable Council Award, Orange was chosen as the host city for this weekend's awards.

To kick off the weekend, Orange Tidy Towns Committee and Mayor Reg Kidd, with CEO of Keep NSW Beautiful, Val Southam will present local developer Jim Saran with a certificate, recognising the work he recently completed on the historic Carrington Hotel, on the corner of Byng and Lords Place.

Orange Mayor Reg Kidd said Mr Saran worked closely with Orange City Council development and heritage staff to ensure the old pub was restored to a standard the community could be proud of.

"Mr Saran has done a wonderful job, particularly reinstating the balcony," Cr Kidd said.

"The balcony was blown off in a storm in 1963 and the hotel never looked as good as it does now."

As for the state awards to be held in Orange on Saturday night, Cr Kidd said he hoped Orange would take out the top award again this year.

Since 1981, the Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Program has been rewarding and recognising projects around litter, waste management, recycling, heritage, community spirit and other environmental areas in towns both large and small across NSW.

Orange Tidy Towns Committee Chair Cr Kevin Duffy said the committee would be taking delegates on a tour of the city to show-off why Orange won the overall sustainable council award last year.

"Orange has taken out the top prize in the NSW Tidy Town Awards two out of three years and we are keen to show our visitors why," Cr Duffy said.

"We'll be taking the 65 visitors on a tour of Cadia Valley Operations, a food and wine tour, they'll take in our beautiful landscapes as well as a heritage tour."

Participants from regional NSW who have submitted entries in a number of categories ranging from waste management to community spirit and heritage will be attending the awards night on Saturday at the Orange Ex-Services Club.

The State Overall winner has the potential to become a finalist for the National Keep Australia Beautiful Award and may also host the 2019 awards weekend.

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