

LITTERature

Keep Australia Beautiful Council WA's

e-newsletter



Welcome to the first newsletter for 2022, it's hard to believe Easter is just around the corner.

Late last year, on Friday 17 December, the Premier announced portfolio changes within the McGowan Cabinet which saw Hon. Reece Whitby take on the Environment and Climate Action portfolios. KABC has already had the opportunity to work with the Environment Minister during a Clean Up Australia Day event that was held at CY O'Connor beach at the beginning of March 2022. We look forward to continuing to work closely with the Minister on all things litter.

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The KABC team recently travelled to Albany and stopped at schools, local governments, Community Resource Centres and tourist information offices along the way to deliver information about KABC's litter prevention programs. Information in the packs included an Outback Pack, Containers for Change bags and Adopt-a-Spot information.

The City of Perth launched its Refuse Collection Device (RCD) in Claisebrook Cove last week. The RCD, designed by Cleanamarina, is a floating rubbish bin, that will be on trial for 12 months and will remove litter daily from the waterway. This trial was funded by a KABC Community Litter Grant.



Keep an eye on our [socials](#) for the opening of this year's Community Litter Grants and the launch of Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Awards.

Clean Up Australia Day events



March was a busy month again this year, with KABC assisting various local governments with their Clean Up Australia Day events. Environment Minister Hon. Reece Whitby attended the City of Cockburn's annual event on 6 March, where volunteers removed nearly 50kgs of litter from the environment. This was the third time KABC has worked with the City for this annual event.

KABC also worked with students from PLC on 3 March as part of the school's Clean Up Australia Day activities. Students removed 4.5kgs of litter from North Cottesloe beach in just over an hour. A microplastic assessment using Australian Microplastics Assessment Project (AUSMAP) methodology also took place with only one suspected microplastic fragment found – which is very good news.

Keep Albany Beautiful invited us to its clean up event in Albany on Sunday 27 March. Local Adopt-a-Spot volunteers and students from Great Southern Grammar collected litter from the Brig Amity all the way to the entertainment centre. In just over an hour, 10kgs of eligible Containers for Change beverage containers were found, and 53kgs of litter was collected.



These three events all used KABC's trial reusable hessian bags, as KABC seeks to move away from using single use plastic bags and it was a great success.

As KABC moves towards reusable resources for litter prevention activities, feedback from our volunteers is being sought. Please take a moment to answer [some survey questions](#) which will help us determine what will work best for our volunteers during clean-up activities.

Finally, if you would like the KABC team to assist with raising the profile of the Adopt-a-Spot program in your local government, contact adoptaspot@kabc.wa.gov.au

Outback Packs



Last month, we had 7,500 Outback Packs put together by the students from Presbyterian Ladies College. With Easter and Anzac Day holidays fast approaching, we encourage all regional local governments, CRCs and tourist information offices to order some of our free Outback Packs to give to passing travellers, encouraging them to 'keep the scene clean' on their adventures.

Order your free Outback Packs [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 our 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 Clean Schools workshop is a great opportunity to network with other educators and discuss ideas that can be implemented in your school.

Clean Schools professional learnings workshops

WasteSorted and Clean Schools workshop – Bunbury

Milligan Community Centre

35 Milligan Street, Carey Park, WA, 6230

Wednesday 18 May 2022

9am-3pm

[Register here](#)

Clean Schools online Teams workshop

Wednesday 25 May 2022

1-3pm

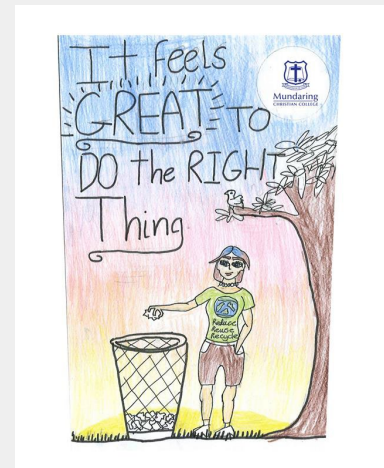
[Register here](#)

Ongoing promotions

KABC is continuing to offer custom-made bin stickers through two of our programs: Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities; and Clean Schools.

Look at this great design by a student from Mundaring Christian College.

For more information on how to get involved please [click here](#).



Become a Litter Reporter



Did you know you can help call litterers to account by reporting littering from a vehicle once you have registered with the Litter Report Scheme?

Our Litter Report Scheme is easy to join and you will be notified when a report has resulted in a fine. Head to our [website](#) to find out more information.

Litter Reports can be completed online via:

- our website – [Lodge a litter report](#)
- the [Litter Reporter App](#) – Android and iPhone.

Upcoming events

5 June - [World Environment Day](#)

8 June - [World Oceans Day](#)

July - [Plastic Free July](#)

Quick links:

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