

LITTERature

Keep Australia Beautiful Council WA's

e-newsletter



Welcome to the second e-newsletter for this year.

The Keep Australia Beautiful Council WA (KABC) Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Awards have 45 regional communities in the running for the awards this year.

Community Litter Grants are now open until 7 June 2019 providing funding for projects that seek to change littering behaviour and work towards a litter-free Western Australia.

With the cooler weather setting in, thank you to all of the KABC volunteers who work so hard rain or shine, to care for our environment by keeping it litter-free.

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Collie wins at the national Tidy Towns awards

On 5 April last year's overall winner, Smithton in Tasmania, hosted this year's National Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Awards. Although the overall award this year went to the well-deserving Northern Territory community of Santa Teresa, Western Australia's Collie did not go home unrecognised.

Congratulations to Lauren Jackson, Collie's Young Citizen of the year, who was awarded the Young Legends Individual Award on the night. Lauren founded the Children of the Maasai Education Program in Kenya and has been involved working as a volunteer at the school from 2015, while also fundraising to help give these children a future. In 2018 Lauren was involved in promoting road safety, bravely recounting the effect her younger brother's death in a car accident had on her and her family. Well done Lauren, you've made the Western Australian community very proud.



Collie was also Highly Commended for the national Environmental Sustainability – Natural Environment Management Award. This was great recognition for Collie's efforts and continual work in making environmental sustainability a priority with projects, development and initiatives in their community.

Registrations are now closed for the 50th Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Awards in WA and 45 regional communities have entered. Submissions are due on 14 June, 2019.

Information on the [Tidy Towns Entrants 2019](#).

Serve Food Not Litter - forum

A KABC Community Litter Grant provided funding towards the 'Serve Food Not Litter' Forum held in February, hosted by the Western Metropolitan Regional Council and Town of Cottesloe at the Cottesloe Civic Centre.

The forum brought together businesses, organisations and individuals to discuss and discover how to go about the business of serving food and beverages without the need for excess plastic packaging.

Darryl Naidu, the co-founder of New Normal Bar + Kitchen Subiaco restaurant, spoke about how the business uses new and emerging technology to track usage and waste production to minimise environmental impact.

New Normal has previously won an Infinity Award and continually contributes to reducing litter as it has eliminated all single use plastics from the kitchen.



Pictured: (Left to right) Libby Eustance, Darryl Naidu and Stefan Frodsham.

Community Litter Grants 2019/20 are now open until June 7, 2019.

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[Further information](#)

Win a dash cam by reporting litterers

Does seeing people throw litter from their cars make your blood boil? Then report it!

Anyone can join the KABC litter reporter scheme and help keep Western Australia beautiful by holding litterers to account. People who join the scheme will be in the running to win a dash camera each month during April, May and June 2019.



- [Register here](#)

Existing litter reporters are also eligible to win a dash cam simply by placing a valid litter report during April, May or June 2019.

- [Lodge your litter report](#)

For more information on the litter reporter scheme, contact KABC at kabc@kabc.wa.gov.au or 6364 6641.

Litter reports go paperless

KABC is constantly looking for ways to reduce our environmental footprint and one way we are doing this is in reducing the use of paper where practicable.

To support this, from 1 July 2019 KABC is concluding the use of hard copy litter reports.



[Lodge a litter report](#) through our website or via the [Litter Reporter App](#) (available for Android and iPhone).

Are your litter reporter contact details up-to-date?

When you send us a litter report, the KABC enforcement team will let you know if your report has successfully become an infringement. To make sure that you are notified, we need your email, phone and address details to be current. If you have moved house, changed your phone plan or got rid of that old hotmail email from 10 years ago, then please: [Update your litter reporter details](#).

Adopt-a-Spotter cares for creek at File Mile Brook

Wendy of Bunbury joined the Adopt-a-Spot program in late 2017 and chose to adopt a roughly one kilometre section in Five Mile Brook. Wendy recently said, *"The reason I show so much interest in this spot, is because it's a walk that is particularly lovely to do that is so close to home."*

It began in December 2017, when Wendy liaised with the City of Bunbury about the litter issues along the drainage creek, and initially carried out a rubbish collection over three days. Wendy sent photos of rubbish present there, from plastic bags to car tyres, to the City of Bunbury, expressing her concern about the problems there and seeking solutions. The City of Bunbury was very responsive to Wendy's concerns and organised for collection of the litter bags from the clean-ups.

Over the last year and a half, Wendy has been carrying out ongoing clean-ups and continuing to send photos and emails about the area to the City of Bunbury as well as liaising with other key stakeholders. Wendy continues to have an instrumental role in ensuring her adopted spot is cared for and she has also taken a lovely suite of photos along the journey.

This year in March, Wendy emailed KABC with an update on her adopted spot project:

"I am really happy to report that the project is underway with a box culvert near the Bunbury Soccer Club. Already, the water is higher with much more movement, the stagnation much less, even without first rains, and all the reeds are flourishing again. The external parts around the creek beds have been kept neatly mowed and the rubbish is dropping down to bare minimum. There is a big tree planting project as well and some paths have been upgraded. "

KABC appreciates Wendy's wonderful efforts with her adopted spot, and looks forward to seeing more of the photos and progress from this area she treasures.

To see more photos of Wendy's journey in her adopted spot, visit the [Adopt-a-Spot gallery](#).

Western Australians who are interested in carrying out clean-ups at community spaces can join KABC's [Adopt-a-Spot program](#). Adopt-a-Spot is an anti-litter program that engages volunteers



Wendy's before (above) and after (below) photos of a box culvert at Five Mile Brook, Bunbury.

(individuals, community groups, business groups) to undertake litter clean-ups of designated sites, on a one-off or ongoing basis.

Bathers Beach, Fremantle clean up

In early March, Australian Islamic College Thornlie staff and students, together with KABC, joined forces to scour and clean up litter at Fremantle's Bathers Beach. It was the second year in a row that the students have contributed to Clean Up Australia Day by carrying out a clean-up event at that location.



This year, about 80 enthusiastic year seven to 10 students along with teachers and KABC staff volunteered an hour and a half of their time to collect, audit and dispose of about 13 kilos of rubbish. It was a fantastic effort by all involved and the litter collected included parking tickets; many cigarette butts; plastic bottles; food and beverage containers; broken glass; a toy car and a travel pillow.

After the event, High School Coordinator Idroz Shah said, *"It was evident that the students benefited from the event in raising awareness for the environment as they were able to see first-hand the amount of trash that pollutes our beaches and green spaces. It was truly a valued learning experience."*

Schools interested in learning about litter and its effects are encouraged to register with [KABC's Clean Schools program](#).

Coming events

Clean Schools webinar

Tuesday May 28, 1–2pm

Does your school have a litter problem? Would you like a great program that your students can help implement and gain great leadership skills in the process? Do you want some motivation and ideas to help prevent litter in your school?

[Register for the webinar](#)

Clean Schools / Waste Wise School workshop

Friday 31 May, 9am–3pm (Albany)

Cleanaway, 12 Allerton Road, Albany

This workshop provides training and a step-by-step process on how to run the Clean Schools and Waste Wise Schools programs with personalised support from the coordinators.

[Register to attend](#)

Welcoming the Whales Beach clean-up

Saturday June 1, 10am – 12pm

Celebrate the return of migrating whales to Albany waters by joining us for a clean-up at the LiveLighter Welcoming the Whales Festival 2019, Saturday 1 June.

[Register to participate](#)

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