

MEDIA RELEASE

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Barunga wins Major Tidy Towns Award.

The Roper Gulf Shire Town of Barunga has recently been announced as the winner of the 2013 Northern Territory Tidy Towns "Large Community" Award.

The town located seventy kilometres south east of Katherine has been a previous winner in the Tidy Towns Awards. Nestled in a valley just off the Central Arnhem Highway the picturesque little town home to around 300 people is renowned for its annual Barunga Festival that this year attracted more than 3000 visitors to the music, sport and cultural offerings.

The award again acknowledges the strong ongoing commitment to maintaining a clean, safe and tidy community shown by the community, Council and Council staff.

Roper Gulf Shire Mayor Tony Jack on hearing of the award said,

"We are proud that our community has received this recognition, not because there was a special effort to win the award but as an acknowledgement of what our everyday practice is in Barunga. We are justifiably proud that this is a town where the residents and municipal staff care about where they live and work"

Mayor Tony Jack in congratulating Barunga on its win added,

"There is a history of wins in the Tidy Town awards by Barunga and other Roper Gulf Shire Towns over recent years. We work hard at making our towns liveable places but this can only be achieved by having a shared vision between residents, the Roper Gulf Shire Council and other town users. Well done again Barunga"

The award will be presented to the community and displayed with a number of other high profile awards won by this well known Top End town.

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