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Territory Tidy Towns meets Be Crocwise for Kids Award!

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A new award sponsored by the Parks and Wildlife Commission of the NT (PWCNT) and presented by Keep Australia Beautiful and Territory Tidy Towns, is helping to bring croc awareness to children in schools.

The Territory Tidy Towns Awards have been celebrating the achievements of Territory communities for many years and in 2016 these awards will include a Be Crocwise in School award.

The Be Crocwise campaign aims to make people aware of the risks posed by saltwater crocodiles while emphasising that these incredible animals have a special place in the culture, economy and environment of the Northern Territory and across the Top End of Australia as a whole.

Many schools are starting to drive their own saltwater crocodile awareness campaigns within their communities. Teachers and students are doing fantastic work inside and outside their classrooms to make sure that everyone is aware of the risks posed by saltwater crocodiles.

Minister for Parks and Wildlife Bess Nungarrayi Price praises the initiative and says, ‘I look forward to seeing what the children come up with for their projects. It is so important that we start from childhood, learning the importance of the Be Crocwise message.’

Parks and Wildlife staff have been shown stunning murals and beautiful artwork and have heard some amazing stories about salties. Some classes are even including saltwater crocodiles into outdoor education, excursions, and science and maths studies.

The 2016 Be Crocwise in Schools award will be launched alongside the 2016 Territory Tidy Towns awards in February 2016.

Top End schools are encouraged to contact the Parks and Wildlife Commission at http://www.parksandwildlife.nt.gov.au/becrocwise

or visit the Territory Tidy Towns website and download entry forms and information.

Schools that are entering the NT Eco-Schools awards through the Territory Tidy Towns competition in 2016 are also encouraged to include a Be Crocwise component into their submission.

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