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Keep Australia Beautiful Council WA's

e-newsletter



As the year draws to a close, the Keep Australia Beautiful Council team would like to say Merry Christmas and thank you to our dedicated partners and volunteers.

It's been a challenging year for us all but it's important to reflect on and highlight some of the hard work carried out by our volunteers during this year.

We wish you a safe and happy festive season and look forward to working with you all in 2021.

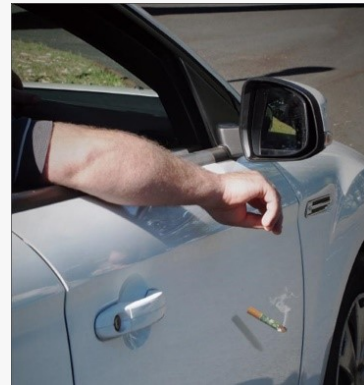
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## [Litter reporting](#)

Thanks to your [reports](#) this year, we issued 1,230 infringements to litterers.

Due to word of mouth and social media sharing 1,120 new people joined the [Litter Report Scheme](#) this year taking our total of registered litter reporters to over 16,600.

We are now in bushfire season and it only takes one cigarette to potentially risk the safety of our community - so it's a timely reminder to dispose of cigarette butts correctly or risk a \$500 fine.



For updates and litter report news [like us on Facebook](#), [follow us on Instagram](#) and make sure your [email is up-to-date](#).

## [Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities](#)

Last month Narrogin was awarded the [State Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Award](#). We had forty diverse communities throughout Western Australia submit projects across seven categories. This year we introduced a special Community Action COVID Project Award acknowledging the challenges faced due to COVID-19 pandemic.

The projects continue to be diverse and we congratulate the entrants for your dedication and hard work towards making and keeping your communities sustainable. Congratulations again, to all the finalists and award winners.



## Clean Schools



### Clean Schools

This year Clean Schools has partnered with the Australian Microplastic Assessment Project (AUSMAP) to teach students about microplastics and the impact they have on the environment.

Next year AUSMAP sampling activities will take place twice a term for the next 18 months with all data recorded into the Australian Marine Debris Database.

This project is open to metropolitan schools. For more information on how to get involved please contact [cleanschools@kabc.wa.gov.au](mailto:cleanschools@kabc.wa.gov.au)

We look forward to seeing more teachers and students at our Clean School workshops, lessons and clean-up events next year. Register your school [here](#).

**[WA naturally thanks you](#)**

A new version of KABC's regional roadside litter prevention program 'WA naturally thanks you' is planned to be rolled out in the first half of 2021. This program encourages travellers to dispose of their rubbish responsibly to keep our state beautiful and also protects our wildlife from injury and illness.



You may have seen signs like the one displayed here on Forrest, Brand and Great Eastern Highways which have been displayed since 2016. Look out for the new signs and new compostable car litter bags in 2021!

## [Community Litter Grants](#)



KABC provided \$59,000 of [litter grant funding to worthy recipients](#) to support projects and resources that seek to change littering behaviour including: the purchasing of water bottle refill stations, signage/materials to promote the anti-litter message and community education resources.

The 2021 grants will be opening early next year, follow us on Facebook for all the latest news and announcements

## [Adopt-a-Spot](#)

In 2020, over 380 clean-ups were reported to KABC. These clean ups collected, and removed, over 3,300 orange bags of litter from the environment

We have over 1550 individuals, groups or organisations registered with the [Adopt-a-Spot program](#), comprising 43,000 volunteers, carrying out clean-up activities in their adopted spots across Western Australia.

We are now partnered with 10 local governments around the state. Working to connect local government with community members ensures a collaborative approach to tackling ongoing litter issues and provides a higher chance of success. We look forward to working with even more local governments in 2021.





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