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Waratah-Wynyard Mayor Robby Walsh said he was extremely proud that Council had received two major awards at last week's Keep Australia Beautiful Tidy Towns Awards.

Major awards were presented in the following categories:

- Sustainable Schools Award - Warawyn Early Learning Centre
- Population Category 5000+ - Wynyard

Project O, a partnership between Big hART and Wynyard High School, was also presented with an award in the Youth Leaderships and Activities category.

Certificates of Excellence were also awarded to the Wynyard Transfer Station, the Wynyard Yacht Club, Women of the World, Wynyard Community Garden and The Smith Family's Wynyard School Community Partnership Project with Council, Table Cape Primary School and Wynyard High School.

"This is a fantastic outcome for our community and Council and it is thanks to the many people behind the scenes in all of these projects that we have received such recognition," Mayor Walsh said.

"Wynyard has had a long held tradition of taking out the overall Tidy Town Award, and while this didn't happen this year, our community can be very proud of what it has achieved."

Mayor Walsh said Warawyn Early Learning centre's recognition under the Sustainable Schools category was proof of the importance of such facilities in the community.

"I am very proud that Warawyn has been recognised for their work, which goes way and above just looking after people's children," Mayor Walsh said.

"Early learning in this environment is one of the many ways we can ensure that young people get off to a good start prior to starting formal schooling."

Mayor Walsh said Project O was also making a big difference in the lives of young people.

"From the 24-hour Colourathon, to the organisation of this year's Youth Week Event - Mess Fest, Project O is proof that when our young people put their minds to it anything is possible," Mayor Walsh said.

"I congratulate the students, Wynyard High and Big hART for receiving this award."

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