



And just like that, we say goodbye to 2022! Once again, it's been a busy year at KABC. Here's a quick wrap up of the year that was.

We welcomed the appointments of new council members this year, with Michael Aspinall remaining Chair of KABC. We look forward to welcoming new ideas and direction from the council in 2023.

Congratulations to all our [Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities finalists and winners](#). Gascoyne Junction took out the Overall State Winner and it was a pleasure to meet so many passionate people at last month's State Award event.

We saw over 220 new groups, from across the state, join our Adopt-a-Spot program, which was an increase from 2021. We encourage all groups to start thinking about registering a clean-up as part of Clean Up Australia Day in March next year.

We teamed up with Tangaroa Blue in October and went on a regional road trip as part of WA Beach Clean-Up 2022. The team visited Cervantes, Dongara, Geraldton and Kalbarri supporting local schools and community groups with beach clean-ups and audits. All data gathered was added to the Australia Marine Debris Initiative (AMDI) Database and will be used as part of the WA Beach Clean-Up 2022 report. Over the four days, 3716 items were removed from the environment, weighing 113 kg.

Fifteen recipients shared over \$50,000 to combat littering through community projects. Each year we are impressed with the innovative projects that are submitted through KABC's Community Litter Grants and we know that next year will be no different. Keep an eye on our socials for the opening of 2023 litter grants.

Outback Packs have been packed by students in Perth and have made their way to Community Resources Centres across the State. Remember to keep your orders coming for our Outback Packs; these free resources help travellers "do the right thing" when visiting WA's gorgeous natural assets and tourist destinations.

If you are out exploring WA, keep an eye out for our free compostable car litter bags that are available from roadhouses and service stations. You can read more about this below.

\$800 for hamburgers – ouch!

The Litter Reporter Scheme recently issued four offences to one vehicle owner for littering in the car park of a popular fast-food chain. Unaware that a patron inside the restaurant was watching, the vehicle driver and all three of its passengers discarded their fast-food packaging in the car park after finishing their meals. Thanks to photo evidence provided by the reporter, clearly showing a pile of rubbish on the ground outside each car door, KABC was able to issue infringements for the driver and each of its passengers. Not quite the ‘value meal’ they had in mind!



KABC visits remote Aboriginal communities in the Pilbara



In September, KABC teamed with Meta Maya Aboriginal Corporation to visit several remote Aboriginal communities to see firsthand what issues communities have with litter and to find out the best ways for each community to tackle it.

KABC visited Warralong, Marble Bar/Goodabinya, Kunawarritji, Nullagine/Irrungadji, Parnngurr,

Jigalong and Yandeyarra communities. While there, KABC sought to establish relationships with community members and management to start assessing what the issues are with litter, which ones need to be addressed first and what might work in each community to reduce it.

KABC also conducted school and community education activities about litter and the damage that it can do to the environment, which was of great interest to community members.

KABC will continue to work with communities to help them address the litter issues they have and will also work with external providers that could provide further assistance.

Stay tuned to this space to see how this exciting project develops over the next 12-18 months.

Western Australia Naturally Thanks You

As you travel around WA over the summer break, keep your eyes peeled for our new roadside signage and our compostable car litter bags as part of the *WA naturally thanks you* regional roadside litter prevention program. The project was launched by the Ministers for Environment and Transport in late November. You can read the Ministers' [media statement here](#).

Signs like the one below have been installed on major travel routes all over WA and the bags, which can also be seen below, will be available from selected service stations, roadhouses and visitor centres, especially in the south west over summer. The bags will become readily available across the state in the new year.

Remember, keep hold of your rubbish in a keep bag until you can dispose of it properly. Scan the QR code on the bag for more information on the program and to enter the **Bin it to Win it Quiz** to win a free reusable, washable car litter bag made of upcycled material (plus other goodies!!).



We would like to thank everyone who is involved in one or many of our programs this year and wish you all a safe and happy festive season.



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