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Earlier this month, Keep Australia Beautiful WA (KABWA) launched the 2025 Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Awards with the Litter Legends and the Shire of Carnarvon.

The Shire of Carnarvon are the first entrant for this year's awards and were presented with signage at the event.

We look forward to receiving this year's submissions detailing the exciting projects that are taking place in regional and remote towns.

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In celebration of Keep Australia Beautiful Week, we're excited to announce a special giveaway of 20 sets of five books for school and local government libraries across Western Australia.

This initiative is more than just a chance to expand your library's collection—it's an opportunity to inspire your community to take pride in a cleaner, greener WA.

To participate, simply register your library for the giveaway. By entering, you agree to:



- ✓ Set up a library display during Keep Australia Beautiful Week (August 4-10, 2025)
- ✓ Use the display to promote a litter-free environment and encourage sustainable habits
- ✓ Share a photo of your display on social media and with us directly to showcase your efforts!

To be in the running to win a set of books, register [here](#) by Friday 4 July 2025. Twenty winners will be announced by Wednesday 9 July 2025

Let's work together to keep Australia beautiful—one book, one display, and one community at a time

Outback Packs



We attended the Shark Bay Fiesta last month to launch the Coral Coast Outback Packs. This is the fourth design for the packs and we thank Helen Ansell for allowing us to use her beautiful artwork.

These free resources are available for Community Resource Centres, Visitor Centres and Regional Shires can be ordered [here](#).

Community Litter Grants

Submissions for this year's Community Litter Grants are now closed.

We received a variety of exciting litter action projects. Successful applicants will be notified shortly.

Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Awards

The [Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Awards](#) are open now for regional and remote communities.

Register and order your complimentary road signs, which are placed at entry points to communities here [Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Awards 2025 registration form](#).



Litter Report Scheme

While charity shops are grateful to receive your once loved items, please be sure to deliver your donations during business hours.

Leaving items outside of business hours can lead to them being damaged by the elements or tampered with, which ultimately costs charity shops millions of dollars each year in clean-up costs and waste disposal fees.

To keep your community clean and ensure your donations make a positive impact, please donate during business hours using the following guidelines:

1. **Donate During Business Hours:** Please take items to the store during business hours. Leaving items outside of business hours is unlawful, unsightly, and often results in damage, making them unsellable.
2. **Check Before Donating:** Not all stores can accept items like furniture, white goods, mattresses, or electrical goods. Call ahead to confirm if your items can be accepted.
3. **Condition Matters:** Broken, damaged, ripped, stained, or faulty items cannot be accepted. As a general rule, if you wouldn't buy it, it probably can't be sold.
4. **Illegal Dumping Costs Millions:** Every year, charity shops spend millions disposing of unsellable items left outside diverting funds from your generous donations which could otherwise support vital programs and services.
5. **Environmental Impact:** Over 80,000 tonnes of unusable donations end up in landfills annually due to illegal dumping. This increases waste and reduces resource recovery.
6. **Self-Responsibility:** Your actions count! Please do the right thing and donate responsibly to avoid being fined.

For more information on what charity shops can and can't accept, or how to organize a pick-up for eligible larger items, visit your local charity shop website or contact them directly.



It's illegal to leave donated goods outside charity stores after hours

[read below for more information](#)



Adopt-a-Spot



We have had a great start to the year with 67 new groups joining the Adopt-a-Spot program.

Whether you are looking for an ongoing commitment or want to organise a one-off event, the Adopt-a-Spot program can provide you with free clean-up resources to get you started. Find out more here: [Adopt-a-Spot](#)

Clean Schools



Last week, we had a great time visiting Atlantis Beach Baptist College, where we met a super enthusiastic bunch of Year 2 students who were getting ready for their big beach clean-up. The visit was all about getting them curious, thinking about the environment, and excited to help take care of their local coastline.

We chatted about how litter affects marine life and how rubbish can travel from our streets all the way to the ocean. The students listened to *Seagull* by Danny Snell

and then played a boardgame. It was fabulous to see how even the smallest actions—like picking up a stray piece of plastic—really clicked with them.

A few days later, KAB staff joined the students at the Two Rocks Beach. While the sandy shore was fairly free from litter, the students removed 8kg litter from the surrounding street, stopping it from blowing into the ocean.

Australian Litter Measure

KABWA has just completed the Australian Litter Measure Survey (AusLM) May litter count. Fifty-seven sites covering 265 transects have been surveyed.

Litter monitoring and analysis is provided by Perth NRM who provide a yearly report which is used to inform and direct KAB litter prevention projects.



The next report for the 2024–25 year, which includes surveys in November 2024 and May 2025 will be available in July this year and will be available on the [KAB website](#) along with past years reports.

Upcoming events

30 June - Plastic Free July at North Cottesloe Beach

4-10 August - KAB Week

7 September - Kalamunda Garden Festival

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