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In October, KABC joined [Tangaroa Blue](#) for their annual WA Beach Clean Up (WABCU) activities. Staff travelled to the South West and South Coast, engaging with schools and the community to remove, audit and record kilos of collected marine debris.

Students from Busselton Senior High School have been learning about the impacts that marine debris has on the environment and wildlife.

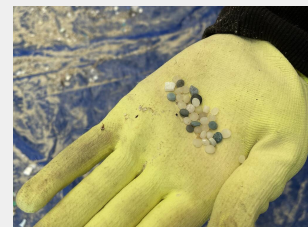
The students were keen to get involved in Tangaroa Blue's WA Beach Clean Up activities and were invited to be the first student group to use Tangaroa Blue's new app to record their findings. The students split into two groups, scouring the beach and scaling rocks in search of marine debris at Meelup Beach.

The students removed 19kgs of litter and learnt about all the different categories of the Australian Marine Debris Initiative database along the way.

In Walpole, KABC worked with officers from Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) on Circus Beach to collect and audit marine debris.

Hundreds of small hard plastic remnants were found on the beach, including nurdles.

BCA have been collecting data from this beach, which is only accessible by boat for several years. Over 1600 items were recorded at this clean-up.



We were also lucky enough to be involved in two clean-up events with students from Kwoorabup Nature School in Denmark.

The morning was spent at Ocean Beach where the students collected 16kgs of litter from the beach and surrounding carpark.

Students were keen to take the data back to the classroom to find out what were the top finds. In the afternoon, we took a walk along the Denmark foreshore at Smith Brother's Park.

Along the way, the Year One and Two students collected 163 items, half of which were made up of plastic film remnants.

We then travelled to Albany and worked with Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 from the Australian Christian College as well as hosting a community clean-up event.

Middleton Beach and the Albany Marina were the final clean-up sites for the week, with over 25kgs of litter being removed over the two events.



All data has been added into the Tangaroa Blue Australian Marine Debris Initiative database and will make up part of the WABCU 2023 final report.

KABC would like to thank Tangaroa Blue for the opportunity to partner in this event, DBCA for their ongoing efforts at Circus Beach and all the students from Busselton Senior High School, Kwoorabup Nature School and Australian Christian College. Over 4000 items were removed and entered into the AMDI database during the week with hard bits of plastic being the top find.

See what an amazing job everyone did here

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