



**ClubsNSW  
Clubs Partnership Award**

**Name of your town:**

Dorrigo – a town for all  
seasons

**Name of your Club:**

Dorrigo Memorial RSL Club Co-op Ltd.  
**“THE COMMUNITY CLUB”**

*The Club Partnership Award recognises achievements by New South Wales registered Clubs in supporting Tidy Towns and other voluntary community groups in their projects. The award also recognises achievements of registered Clubs that contribute to environmentally sound business practices and enhancements to their premises. In particular, the award acknowledges the sponsoring and support by the club of local community events, thus increasing the potential for different sectors of the community to work in partnership, resulting in enhanced local pride and increased employment. Entries are encouraged from all registered Clubs within your community.*

**Note:** It is essential you answer all judging criteria below

**Projects within this category will be assessed on the following main criteria:**

**Community support**

**What level of support does the Club contribute to the local community?**

Over the past few years The Dorrigo RSL has financially sponsored many local organizations including: the Dorrigo Community Markets, the Dorrigo Folk & Bluegrass Festival, the Dorrigo High School Tournament of the Minds Team, The Dorrigo Soccer Club, Bellingen / Dorrigo Junior Rugby League, Dorrigo High School P&C, The Dorrigo Hospital Auxiliary, the Dorrigo Dingoes Softball team, the Dorrigo Dramatic Club, the Bellingen Jazz & Blues Festival and the Starlight Foundation. The Club also actively supports the local Fire Brigade, the Dorrigo RSL sub-branch and the Dorrigo VIEW club.

**How does the Club support and work with the local Tidy Towns and other voluntary environment/community groups?**

The RSL Club has its other premises The Dorrigo RSL Golf Club. This facility is largely manned by volunteers and maintained by the RSL Club as a community sporting venue. The greenkeeper and a team of volunteers have undertaken a considerable riverbank clean up along the banks of the Bielsdown River which winds through the course, removing privet and other noxious plants along the waterway. The course is a credit to these tireless workers and an asset to the town in general. Several fund raising events are held here through out the year for local organizations not the least of which is the local Fire Brigade. The RSL Club is proud to be able to assist these bodies.  
On average the Club holds two trivia nights a year as fund raisers for the Schools or local sporting teams or individuals

**Does the Club occupy clean and presentable premises?**

The Dorrigo RSL is professionally cleaned on a daily basis. The lawns and environs are maintained at a high standard to assist in the overall picture of Hickory Street. The club has been a key member in the liaison with the Chamber of Commerce in development of the Dorrigo Township Streetscape Plan

**Does the Club contribute to the overall beautification of the town?**

The Club is currently undertaking renovations that include a family courtyard. The planned extensions will include sympathetic native plantings and a complete upgrade to the façade of the club. The work will be predominantly done by volunteer labour as a community project. The building has been designed as solar passive to gain the best from the northern aspect.

**Impact on the environment**

**Has the Club adopted energy and water saving initiatives? Please describe.**

Non-essential lights, heaters and electrical equipment are switched off when not required. Energy efficient practices are used. Heating is supplemented with a slow combustion wood heater in colder months.

**Are attempts made to minimise waste?**

Waste is minimised through the purchase of environmentally friendly packaging and products in accordance with the Coffs Coast reuse and recycling strategy

**Are attempts made to recycle waste materials?**

All bar and kitchen waste is recycled as much as possible. This waste is then transferred to the Dorrigo Recycling Centre for recycling as part of the Coffs Coast reuse and recycling strategy.  
Kitchen scraps are taken by members who have their own poultry. The eggs are then sold back to the club for use in the kitchen  
Glass bottles and aluminum cans are separated for recycling as part of the Coffs Coast reuse and recycling strategy

**Are recyclable waste materials re-used in any way?**

Cardboard Cartons are often re-used for packaging and promotion with raffles and prizes.  
The majority of the recycling is used off site by community members for packaging and as part of the Coffs Coast Reuse and Recycling strategy.

**Please forward your electronic submission (s) on a CD to:**

2007 Tidy Towns Sustainable Cities Submissions  
Keep Australia Beautiful NSW  
1/83 Marion Street  
Harris Park  
NSW 2150

**Alternatively, please email your submissions to:**

[info@kabnsw.org.au](mailto:info@kabnsw.org.au)

**CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS: FRIDAY 3 AUGUST 2007**

**Photos and other supporting materials**

**Design of new out door area at Dorrigo RSL**

