

This month we are proud to be supporting [Tangaroa Blue Foundation's](#) 20<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the WA Beach Clean-Up activities.

Keep Australia Beautiful WA is a long-standing sponsor of Tangaroa Blue and to celebrate this huge milestone, staff travelled to the Abrolhos Islands with officers from Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions, students from Central Regional TAFE, Yamatji Southern Regional Corporation Sea Rangers and Casey Woodward (State Coordinator from Tangaroa Blue Foundation) to remove and audit marine debris from the Easter Group Islands.

Over two days, more than 1.3 tonnes of marine debris was collected and audited from the Easter Group Islands. The data was added to the Australian Marine Debris Initiative database with much of the debris consisting of fishing rope, fishing floats and foreign water bottles.

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Grants earlier this year.

This clean-up activity will set a baseline for data collection in this area and a case study will be included for the 20<sup>th</sup> year WABCU report for the Northern Agricultural Catchment.

Additional data on floats was also collected and will be provided to the Northern Agricultural Catchment Council for its Fishing Floats project. This project received funding through KAB WA's Community Litter

WA Beach Clean-up events are taking place across the state from 11 – 14 October and this year KAB WA will be hosting its own event at Mullaloo Beach. Find out more information and how to [register here](#).

## **Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Awards**



It's nearly time to highlight regional and remote communities across Western Australia. Eleven Keep Australia Beautiful Judges returned from visiting communities across the State meeting people and seeing first-hand the projects that have been submitted in this year's Awards. One judge commented, 'It was incredible to meet many amazing people in the communities I judged and to see the range of unique and interesting projects.'

Finalists in [nine categories](#), focusing on areas that keep a community sustainable, including litter, heritage and young legends will be announced by the Keep Australia Beautiful Council on the 18 October, with the State Awards event following on Friday

29 November at Optus Stadium. The Minister for Environment and the Governor of Western Australia will be attending. We look forward to seeing all the finalists and community members at this inspiring event.

## **KAB Week - it's a wrap**

During Keep Australia Beautiful Week (5 – 11 August) staff took part in multiple activities across the state to raise awareness about the simple things we can all do in our daily lives to reduce our impact on the environment and encourage action to reduce litter. Throughout the week a spotlight was promoted on individuals, groups, councils and stakeholders who take action on litter.



In Perth, KAB WA attended the City of Kwinana's first Adopt-a-Spot clean-up event at Wells Park which attracted more than 50 volunteers who removed over 100kgs of litter. KAB WA also provided the City with a new Litter Station to encourage its local community to take pride in where they live.

KAB WA also supported the City of Swan at the Avon Descent Festival where hundreds of spectators stopped by to learn more about litter through some interactive games.

KAB WA also travelled to the Kimberley and visited Kununurra, Wyndham District High School, remote aboriginal community Balgo and finally Halls Creek. Across the week, we interacted with students, stakeholders and volunteers to remove hundreds of kilograms of litter.

We travelled to Balgo with Containers for Change to speak to Luurnpa Catholic School students about litter and how they can make a difference in their community. As an incentive for the students, Containers for Change teamed up with Fair Game to exchange collected 10 cent containers for pre-loved sports equipment.

The students did an amazing job, collecting over 3,500 containers from their community. Students were able to choose near new football boots and other sports equipment item in exchange for their 10c drink containers.

Thank you again to everyone who participated in activities or signed up to one of our programs during the week.

See what we got up to [here](#)

Litter Reporters - Thank you for being the eyes and ears of our community.

We're in the process of enhancing our reporter dashboard to deliver more insightful updates on your lodged reports. Soon you will be able to see if your report has resulted in an infringement being issued or if an issued infringement has been resolved.

In the meantime, if you would like an update on the status of your report, feel free to email us at [enforcement@kabc.wa.gov.au](mailto:enforcement@kabc.wa.gov.au)



## ***WA Naturally Thanks You* roadside litter prevention program**



Thanks to the great response from the WA Public, KABC has exhausted its supply of **KEEP** car litter bags.

While there will still be some available from service stations and visitor centres for a short while, **KEEP** bags are no longer available for

distribution.

KAB WA is busy working on the next initiative to encourage responsible rubbish disposal behaviour to keep our roadsides clean.

Thanks for your support WA!

## **Upcoming events**

13 October - [WA Beach Clean Up at Mullaloo Beach](#)

19 October - [Green Fair in the Square \(Albany\)](#)

20 October - [Kwoorabup Markets Denmark](#)

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