

LITTERature

Keep Australia Beautiful Council WA's

e-newsletter



Last month, volunteers have been stepping up and donating their time for Clean Up Australia's annual clean up events. It was fantastic to see a significant increase in the number of volunteers join up to KABC's Adopt-a-Spot program during this time.

This year, KABC worked with local governments across the state to organise events raising awareness and promoting action to improve the environment.

The first clean-up took place in Kings Park on Tuesday 28 February. Year 9 students from Bob Hawke College attended the event, helping to collect, audit and remove litter from the grassed area in front of one of the cafés in Kings Park. Interestingly, the students found over 50 items of sugar and sweetener packaging in and around the café. KABC will work with Kings Park to address this issue to encourage change and litter reduction.

Later that week, students from Kelmscott Senior High School braved the heat and removed over 46kgs of litter from Palomino Park near Champion Lakes in Armadale. KABC worked with the students to identify, sort and record litter into separate categories. City of Armadale Waste Services Officer Sarah Wallrodt organised for the litter to be collected and disposed of by the City of Armadale. The students made such a huge impact that they are looking at "adopting" the site through KABC's Adopt-a-Spot program to continue to keep it litter free.

KABC joined forces with staff from the [Shire of Carnarvon and local volunteers](#) to clean up Brockman Park. In just over an hour more than 36kgs of litter from the local park – including 11.5kgs of broken glass. The top

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items were: Plastic packaging – 360, Cardboard food packaging – 158, Plastic lids and tops – 136, Plastic film remnants – 125, Miscellaneous paper – 88.

Clean Up Australia events have now come to a close with over 750,000 volunteers registering 11,000 clean-up events across the country.

Community Litter Grants

KABC's Community Litter Grants of up to \$5,000 for local projects and \$10,000 for regional projects will be open on 15 April 2023 at a [clean-up event Freshwater Bay in Claremont](#).

If you have a litter problem, or a litter reduction idea that needs assistance to come to fruition, you can apply through the KABC [Community Litter Grants](#) page.

Litter management at events and festivals, as well as community engagement projects, are also eligible. Applications via smartygrants.

Last year's recipient Walpole received a grant produce and produced a litter picking guidebook to inspire young people to help keep their towns tidy. Find out more and about past recipients [here](#).



Towns Sustainable Communities



KABC visited our 2022 State Winner, Gascoyne Junction, last month for National Tidy Towns judging. The team have done an amazing job and we are eagerly awaiting to hear the results from the National Tidy Towns event which is being held on King Island in May. Keep an eye on our socials for the results. Good luck, Gascoyne Junction!

Our [Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Awards 2023](#) will be launched in Williams in May. At last year's State Awards, Williams won the Environmental Education Award (\$500) and a further \$500 from

[Western Australia Landcare Network](#).

This year, Tidy Towns sustainable Communities Awards is collaborating with artist Merle Topsis who creates items made from plastic marine debris from her clean ups.

KABC encourages regional and remote communities to enter their communities' projects across nine categories, so start documenting now! Find out more [here](#).

WA Naturally Thanks You

If you have been travelling on WA roads in the regions recently, you may have noticed new roadside signs that have been installed encouraging people to Keep WA Litter Free. The



signs feature iconic Western Australian wildlife that are so badly impacted by litter. All the sign designs can be seen [here](#). How many have you seen?

Also, keep an eye out at roadhouses, service stations and visitor centres around the state

for KABC compostable Keep Bags: car litter bags to help people manage their rubbish and dispose of it responsibly when they get to a bin. They can be reused over and over again.

Find out more about the WA Naturally thanks you program [here](#).

Outback Packs

In anticipation of the influx of visitors (and litter) at this year's Total Solar Eclipse event, we have sent 2000 Outback Packs to the Shires of Exmouth, Carnarvon and Ashburton. Outback Packs are a great resource for visitors travelling around our state who want to do their bit and keep the scene clean.

Thank you to students at Iona College, Presbyterian Ladies College and volunteers at [Eco Surf Australia](#) for assisting in assembling our packs.

Litter Reporter Scheme



Our new Unseen Heroes campaign is now live – you can watch it [here](#). The campaign aims to increase the number of litter reporters to ensure that litter bugs are held to account. We have seen a 30% increase in the number of new Litter Reporters joining the program since the campaign went live which is great. More information about how to become a litter reporter can be found [here](#).

Clean Schools Professional Learning

More schools are looking at ways to educate students about the impacts of litter in their school and local environment. As educators we support and encourage students to become responsible citizens and to develop and enhance a sense of pride and ownership for their school.

Register for free workshops and join other educators in developing a Clean Schools program, full of fun and inspiring ideas, to help keep your school litter free. By using the Clean School guide, your program will be specific to your school and suit the needs of your students.

To make it easier for you to take part, Keep Australia Beautiful Council can cover the relief cost for two people from your school to attend the workshops.

The Clean Schools workshop is a great opportunity to network with other educators and discuss ideas that can be implemented in your school.

Upcoming events

Clean Schools professional learnings workshop

Wednesday August 10, 2022

9.00am-3.00pm

Hillview Intercultural Community Centre

1-3 Hill View Place

Bentley, WA 6102

KABC programs are supported by the Waste Authority through the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Account.

[Register here >>](#)

[Upcoming events](#)

15 April - Community Clean Up - [Claremont Freshwater Bay](#)

22 April - Clean up Collie

29 April - Post Total Solar Eclipse Clean Up Exmouth

30 April - Post Total Solar Eclipse Clean Up Coral Bay

19 May - National Tidy Towns Event

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