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Our Mission

Mission Statement

To inspire the South Australian community to restore, preserve, and improve the environment through active participation.

Governance Statement

The KESAB Board is responsible for the corporate governance of the organisation.

A full Statement of KESAB Corporate Governance is available on request.

Objectives

To inspire, influence and advocate for environmental sustainability.

To provide support through education, innovation, engagement and research.

To deliver effective partnerships and programs ensuring mutually beneficial environmental outcomes.

To establish and maintain a public fund, to be called the KESAB Gift Fund, for the specific purpose of supporting the environmental objects of Keep South Australia Beautiful Inc. The Fund is established to receive all gifts of money or property for this purpose and any money received because of such gifts must be credited to its bank account. The Fund must not receive any other money or property into its account and it must comply with subdivision 30-E of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

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From the Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation

Hon Ian Hunter MLC

Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation

Injoyed participating in KESAB's 50th anniversary celebrations, the highlight being the successful reception attended by hundreds of enthusiastic supporters and Bazza the Bunyip at the Adelaide Showgrounds.

This year has been a time to reflect on how the efforts of KESAB have helped South Australia to achieve its status – both nationally and globally – as a leader in resource recovery and waste management education, and assisted our State to build its reputation of having a clean and green environment.

Since 1966, KESAB has motivated people across the State to recycle and reuse as much as possible, and to reduce litter through grass roots engagement, industry alliances and working with local government.

KESAB and the State Government have enjoyed a strong relationship over the years. Through a service level agreement, we have worked together to deliver a range of programmes.

This includes monitoring and reporting on litter across South Australia, as well as undertaking education and engaging community awareness campaigns, including Tackling Marine Litter, Litter Kills and the contemporary Litter Less interactive schools learning resource.

The Wipe Out Waste (WOW) schools program delivered by KESAB has been vital in changing students' knowledge, attitudes and behaviours towards waste through hands-on education; it continues to grow from strength to strength. Through focused professional development sessions delivered to 86 schools and 230 teachers the WOW program has demonstrated waste reduction of 70% in some school communities.

Looking towards the future, the State's third waste strategy, *South Australia's Waste Strategy 2015-2020* which I released in 2015, continues to advocate for high levels of recycling and waste avoidance.

The success of our Waste Strategy will require a shared responsibility across governments, business, industry and the community.

The State Government's contribution of \$25,000 towards KESAB's Future50 Fund will assist KESAB to pursue its objectives into the future.

Governments are most effective when they work in strong partnerships and alliances with others.

That's why the State Government is pleased to partner with KESAB.

It's the progressive actions of organisations such as KESAB that have provided the platform for us to take bold action in broader climate change and waste minimisation initiatives.

The shared ambition with the Adelaide City Council to make the City of Adelaide the world's first carbon neutral city would not be possible without organisations like KESAB to support the partnership.

I am confident that KESAB will continue to assist South Australia to maintain its leadership and its reputation as a State willing to put policies in place that will improve our health, our environment and our economy. 🌱



Report from the Chair

Ashley Watson

Chair KESAB

This year KESAB reached a major milestone, celebrating 50 years of achievement, and continues to move forward with great optimism about the years ahead.

In August, we celebrated the anniversary with a large function where those from KESAB's past and present gathered to hear stories, be entertained and renew acquaintances from many walks of life. I would have to say I was touched by the genuine enthusiasm and goodwill for KESAB.

This all served to bring into focus the task that lies before us. Very few not for profit organisations in our community could say that for 50 years they have kept their principles and acted on strategies that resulted in the growth, relevance and cohesiveness that KESAB has enjoyed.

Fundamental to KESAB has always been its strong focus on delivery of education programmes to schools. These programmes need to be continuously re scoped, and updated so they serve a modern lifestyle and promote ways of living that will contribute positively to the urgent need to reduce our carbon footprint.

Instilling the concept of sustainability in our young and having them appreciate KESAB's commitment to these issues is vital to our future. If they have KESAB's name and values in the back of their minds from the earliest days, we hope we can entrench positive approaches to the challenges of sustainability and generate active volunteers and supporters for the future.

The last year has seen some significant changes in government strategy and legislative intent. Green Industries SA is now well established as the successor to Zero Waste and we continue a strong relationship with them, delivering policy outcomes through our programmes and staff that achieve their aims in ways that government acting alone could not do.


The government have also put forward the Local Government Nuisance and Litter Control Bill which has the potential to revolutionise the management of litter and illegal dumping in South Australia and we are working closely with the EPA and Government to ensure KESAB has a role to play in the delivery of the Bill's objectives.

We continue to work with other agencies and bodies such as local government authorities, SA Water, DPTI, Attorney-General's Department, NRM Boards and industry and we thank them all for their faith in KESAB and its ability to deliver professionally whenever called upon. And we sincerely thank our corporate partners, many of which have been significant supporters of KESAB for many years.

I sincerely thank our board members, all of whom are volunteers, who work quietly and effectively to keep KESAB on its course and I have been delighted to work with such a knowledgeable, professional and effective group.

Thanks must go to our Executive Director, John Phillips OAM who continues to drive KESAB forward and to all of our staff and volunteers who are the unsung heroes of the organisation.

Our sincere thanks to the Hon Ian Hunter MLC, Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation who has been such a strong and valued supporter of KESAB and its programmes. For our 50th year, he spoke at our event and also arranged a morning tea at Parliament House for KESAB representatives from across the organisation which was greatly appreciated. We very much look forward to continuing to work with him in our path forward.

I look forward to the year ahead. 



Report from the Executive Director

John Phillips OAM

Executive Director

Although KESAB *environmental solutions* celebrated 50 Years of litter reduction campaigning and excellence in environmental sustainability education during the past twelve months, there remains much to be done.

South Australia is undergoing significant transition in various areas such as manufacturing, technology, energy, water or waste management reform, climate change, carbon footprint reduction, driverless cars and bicycle lanes. All of these issues require community engagement at a time when I believe the community is stretched to capacity, be it socially, economically or environmentally.

Our State has always been resilient and punched well above its weight, but the past twelve months have placed pressure on communities to keep up with the rapid rate of change and direction, as more urgency is required to respond to the fragility of the natural and social environment.

South Australia has been a leader in driving waste reform, achieving world class outcomes and underpinning waste diversion from landfill, recycling and renewable energy, albeit at a cost. An example is the Waste to Resources Fund (Waste Levy) which was introduced as an incentive to drive increased waste avoidance, improve resource recovery systems and encourage the aspirational target of Zero Waste.

We were the envy of other States across Australia. However, we currently stand to lose our title as the waste levy is not proportionately invested back into local government and the waste sector which would allow key stakeholders to collectively continue the journey to reduce waste and litter.

Instead, the money is parked in Treasury to the tune of an estimated \$80 million, which has been accumulated over past years. Whilst respecting the significant task required by Government in today's economic climate, spending waste levy funds against strategic initiatives will provide significant outcomes including new technology, employment and waste systems underpinning the 2016 – 2020 South Australian Waste Strategy. This is especially the case as the levy will effectively double from \$62 *pt* to \$103 *pt* over the next four years. Whilst an amount of \$24 million will be allocated back through the EPA over the same period (four years), this amount represents the increased fee portion only.

Sustainable and targeted anti-litter campaigns, which are currently sadly lacking in South Australia, is a further example of how the waste levy could be strategically allocated. KESAB, as an NGO, simply does not have the budgetary resources to match our Victorian and New South Wales counterparts to deliver large scale information and awareness campaigns. The success in those states shows that their focus is achieving significant litter reduction outcomes.

On a positive note, KESAB is pleased to see years of advocacy and lobbying have paid off with the passing of the Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act.

KESAB played a role in working with EPA, Green Industries SA and LGA to ensure this new piece of legislation was successful through Parliament, thereby ensuring South Australia will be enabled with stronger enforcement and ability for the public to report litterers. Combined with our continued strong community support of CDL in South Australia, we trust that there will be a significant

reduction in 'other' litter pollution in 2017, ensuring we can regain the top mantle in the near future.

KESAB staff have continued to be creative and demonstrate community leadership during the year as a truly unique and dedicated troop. Programs under their respective guidance include Litter Less, Wipe Out Waste, NRM Education, Road Watch, Sustainable Communities and Graffiti Reduction. Remote areas engagement really lead the pack and are recognised across Australia, and indeed globally. Side outcomes from these programs include improved health, well-being and safety in communities.

The National Litter Index and other research provides important data allowing KESAB to respond to black spots and littering issues. High on the list are smokers and motorists; this is highlighted by the unacceptable amount of roadside litter and waste landing on roadside verges whilst being transport with uncovered and insecure loads.

Financially, this year has been very difficult. KESAB has to come to terms with changing conditions (socially, economically and capacity) to maintain service delivery and resource development at our high quality standards.

We have made significant inroads to effective and tested waste auditing projects in partnership with local councils, commercial and industrial sectors to accurately measure waste streams (including medical and hospital) in order to improve collection and diversion in the future.

With rapid and continual change comes review and evaluation to ensure KESAB remains relevant and delivers effective and meaningful programs. Some programs cannot continue in the same format, nor achieve satisfactory outcomes, due to changes in demographics and other external influences.

The volunteer sector, whilst our most important ingredient to succeed, is changing and combined with environmental care and action is now embedded in many of our daily actions. Over the past two to three decades, it is arguable that there is less being done as many groups are aging and diminishing in numbers.

In addition to KESAB education and community engagement programs, we play a number of important roles in advocacy, mentoring, public

engagement (sometimes playing the devil's advocate), litter and social research, advisory roles and working with the Network of State and Territory Keep Australia Beautiful bodies.


New South Wales, Queensland and Western Australia have all announced plans to implement Container Deposit Legislation in 2017/18 and KESAB is playing an active role with those jurisdictions as they seek to understand the benefits, systems and layers required to ensure the schemes are successful. It is a steep learning curve for all stakeholders as they come to terms with the intricacies of CDL.

KESAB plays an active role with local government engagement (Waste Levy and LN& LC Bill) and is a member of the EPA High Level Waste Reform Advisory Group. We are also an active member of the Waste Management Association Australia and are represented on the Executive Committee.

Chair of KESAB, Ashley Watson, is a Director of the Keep Australia Beautiful National Association and, again, KESAB is very active in providing leadership to that body.

As in past years, this KESAB Annual Report provides detailed information on program delivery and reach, and recognises the outstanding community engagement, education and learning achieved through the KESAB Team, and demonstrable waste reduction and diversion outcomes accomplished through schools' and councils' waste education initiatives with their communities.

KESAB will continue to strive to be a leading community educator in the environmental sustainability sector with a focus on community capacity building, education and awareness through relevant programs that meet demand.

Finally, a very special mention to the KESAB Board consisting of a group of skilled and dedicated volunteers who oversee governance and policy to ensure our future. Part of the package the Board looks after is the Executive Director, and from my point of view, it is their guidance and oversight, along with that of staff and the many long term KESAB Partnerships detailed at the back of the Annual Report, that continue to contribute meaningfully to the well-being and environmental sustainability of South Australia. 

With a hiatus in formal Green Team meetings for a couple of years, and changes in staff, 2016 was a good time to revisit the role of the internal staff group.

To improve our planning and communication, we have documented our achievements and future plans in a Site Environment Management Plan, modelling the best practice of NRM Education sites by making this a living document that is referenced and updated at each meeting.



KESAB low water use garden – northern side

In March, KESAB staff contributed to an attitudinal survey about the sustainability of the organisation. The responses were compared and contrasted with the results of Green Team audits of resources, water, OHS, wellbeing, biodiversity, electricity and cars.

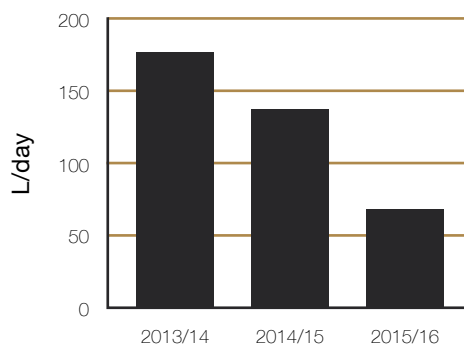
The KESAB Board and Executive Director have supported the team in analysing and scoping more broadly what wellbeing means for the business. To guide the Green Team in their actions going forward, priorities from the audit and survey results were voted on. In June we were pleased that the entire KESAB staff agreed to the vision


of the Green Team for KESAB - *A sustainable small business promoting our achievements and inspiring others.*

Resources – Reduction in materials going to landfill from 52.9L per week in 2008 to 1.5L per week in 2016. Factors – ongoing staff education, improved paper and card recycling, kitchen caddy for food scraps, bathroom paper towel going to compost, variability between weeks.

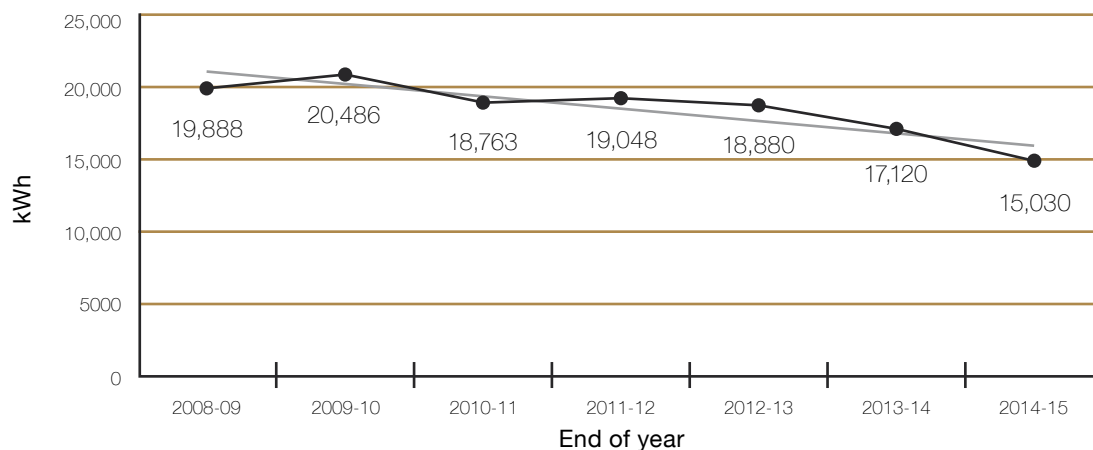
Water – Between 2013 and 2015, water usage more than halved and now remains steady. Factors - new toilet cisterns, low water use garden constructed on eastern side of building, use of a bowl in the kitchen sink for washing up, staff spending more time offsite.

Average water use per day at KESAB 2013–2015



Electricity – 25% reduction in electricity use from 2008 to 2016. Biggest decreases in use have been in summer. Factors - new server, new air conditioner units, increasing thermostat temperature for the unit during heat waves, new computer monitors. 

Energy use (kWh) by financial year



KESAB *environmental solutions* has been counting and measuring litter in South Australia for over three decades. Litter is counted by type and location at 151 sites across the State. Litter data is reported in both count and volume metrics. The May count is used as the Annual Benchmark for reporting purposes.

A total number of 11,044 litter items were counted at 151 sites across South Australia in May 2016 (Wave 71 - cigarette butts remain the highest item counted [4,701 43%] followed by the 'regular' culprits of plastic, paper and miscellaneous items such as tyres and nappies).

Litter Index data shows the type and trends of littering, identifies packaging types (and brands) in the litter stream, and teases out human behaviour and disposal habits associated with littering.

Importantly, data allows KESAB and our many partners to develop targeted strategies to engage communities and individuals through awareness and education campaigns encouraging improved litter disposal.

Current campaign examples include the Marine Litter Program, Litter Less, Butt Free Australia and APY Lands remote community litter reduction supported by creative and informative resources.

Communication has become increasingly challenging. With the rapid escalation of social

media, a stronger focus will be put on engaging people through forums such as Facebook, YouTube and Twitter. Reaching our target audience is much more difficult today than just a few years ago.

The KESAB Litter Index's development coincided with the introduction of Container Deposit Legislation (CDL) in 1978. Since that time, continual changes in consumer goods and packaging has conflicted with changes in lifestyle, as the community attempts to keep up with all that is happening around them.

Other factors influencing littering include light weight and 'throw away' packaging, a significant increase in public events which contribute to litter spillage, and possibly even confusion in public spaces where the community has a choice of disposing waste to either a litter or a recycling bin!

CDL has been a huge success story supporting pro-active litter reduction and recycling of beverage containers in South Australia, far out stripping our interstate cousins. During the past year Qld, NSW and WA have announced proposed implementation of CDL systems by 2018 which creates a new friendly 'competition' between jurisdictions to depose South Australia's CDL leadership position.

KESAB has the view that South Australia's strong focus on CDL litter and recycling has distracted the community from improving disposal behaviour of other litter items such as plastic bags and cigarette butts. Future litter campaigns will address this anomaly, with a focus on road side litter, plastic and the ongoing battle with cigarette butt litter which represents some 45% of all litter counted.

Beverage containers in the litter stream

The percentage of CDL items in the litter stream for NSW, NT, Qld, SA, Vic and WA is represented in the table below.

State/Territory	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
NSW	6.1%	7.1%	6.9%	7.5%	8.0%	8.5%	8.7%	8.7%
NT	3.2%	4.3%	5.3%	4.1%	2.1%	2.1%	2.0%	2.8%
Qld	5.3%	4.2%	5.0%	4.7%	4.8%	5.8%	5.5%	5.7%
SA	2.7%	2.2%	1.9%	2.2%	2.1%	1.9%	2.0%	2.9%
Vic	4.3%	7.1%	6.9%	7.0%	7.8%	8.1%	7.1%	7.4%
WA	10.2%	9.7%	11.0%	13.2%	12.8%	13.9%	14.6%	13.0%

In 2014/2015 the KAB NLI data set expanded to include observational research during the process including litter bins and a graffiti focus.

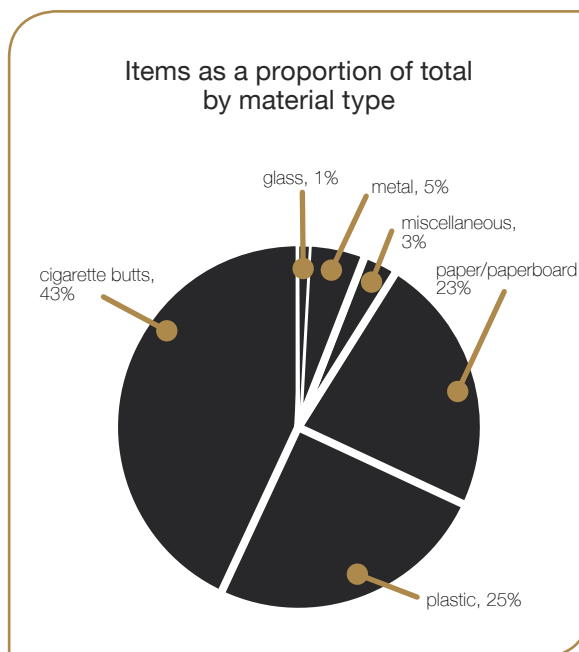
KESAB has reduced the number of counting waves per year from four (Feb, May, Aug, Nov) to two (May and Nov) commencing 2015/2016. This is predominantly a cost cutting measure, but we are confident that trend line information will not change. Timing is aligned with KABNA NLI to ensure consistent data is recorded, although the vastness of the Australian footprint, seasonal and other natural influences may slightly impact from time to time.

Reporting annual NLI data is not a simple matter of comparing one state against another due to a number of considerations including population, subtle consumer differences and regulatory approaches such as Victoria's 'Dob in a Litterer' enforcement program which has had a marked impact on reducing litter in that State.

KESAB is pleased that the South Australian Government has responded to our long time advocacy for strengthened enforcement. The 'Local Nuisance & Litter Control Bill' has passed Parliament and regulations are currently being considered through a consultation working group consisting of representatives from EPA, KESAB and Local Government, with implementation scheduled for early 2017.

METHODOLOGY

NLI counts are conducted in May and November each year. All results are quoted against a 1,000m² site area. Litter is calculated both numerically and volumetrically.



KESAB Litter Index data is accessed with approval from KESAB to complete the set of jurisdictions within the Keep Australia Beautiful National Association Network, thereby contributing to the National Litter Index (NLI) with counts undertaken across the country at 983 sites (151 in South Australia).

Whilst the NLI continues to provide valuable data, KABNA and KESAB are reviewing the methodology and other matters to ensure we maximise information captured. The review embraces increased engagement with stakeholders, including jurisdictional Keep Australia Beautiful States and Territories, EPAs and Depts. of Environment, CSIRO and Australian Packaging Covenant.

Plastic shopping bags in the litter stream

The percentage of thin plastic shopping bags in the litter stream for NSW, NT, Qld, SA, Vic and WA is represented in the table below.

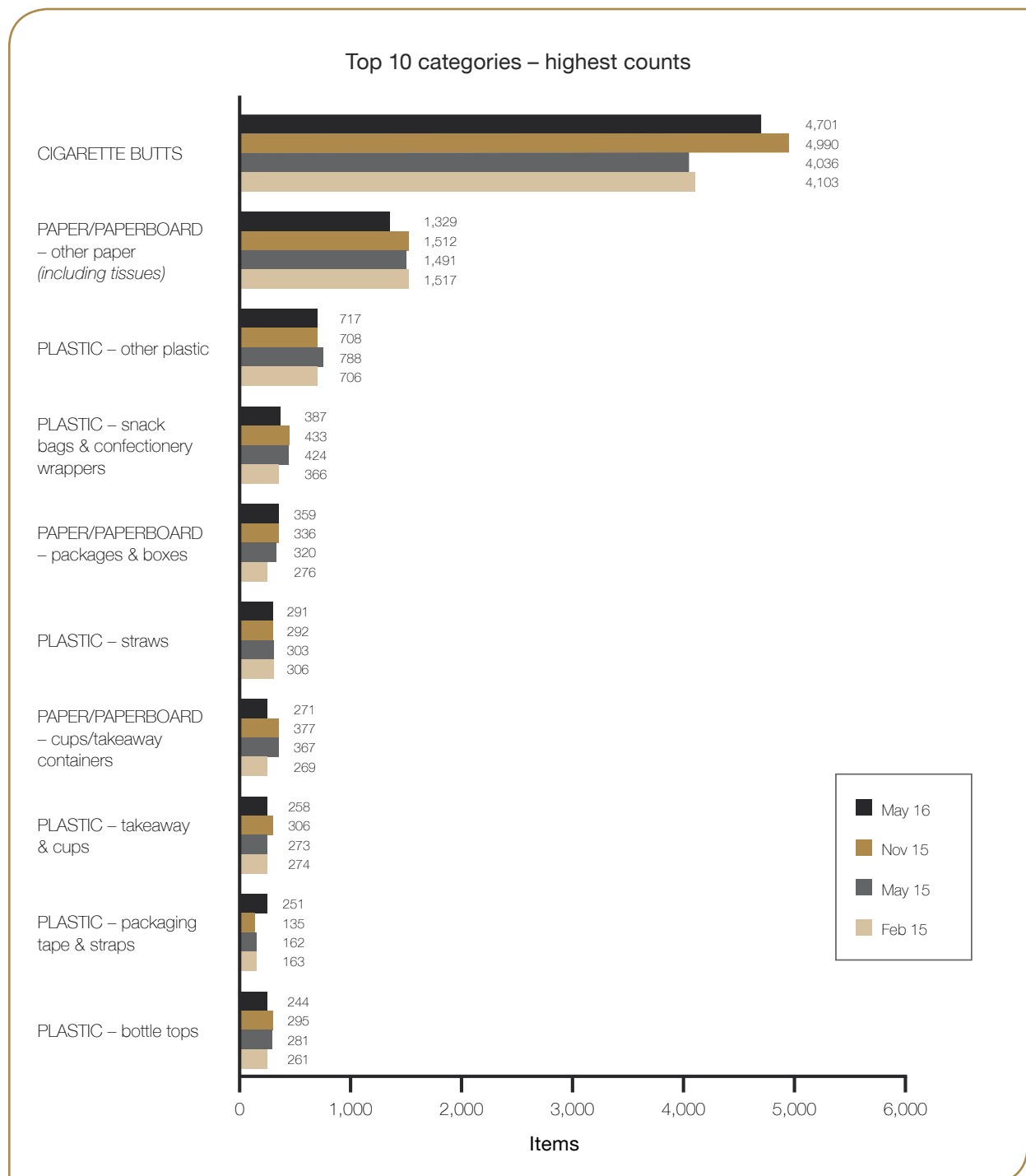
State/Territory	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
NSW	0.95%	0.76%	0.91%	0.77%	1.06%	1.14%	0.87%	0.91%
NT	0.47%	0.50%	0.59%	0.65%	0.53%	0.72%	0.69%	0.78%
Qld	0.47%	0.46%	0.66%	0.45%	0.35%	0.55%	0.43%	0.39%
SA	0.69%	0.65%	0.44%	0.38%	0.33%	0.48%	0.66%	0.72%
Vic	0.14%	1.09%	1.01%	0.29%	0.28%	0.83%	0.46%	0.47%
WA	0.49%	0.46%	0.43%	0.51%	0.63%	0.50%	0.57%	0.64%

ILLEGAL DUMPING

Included in the NLI is an Illegal Dumping category defined as the unlawful deposit onto land of waste larger than litter. This type of dumping varies from small bags of rubbish to larger scale dumping in isolated areas such as bushland. There are many factors behind illegal dumping including avoidance of disposal fees, non-licensed activities (asbestos removal) and the backyarder DIY mid-night dumpers. Respective regulating authorities and local councils continue to increase their Tool Box enabling response and increased success with prosecution against illegal dumpers.

DIRTY DOZEN

Over the years the 'Dirty Dozen' remains consistent. Cigarette butts, paper and plastic items including food containers and utensils, confectionery wrappers, plastic sheeting, beverage containers (2% in SA compared to 14% in other States), cigarette packets and bottle tops and straws are key offenders. 🌱



The Litter Less resource was received with great praise and support at its official launch in August 2015, following 12 months of extensive review and development. The global quality education resource has since drawn a lot of interest from schools and has reached over 1,000 students, staff, carers and community members through presentations at the Marine Discovery Centre, Wipe Out Waste professional development sessions, the Tackling Marine Litter community event, and through school litter audits.



Litter Less aims to equip teachers with the knowledge and tools to offer their students a holistic understanding of litter and littering issues. To support this aim in 2015/2016, KESAB launched a modernised Litter

Less resource and visited multiple venues and events to provide staff with an overview of the new resource and engage students, carers and the community in education sessions.

The Litter Less launch at Alberton Primary School was a great success attracting 39 attendees from 13 sites including representatives from the Office of Green Industries SA, Environmental Protection Authority, Kids Media, the Australian Packaging Convent and the Royal Automobile Association of South Australia Inc. Attendees were very enthusiastic about the resource's potential to positively influence littering behaviours.

Interactive graphics and pictures from the Litter Less resource have been incorporated into a succinct ten-minute presentation for students when they first arrive at the Marine Discovery Centre (MDC). The presentation aims to engage students in thinking about what litter is, where it is found and the movement of litter in a local, national and global context as well as the impact of litter breaking down in the ocean. KESAB has delivered ten Litter Less presentations to 595 students in years three to five, as well as 93 staff, parents and carers. A total of eight schools were involved from seven councils.

The Wipe Out Waste (WOW) Program allows time during professional development workshops for KESAB staff to provide a presentation outlining the Litter Less resource and how it can benefit attendees schools/sites. KESAB has presented Litter Less at three WOW professional development sessions, with one site presenting to their own staff, engaging a total of 78 staff from 33 sites over 15 councils.



Nippers taking the pledge to not litter at the Eco Beach community event


KESAB staff conducted a litter audit at Kings Baptist Grammar where the Litter Less resource was utilised to enhance the students' learning experience and collect data from the audit. The Litter Less activity was well received by the staff and 25 students that took part.

Litter Less reached the Port Elliott Surf Life Saving Club, presented as part of the 'Tackling Marine Litter', 'Clean Up Day' and 'Litter Less' programs. KESAB staff engaged approximately 200 children, parents and carers over the day.

Since the Litter Less launch in 2015, 17 Litter Less resources have been purchased by 14 sites spanning 12 council areas. The program will be implemented in NSW schools via Keep New South Wales Beautiful in 2017.

The Litter Less package is a valuable educational resource developed with the support of The Wrigley Company (Mars), Kids Media, the Office of Green Industries SA and the Australian Packaging Covenant.

The Litter Less resource can be purchased by completing the order form on the KESAB website:

www.kesab.asn.au/product-sales/kits-games/litter-less/purchase 

The KESAB ‘Tackling Marine Litter’ project is a partnership initiative funded by the Australian Packaging Covenant (APC) and the Environment Protection Authority (EPA).

The project facilitates discussion and action, raising awareness throughout schools and communities regarding the issue of litter and its impact on marine and coastal environments.

Objectives of the project include:

- inspiring, influencing and advocating environmental sustainability
- providing support to communities through education, innovation, engagement and research
- delivering effective partnerships and programs ensuring mutually beneficial environmental outcomes.



Litter Kills – find a bin or take it home

The project reached over 1,100 students, teachers and carers from 16 schools who engaged with the APC-funded ‘Litter Less’ program, supported through a partnership with the Marine Discovery Centre.

Over 750 community members, particularly Surf Life Saving Clubs, have also been involved with extensive diversion of waste being achieved

as a result of litter clean and audits undertaken by various community groups along Adelaide’s coastal regions.

Over 2,800 litter items have been collected and either disposed of effectively, or recycled, by community groups involved in the project.



Surf Life Saving SA patrol pledging to dispose of litter in a bin

The project continues to encourage and facilitate schools, the community and government agencies, such as EPA and KESAB, to work together to build awareness to reduce the impact of litter on marine and coastal environments.

The project raises broad community awareness of the impact of marine litter on the environment by educating participants to use a bin to dispose of their rubbish.

Litter clean-ups are an important education and compliance activity which help to reduce littered packaging in identified hotspots (such as beaches) and raise awareness in order to eliminate used packaging materials in waste streams.

There are a number of litter education programs delivered nationally and internationally. This project will encourage South Australian communities and students to embrace marine systems and education regarding effective ways to dispose of litter. 

Education is at the forefront of all KESAB activities and services, aiming to inform and inspire others to consider, and improve, the way they interact with their local environment and natural resources. KESAB's skilled education staff deliver targeted education programs, campaigns and activities for councils, businesses, education sites, and the general community.

COUNCILS – KEY PROJECTS

COUNCIL 'TAKE THE PLEDGE'

Following last year's successful food organics trial program in the City of Playford, this year KESAB introduced 'Take the Pledge' to the City of Port Adelaide Enfield and the City of Unley.

The City of Port Adelaide Enfield program invited residents to join the Food Recycling Revolution, educating them about how placing all food scraps in the green organics bin allows them to be turned into compost, rather than being sent to landfill.

In the City of Unley, in addition to food recycling education, their program also aimed to reduce contamination levels in the general recycling bin.

Both programs began with a door stepping campaign, aiming to raise awareness of the programs, and discuss recycling and waste management with residents on their doorstep. As part of these conversations, residents were invited to pledge their commitment to reducing waste to landfill.

Residents who took the pledge were sent a sticker to place onto their recycling and/or green organics bin, demonstrating their commitment to reducing waste to landfill, and encouraging other residents to seek more information about the program.

Over 550 residents joined the Unley program and almost 800 in Port Adelaide Enfield.

All participants were entered into a ten-week random prize draw, with prizes awarded to residents who were found to be honouring their commitment. This was determined via a quick visual bin inspection.

The competition saw 18 winners (out of a possible 20) in Port Adelaide Enfield, and 46 (out of a possible 50) for Unley. Winning residents were found to be disposing of their food scraps in the green organics bin, either in compostable bags, wrapped in newspaper or paper towel, or placed loosely in the bin, or (for Unley Council residents) were found to have less than 10% contamination in their recycling bins. This has been an excellent result, with great feedback also received from residents. KESAB looks forward to continuing this program over the next 12 months.

COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS AND EVENTS COORDINATED BY KESAB

PRESENTATIONS

Information sessions were held for residents at two AVEO Retirement Villages in the City of Port Adelaide Enfield (The Haven and Westport). A KESAB education officer visited the villages and gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the waste management services provided by Council, and tested the residents' knowledge through a mini bin sorting activity. Residents enjoyed learning about the items that belong in each bin, what happens following their collection from the kerb, and what to do with tricky items that require disposal.



'Take the Pledge' signage



Display at the ECH Independent Living EXPO

EVENTS

KESAB set up information stalls at a number of community events, providing information and answering questions about Council's waste and recycling services. An EXPO day for ECH independent living facilities and an interactive display at the Goodwood Gala received a positive response from Unley residents.

Stalls at the Prospect Garage Sale Trail and Port Adelaide Enfield's Giant Garage Sale events were also well received. KESAB again participated in the Port Adelaide Enfield Twilight Christmas Parade, showing off Freddy Food Scraps and handing out magnets, encouraging the recycling of food scraps, to enthusiastic attendees.



Port Adelaide Enfield Council Christmas Pageant

right bin. KESAB looks forward to providing the same assistance at the 2016 event.

REVIEW OF COUNCIL'S BIN SYSTEMS

KESAB has been working with a Tea Tree Gully Italian Village nursing home to improve their collections on site. Following an initial bin assessment, an audit was conducted to provide baseline data on the amount of food and recycling ending up in general waste. From the audit's recommendations, the Village installed new bins for the collection of food scraps and recycling in kitchen and dining areas. After implementing these new systems, the Village has reduced the number and frequency of waste skip collections, while increasing their recycling skip collections.

SCHOOLS – KEY PROJECTS

SCHOOL INCURSIONS

KESAB's incursions enable students to learn about different aspects of waste, recycling and resource management; whether that is discovering what belongs in each bin through a Recycle Relay activity, creating their own recycled product in a papermaking session, or learning how to manage food scraps at home or school in our Compost and Worm Farm workshops. Approximately 100 incursions, involving just over 2,500 students, have been facilitated by KESAB this year.

DIVERT PROGRAM

Last year, the City of Port Adelaide Enfield engaged three artist groups to develop projects to educate the community on ways to reduce food waste through the DIVERT program. KESAB has recently been working with Annette Rohde from Fresh Ginger, to bring the piece she created with Therese Williams into schools.



KESAB Education Officer Kerrie busy at the recycling stand at the Goodwood Gala Day

KESAB provided 'bin buddies' at the City of Tea Tree Gully's Civic Park Carols event to assist with the diversion of materials from landfill. In the lead up to the event, KESAB met with vendors and gained their agreement to supply only compostable ware for the provision of food, to enable simple diversion of all food associated scraps to organics. On the night, the bin buddies wheeled the bins amongst the crowd, and assisted attendees in placing their materials in the

The 'Our Everyday Food Diversions' workshop was trialled on two Year 6 classes at Portside Christian College in June 2016. The workshop provides students with a better understanding of how to divert their food scraps from landfill and engages them to creatively draw and discuss what they are already doing, or would like to do, with food scraps in the future. When the session is complete drawings and stories are collected and made into a small book for the class to keep and read in the future.

IMPLEMENTATION OF SCHOOL BIN SYSTEMS

This year, KESAB has focussed on encouraging schools to introduce on-site food organics collections, as a large amount of material going to landfill from the school environment is food scraps. KESAB has conducted bin assessments and bin material audits, providing feedback, reports and recommendations to sites, and attended staff meetings to discuss the findings of these assessments.

COMMUNITY TOURS & OTHER ACTIVITIES – KEY PROJECTS

Over the past year, KESAB has held 12 'Beyond the Kerb' community tours and six tours for high school, TAFE, and university students. Approximately 360 people attended these tours, coming from 11 different council areas. These tours provide an insight into the world of waste management and resource recovery, allowing attendees to see how materials are managed after collection from the kerb, and also learn about the management of electronics and construction materials.

GARDENING WORKSHOPS

KESAB facilitated two days of gardening workshops in Port Adelaide Enfield Council this year, at the Ridley Grove and St Bede's Community Gardens. These workshops are free for the general community to attend, and each day was comprised of three workshops, focussing on composting, worm farms, and chemical free pest control.

MUD CENTRAL – GARDENING WORKSHOPS

KESAB held a gardening workshop at the City of Unley's Mud Central event that attracted over 4,000 attendees! The Mud Central event was a part of the Festival of Mud, a month long festival


to encourage children to get outdoors with their parents and get hands-on with nature. KESAB engaged Alan Shepard and Harry Harrison to present on topics including composting, worm farms and chemical free pest control. While parents were busy asking questions at the workshop, children held worms and others helped tear up newspaper for the compost demonstration.

TEA TREE GULLY TOUCH A TRUCK EVENT

KESAB participated in the Tea Tree Gully Council's 'Touch a Truck' event, which gave attendees the opportunity to view waste collection trucks and street sweepers in action. The event was a huge success, attracting hundreds of families with children lined up to toot horns and sit in trucks. KESAB provided a bin sort game and information on food diversion and recycling to families at the event. Many children were thrilled to see paper making demonstrations with KESAB's expert, Tracy 'The Travelling Papermaker'. Tracy taught them the art of creating marbling recycled paper, and children were able to take a recycled paper heart, that they had marbled, home with them.

UNLEY'S WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY EVENT

The City of Unley celebrated World Environment Day with a presentation in the Unley Town Hall from John O'Brien, Founder and Managing Director of Australian CleanTech and author of *Visions 2100*. A discussion panel, including Tim Jarvis (an environmental scientist, adventurer and author), and Suhit Anantula and Dr Kristin Alford (co-authors of *Visions 2100*) followed the presentation.

KESAB staff and Kat Ryan (the City of Unley Coordinator of Environmental Projects & Strategy) manned a stall to provide information and answer attendees' questions relating to waste, recycling and sustainability in the City of Unley. 

ALBERTON TRAIN STATION

The Alberton Train Station precinct has been brightened up with new artwork panels and a general overhaul, through a coordinated effort in partnership with the local community and 'friends'. The project was supported by KESAB, the Attorney-General's Department and the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure's Rail Care program.

SAPOL assisted by providing a complimentary sausage sizzle recognising volunteers' time and effort in combating graffiti.



Volunteers at the Alberton Train Station for the Clean-up Day

The 1970's heritage listed shelter has been rejuvenated with a 'tree of life' mural by local artists Penny Mortimer and Sam Hartshorne.

The mural features local Alberton Station identity 'the black cat' crouched under the tree watching passers-by with interest and white doves perched high in the branches of the brightly flowered tree.

To set things off, the real black cat joined the volunteers and watched over the clean-up which included graffiti removal, pruning and weed removal.

The old arches of the State Heritage listed Alberton Station building have been decorated with trains designed by Steve Glass who supervised the painting by troubled youth from Western Youth Space.

The panels were part of a broader graffiti prevention program conducted by KESAB. Staff and volunteers from the Charles Sturt and Port

Adelaide Enfield Councils were up-skilled in the latest graffiti removal products manufactured by Adelaide-based company, Worlds Best Products.

Both councils have groups of dedicated volunteers who continue to paint out graffiti in their local neighbourhoods.

GRAFFITI – 'RESPECT IT'

KESAB *environmental solutions* received 'Community Safety Grant' funding from the Attorney-General's Department to deliver the intervention-based 'Respect It' graffiti education program, engaging primary and secondary schools throughout the regions of South Australia.

The core program involved an in-school live presentation delivered by an experienced educator supported by a member of SAPOL.

The incursions were supplemented with ready-to-go reinforcement materials for teachers to use after the presentation.

The Graffiti Education School Program was successfully delivered to a total of 21 primary and secondary schools in Whyalla, Kadina, Murray Bridge, Naracoorte, Mount Gambier, Napperby and surrounds, reaching and impacting 2,100 students across the regions.


The presentation received overwhelmingly positive feedback from stakeholders, teaching staff and students.

STUDENTS

Indicators show that the program has received:

- extremely high levels of enjoyment
- extremely high levels of engagement
- strong understanding and retention of desired key messages relating to the consequences of graffiti vandalism
- strong understanding and retention of valuable life skill messages and strategies.

TEACHING STAFF

Teachers reported high levels of satisfaction with the organisation, delivery and content of the program, with most teachers scoring the program 10 out of 10. 

APY Lands – Source to Tap

SA Water has extended its partnership with KESAB for three years to deliver water quality and water sustainability education on the APY Lands.

A comprehensive teaching resource has been developed for APY Lands teaching staff, including a unit of work on 'What's in the Water?', cross-curricular lesson ideas, student activity sheets and interactive resources.

The program has been supported and reviewed by the Department for Education and Child Development.

In June 2016, KESAB engaged six APY Lands schools and delivered a lesson on water quality as well as offering the school a visit to their local treatment plant to better understand the role of SA Water and the process of purifying their groundwater.

Schools visited included Pipalyatjara, Amata, Pukatja, Fregon and Indulkana. The topic of water



Students at Pipalyatjara learning how to test water for turbidity

was very fitting, as the Lands had experienced one of their wettest months for some time. This made travelling from community to community very interesting.

KESAB will be developing further resources on water sustainability and delivering an education session in Term 4 2016.

Visit the website: www.kesab.asn.au/apyl

Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands



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APY Lands – Community Waste Management and Litter Reduction Workshops

Waste management and litter is a significant challenge in the remote aboriginal APY Lands communities.

Whilst there are constraints to implementing 'best practice' operations as the preferred model to manage waste streams in the APY Lands, options have been identified to implement improved processes and practices supported by community engagement and training as new landfill sites are being constructed during 2016/17.



KESAB community training workshops embraced by APY Lands communities

KESAB has previously delivered Waste and Landfill Operations training sessions to Regional Anangu Services Aboriginal Corporation (RASAC) managers and Anangu support staff. Responses and feedback were positive and recommendations included extending the training to the general community, including school staff, local store workforce, government and non-government employees as well as contractors on the APY Lands.

These organisations and individuals have access to landfill facilities, and by participating in KESAB's waste management and litter training project, which is partially funded by the Australian Packaging Covenant, waste management outcomes in the community will improve.

The objectives of the project focus on education, awareness and discussion regarding:

- closure and rehabilitation, construction of new landfill sites and the subsequent process of engaging traditional owners through collaboration and negotiation

- resource recovery, recycling and waste diversion from landfill options
- community awareness and education programs for effective waste management, recycling and litter reduction
- improved health and well-being
- development of social enterprise (CDL systems).

The program has achieved collaboration and support from the following stakeholders:

- RASAC
- APY Council
- Green Industries SA
- Skill Hire
- Department of Education and Child Development (DECD)
- the South Australian National Football League (SANFL)
- the general community.

Six training sessions/community workshops were delivered in communities across the APY Lands with over 70 community members actively involved.

The workshops focused on the successful 'Kick a Goal for a Clean Community' campaign promoting bottle and can recycling at sporting events, community store interface, and other initiatives in partnership with community groups.

By offering training and education, the life of new landfill sites is expected to be extended and the recovery and recycling of valuable resources should improve.

It is crucial that APY Lands communities are offered a better understanding of waste, recycling and litter management to protect the future of the Lands, its people and its environment. The opportunity to develop a lasting, coordinated and collaborative program between stakeholders is high.

Partnerships have been important to the success of the project. Stakeholder support contributed to the community capacity building that will see numerous benefits to all communities and the natural environment on the APY Lands for a sustainable future. 

Coca Cola Beverage Container Grants

The Coca Cola Beverage Container Grants facilitated through the Keep Australia Beautiful National Association and KESAB *environmental solutions* provide opportunities for community organisations to improve their beverage container recycling collection systems and infrastructure at the local level.



The following recipients received Grants in 2015.

Organisation	Project	Funded \$
1st Mount Gambier Scout Group	6 frames and bags for container collection	\$600
Adelaide Eagles Little Athletics Centre	Purchase 3 x triple bin sets and coloured lids	\$1,289
Barmera Primary School	15 x 3-bin systems, one for each classroom	\$1,140
Callington A & H Society Inc.	Purchase 10 recycling bins with rosette lids	\$1,076
Cardijn College	Construction of a recycling sorting table	\$725
City of Holdfast Bay	15 x 240L wheelie bins and recycling bin toppers	\$600
City of Mitcham	Install 12 bins with surrounds	\$5,000
City of Unley	Installation of 8 bins in triple and dual general waste & recycling stations	\$5,000
Edwardstown Primary School	Fabricate and install a sorting and wash-down table	\$3,335
Glenelg Primary School	Purchase 7 C-Thru recycling bins	\$3,069
Golden Grove High School	Purchase and install a sorting table	\$2,129
Investigator College - Goolwa	Purchase of bins, purpose designed lids	\$3,000
Investigator College - Victor Harbor	Purchase of bins, purpose designed lids	\$3,000
Kidman Park Primary School	Indoor and outdoor bins	\$2,500
Kingoonya Progress Association	Purchase dual bin system and surrounds	\$2,000

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Organisation	Project	Funded \$
Lake Wangary Preschool	Purchase a trailer, 10 bins and signage	\$3,610
Loxton High School	Purchase coloured bin lids to provide 5 recycling stations around the school site	\$2,000
Modbury Vista Junior Soccer Club	Purchase 4 purpose-designed recycling bins	\$5,000
Nuriootpa High School	Purchase 180 bin labels to reduce contamination (for 30 bins)	\$500
Penong & Community Progress Association Inc	2 litter and recycling bins and surrounds	\$3,296
Pinnaroo Primary School	Purchase of trailer and 10 bins	\$5,000
Pt Vincent Tidy Towns	Purchase of 20 public place recycling bins	\$1,728
Reynella Kindergarten and Playgroup	Fund the Beverage Container Recycling Elements of the planned recycling depot	\$2,500
Rural City of Murray Bridge	Install 5 x 3-bin systems and surrounds	\$7,500
The Flinders Ranges Council	Install 6 recycling bins and surrounds	\$5,000
Thiele Primary School	Install 2 x 240L bin stations and surrounds	\$2,500
Two Wells Primary School	Purchase of 4 wheelie bins and permanent stand	\$506
Victor Harbor Childcare and Education Centre	Purchase a custom built cage trailer	\$3,500
Virginia United Soccer Club	Purchase 3 bins and a bottle cage	\$537
TOTAL		\$77,640



A bin bank of 10c beverage container recycling bins

Road Watch



APY Lands Community



Keep Australia Beautiful National Awards



Having great fun at the City of Unley 'Festival of Mud'



Launch of Litter Kills campaign and new KESAB sign



KESAB Sustainable Communities



New WOW education vehicle signage sponsored by SIMS Metal Management



Wipe Out Waste (WOW) was delighted to once again acknowledge sites and individuals responsible for the serious reduction of materials sent to landfill at the KESAB Awards in November 2015.

This year we welcomed Wendy Sutton to the WOW team as Cally Malone moved across to the central NRM Education team after three years of great contribution to WOW. WOW work proactively with NRM Education in achieving positive learning outcomes for both staff and school communities.

Congratulations to Barmera Primary School who maintained their outstanding record for sending the smallest amount of material per person to landfill for a primary school. Yet again they reduced their amount (since their last audit), but this time they are joined by three other sites! Antonio Catholic School and Clapham Primary School both equalled the new lowest primary school benchmark (set in 2016) of 0.05 litres/person/day in their first audit, and Highbury Primary School further reduced material being sent to landfill to equal this result!

Well done to all the sites listed below for continuous improvement in reducing the amount of material sent to landfill.

A trend line of average audit results since audits began, shows a steady reduction in volume over

the last five years. We plan to audit a number of sites that have not been involved with WOW to compare results.

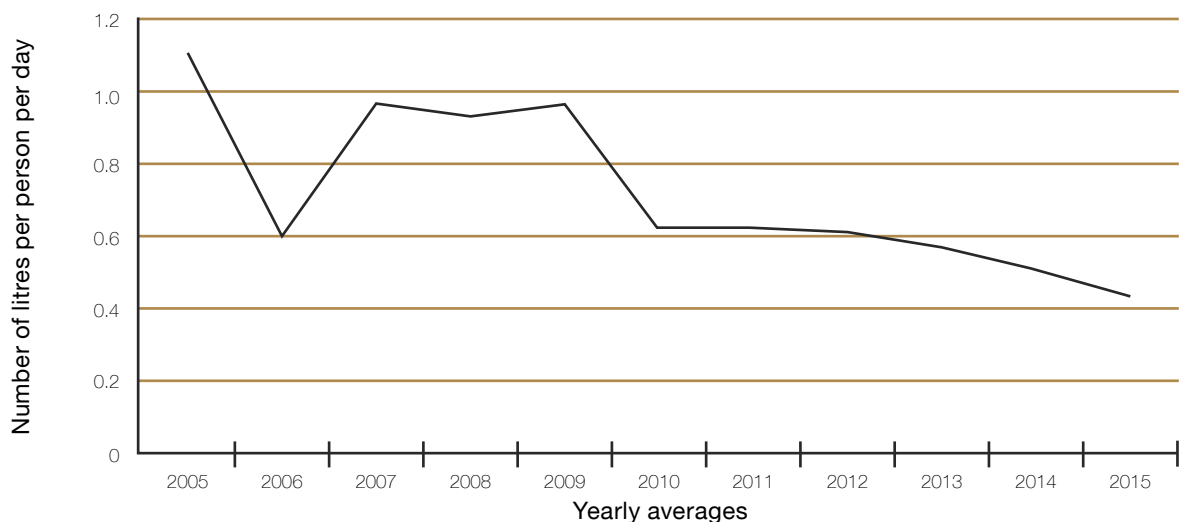
Video case studies from Highbury Primary School and Encounter Lutheran College, with no outdoor bins, can be viewed on the WOW website: www.wow.sa.gov.au



Banksia Park Kindergarten's fabulous EXPO stand

Eleven professional development sessions saw over 230 staff from more than 86 sites attend WOW events. World Environment Day in the Botanic Gardens, an NRM Education EXPO at Kadina Memorial School, and St Margaret Mary's Eat Well be Active Day saw around 850 students and staff from 17 sites participate in WOW presentations. Parent information sessions have been successfully trialled, and we encourage sites to support families to continue their great preschool habits as their children transition to school.

Overall SA averages (all site) for volume of material to landfill 2005 – 2015



Category winners - 2015	Site or recipient name
Outstanding contribution to school and community education	Sue Coad
Outstanding contribution to school and community education	Sue Cox
Outstanding contribution to school and community education	Graeme Denton, Bright Spark Entertainment
Outstanding contribution to school and community education	Simone Cunningham, Zero Waste SA
Greatest reduction in materials to landfill for an R-12 site	Encounter Lutheran College
Greatest reduction in materials to landfill for a primary school site	Highbury Primary School
Greatest reduction in materials to landfill for a primary school site	Christ the King School
Greatest reduction in materials to landfill for an early years site	Banksia Park Kindergarten
Contributing the smallest volume of materials per person sent to landfill	Banksia Park Kindergarten
Best practice waste avoidance	St Anthony's Catholic Primary School
Student initiated food scrap recycling	St Joseph's School Murray Bridge
Student initiated food scrap recycling	Immaculate Heart of Mary School
Best practice resource separation systems and learning	Roxby Downs Area School
Supporting school and early years waste education	Roxby Downs Council
Supporting school and early years waste education	Early Education for Sustainability SA (EESSA)
Supporting school and early years waste education	NRM Education- AMLR and MDB

Site name	Litres/ person/ day	Change since last audit
Barmera Primary School	0.05	28% reduction since 2013 when they were lowest in SA (and they continue to be) - great work!
Highbury Primary School	0.05	70% reduction since March 2015
Immaculate Heart of Mary School	0.16	55% reduction in ONE WEEK!
Christ the King School	0.18	70% reduction since February 2015!
St Joseph's School Tranmere	0.20	53% reduction since June 2014
Paringa Park Primary School	0.45	10% reduction since 2011



'The Travelling Papermaker' at EESSA event

Other highlights include the August 2015 launch of the revamped Litter Less resource, and participation at Early Education for Sustainability SA (EESSA) conferences - including a papermaking session with early years educators. Furthermore, we were taken into the tertiary education realm for the first time when we attended the Flinders University Waste Awareness day with SUEZ, Jeffries, Mitcham Council and Foodbank and participated in a panel discussion with Greens SA leader Mark Parnell.

Wally and the Wipe Out Waste Wizard performed 34 shows for over 100 sites and more than 8,000 attendees, including in the Riverland, where the first regional shows were held in 2013.



Flinders Waste Awareness Day



Recording waste reduction on the office walls for all to see

A great story was shared by Di Gurnett from Samaritan College in Whyalla, after their students attended a performance:

"An example I'd like to share is of a boy in a Yr 4/5 class, who has been so touched by the approach his teachers and I have taken in educating about the needs of our environment that he has decided to "re-purpose" some personal fundraising. We have a school fun run next week, and children can fundraise to receive certain prizes. This fellow ... has asked his mum to use his fundraising money to buy sandwich boxes for ALL of his classmates. After a session that I ran with his teacher, he went home and spoke with his mum about plastic food wrap and together, they worked out approximately how much plastic wrap is used by children at our campus over the course of a year. Based on 30cm per sandwich (not including cakes etc.) he discovered that it would be enough plastic wrap to go around the perimeter of Whyalla plus a bit more."

New resources continue to be added to the WOW website and highlighted in the WOW newsletter. Collaboration also continues with other agencies including Natural Resource Management (NRM) Education, the Waste Management Association of Australia (WMAA) Waste Educators working group, Early Education for Sustainability South Australia (EESSA) and the Department for Education and Child Development (DECD). The opening of the Adelaide Sustainability Centre at the Joinery has provided an opportunity to be involved with a number of community events and we look forward to more in the future. 

Clean Site® – Partnerships in Building a Better Environment

KESAB's Clean Site® program delivers industry-based education resources developed in partnership with government agencies, industry associations and the building and construction industry.

The program includes a regulatory focus relative to local government requirements and Environment Protection Authority legislation, including codes of practice for stormwater pollution prevention.

Deliverables embrace environmental toolbox inductions. In particular, there is a major focus on engaging students through the state-wide *Doorways2Construction* program network of high school students. This is done through a KESAB *environmental solutions* partnership with the Construction Industry Training Board.



KESAB Clean Site® program educational resources presented to a statewide network of schools, including Grant High School at Mount Gambier

Training and education is provided in a classroom environment and supports onsite practical experience. It is underpinned by materials and resources developed by key stakeholders and regularly reviewed and upgraded to meet environmental sustainability and legislative changes.




The overall Clean Site® program provides opportunities for onsite waste audits and monitoring relative to waste avoidance/minimisation, diversion from landfill, stormwater pollution prevention, and regulatory awareness.



'Pathways to Construction' secondary schools workshop

Project highlights included:

- a major focus on the Construction Industry Training Board's *Doorways2Construction* program with environmental toolbox induction training delivery to a metropolitan network of schools in the South East, Murraylands and West Coast communities
- reaching 24 High Schools, over 400 students and 29 teachers.

KESAB's Clean Site® program provides an effective and straightforward approach to the building and construction industry while complying with local government and environmental legislation to ensure an unpolluted environment throughout the state. 

Over the last 12 months, 87 classes (approximately 2,225 students, plus teachers and parents/helpers) have attended an excursion at KESAB's Education Centre, housed at the Wingfield Waste and Recycling Centre. The two-hour excursion begins with a site tour where students discover what happens to the material from their waste and organics bins after it has been collected from the kerb.

They are also exposed to the recycling of building materials – a concept not often considered. Following the tour, students complete activities in the Education Centre where they are encouraged to further their thinking about the recycling and management of different items, and also consider the implications of placing the wrong thing in the wrong bin.

Between visits to the Wingfield Education Centre and KESAB's incursion options, 90 South Australian education sites have been involved in our school education sessions this year. 



New interactive 'spinning' display – Statewide Recycling Education Centre



Activity at the KESAB - Adelaide Resource Recovery Wingfield Education Centre

KESAB Sustainable Communities

In 2015, over 170 category entries were received in the KESAB Sustainable Communities program with over 30 towns visited during a comprehensive judging period. The quality of entries was outstanding, with many innovative, unique and exciting projects being entered by schools, community groups and councils. The year culminated at the Awards Ceremony and EXPO in November, where the small town of Mundulla was announced as the overall State Winner.

Below are some highlights from this year's program.



Mundulla representatives with the Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation Hon Ian Hunter MLC after winning the Overall Sustainable Communities Award




Community garden at Tumbly Bay

The awards ceremony was an absolute highlight for participants and an opportunity to share their stories with like-minded people from across the regions. Around 350 people attended the ceremony and associated EXPO, declaring the full-day event an excellent networking experience.

The awards ceremony included the Sustainable Communities Awards and Showcase Presentations, Wipe Out Waste Awards and Case Studies and the NRM Education for Sustainability Showcase Presentations.

Throughout the day participants were treated to the following case studies and presentations:

- WOW Case Study – Highbury Primary School
- WOW Case Study – St Anthony's Millicent
- WOW Case Study – Encounter Lutheran College
- NRM Showcase Presentation – St Joseph's Tranmere
- NRM Showcase Presentation – Golden Grove High School
- NRM Showcase Presentation – Flaxmill Preschool
- NRM Showcase Presentation – Barmera Kindergarten
- NRM Showcase Presentation – Curramulka Primary School
- NRM Showcase Presentation – Auburn Primary School
- NRM Showcase Presentation – Investigator College
- Sustainable Communities Showcase Presentation – Lakes Hub Meningie
- Sustainable Communities Showcase Presentation – City of Mt Gambier
- Sustainable Communities Showcase Presentation – Blinman Heritage Mine
- Sustainable Communities Showcase Presentation – Tumbly Bay Skills and Community Centre. 

Sustainable Communities EXPO and Awards

KESAB *environmental solutions* held its first Waste and Sustainability EXPO in conjunction with the KESAB Awards Ceremony, in November 2015. The EXPO provided an interface between community and waste industry services and sustainability based product providers.

The sharing of information and discussion of local projects and solutions was very evident, and we will build on this element in the 2016 EXPO. The following exhibitors participated in the event:

- Ardrossan Progress Association
- Barmera Kindergarten
- Barmera Primary School
- BioBag
- BiobiN Technologies/Peats Soils & Garden Supplies
- Blinman Heritage Mine
- Climbing Tree
- Ecoflo
- Environment Protection Authority
- Finding Workable Solutions

- Formby Bay Environmental Action Group
- Investigator College
- Lakes Hub Meningie
- Mastec
- Mundulla on the Move
- Outfront Concepts
- Peterborough Arts and Cultural Festival
- Recreational Concepts
- Replas
- SA Water
- Sims Metal Management
- St Joseph's School Tranmere
- Stansbury Progress Association
- Tumby Bay Skills and Community Centre
- Veolia.

The EXPO also featured the following three presentations, which were positively received by the audience:

- Litter Less - a new KESAB professional development teaching and student interactive resource.
- Ecoflo - the use of waterless, composting toilets in national parks.
- Climbing Tree - incorporating nature play into schools and community play spaces.

Award	Winner
Overall Winner	Mundulla
Small	Mundulla
Medium Town - Joint Winner	Ardrossan
Medium Town - Joint Winner	Barmera
Large	Mount Gambier
Clean Beaches	Victor Harbor
Council Project of the Year	Whyalla City Council - Whyalla Wetlands Upgrade
School Project of the Year	Investigator College - Currency Creek Site; Sustainable Living Eco Centre and Outdoor Education facility
Community Project of the Year	Ardrossan Progress Association - Ardrossan Town Square
Community Action and Partnerships 2015 Winner	Tumby Bay Skills and Community Centre

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Award	Winner
Community Action and Partnerships 2015 Highly Commended	Rural City of Murray Bridge
Health and Wellbeing 2015 Winner	Blinman Progress Association and Outback Communities Authority
Health and Wellbeing 2015 Highly Commended	Tour De Cure committee - Meningie Progress Association
Leadership and Youth Activities 2015 Winner	Barmera Primary School
Leadership and Youth Activities 2015 Highly Commended	City of Mount Gambier Youth Advisory Group
Heritage and Culture Winner 2015	Loveday Internment Camp Steering Committee
Heritage and Culture 2015 Highly Commended	Blinman Heritage Mine
Heritage and Culture 2015 Highly Commended	Tumby Bay Branch Returned Services League
Natural Environment 2015 Winner	Formby Bay Environmental Action Group
Natural Environment 2015 Highly Commended	Port Neill Progress Association
Natural Environment 2015 Highly Commended	SA Carp Frenzy & Lake Bonney Fish Refuge
Environmental Sustainability 2015 Winner	City of Mount Gambier
Environmental Sustainability 2015 Highly Commended	Advance Kingscote
Appearance, Amenities and Facilities 2015 Winner	Mundulla on the Move
Appearance, Amenities and Facilities 2015 Highly Commended	City of Port Lincoln
Appearance, Amenities and Facilities 2015 Highly Commended	Meningie Memorial Park Committee
Litter Prevention, Waste Management and Resource Recovery 2015 Winner	City of Mount Gambier
Litter Prevention, Waste Management and Resource Recovery 2015 Highly Commended	Berri Barmera Council
Continued Community Efforts	Stansbury Progress Association
Outstanding Council Effort	Yorke Peninsula Council
Outstanding School Initiative	Balaklava Primary School
Outstanding School Initiative	Morgan Primary School
Commendation Awards	Ed Satanek
Commendation Awards	Lionel Gurney
Commendation Awards	Eastern Hills & Murray Plains Catchment Group Community Nursery Volunteers
Judges Commendation Award	City of Mount Gambier Youth Advisory Group

Keep Australia Beautiful National Awards

CLEAN BEACHES

In 2015, South Australia was represented at the Keep Australia Beautiful National Clean Beaches Awards, by Port Julia. The event was held in August in Darwin. Representatives from KESAB, the Port Julia Progress Association and the Yorke Peninsula Council were hosted by Parliament House and welcomed by The Honourable Bess Price MLA, with last year's winner, Nhulunbuy, handing over the iconic title.

The Awards reception was held at Government House, hosted by His Honour the Honourable John Hardy OAM, Administrator of the Northern Territory and Mrs Marie Hardy.

Clean Beaches finalists included:

- Richardsons Beach, Tas
- Burleigh Beach, Qld
- Guilderton, WA
- Bondi Beach, NSW
- Garig Gunak Barlu National Park, NT.

The Overall Australian Clean Beaches win went to Guilderton, WA with Burleigh Heads, Qld coming in a close second.

Port Julia, Yorke Peninsula won the Community Action and Wellbeing award.

Australian Clean Beaches judge Averil Bones commented:

"... for a small community, Port Julia certainly packs a punch when it comes to working together to protect their beautiful beach. They have created a fantastic array of amenities for locals and tourists alike. The Port Julia Progress Association, working in close partnership with the Yorke Peninsula Council, has done so much to improve local tracks and walkways, manage the local campground, control weeds, protect local wildlife, and educate young people who visit the beach."

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES (TIDY TOWNS)

In December 2015, just a few short weeks after being announced as KESAB State Winner, Mundulla underwent judging for the National Tidy Towns Awards. Judging was a real community event, with almost the entire town attending the community breakfast. During her time in Mundulla, National Judge Jill Grant, was treated to an in-depth tour of the town - meeting many locals, taking in the Mundulla Primary School's Christmas carols rehearsal, traversing the many walking trails around town and seeing various infrastructure projects.

In March 2016, representatives from KESAB, Mundulla on the Move and the Tatiara District Council travelled to Western Australia for the National Tidy Towns Awards. 2015 Title Holder, Toodyay, welcomed communities from across the country and treated them to a two-day event including:

- a tour of Toodyay, showcasing some of the town's excellent projects which contributed to their win
- an address by Rhys Williams, the 2015 WA Young Person of the year
- highlights from Jill Grant's judging tour
- finalist case studies.

Other finalists were:

- Orange, NSW
- Mt Liebig, NT
- Albany, WA
- Horsham, Vic
- Roma, Qld.

The overall Australian Tidy Towns win went to Triabunna, Tasmania.

Mundulla won Community Action and Wellbeing. They were also highly commended in Young Legends.

Australian Tidy Towns judge Jill Grant said:

"The town (Mundulla) is extremely cohesive and a great effort is made to involve all residents in the activities and projects of the town. The sense of civic pride and collaboration is strong – if there is a job that needs doing, then a team is easily assembled."

Congratulations to both Port Julia and Mundulla. 

CIGARETTE BUTTS ARE THE MOST LITTERED ITEM IN AUSTRALIA*



OUR VISION / a Butt Free Australia

With new laws forcing smokers onto the streets, it is vital that they dispose of their cigarette butts properly. Butt Free Australia continues to provide a complete range of butt litter reduction products that are affordable for Business and Councils to ensure butt litter is contained and does not enter the local environment.

Products

Naturally, we all want smokers to take personal responsibility for the correct disposal of their cigarette butts. However, by implementing practical measures like the installation of butt bins, business owners and operators can help to reduce the economic and environmental impact of butt littering in their businesses and local environment.



* KAB National Litter Index

KESAB partners with Recyclers SA to raise further community awareness in South Australia about the value of recycling and resource recovery via their local recycling depots.




10c beverage containers recovered during a school waste audit

In 2015, schools and community groups were invited to enter a video/photo competition. As part of their entry, contestants needed to explain their recycling procedures, how they work with their local recycler and outline what items can be recycled at their recycling depot.

There were four winning submissions:

- highly commended award - Murray Bridge South Primary School
- highly commended award - Kingston Community School
- winner (schools) - Riverton & District High School
- winner (community) - West Coast Youth and Community Support.


There was also a special award presented to Tenison Woods College, for outstanding participation in the competition. 

Green Industries SA

Green Industries SA has expanded its partnership with KESAB *environmental solutions*. Operation of the *Recycle Right*® 1300 telephone hotline and website query functions were transferred to KESAB, recognising its expertise in recycling and resource recovery and community engagement.

South Australia is one of the leaders when it comes to recycling, with more than 70% of our waste sent to recycling facilities throughout the State each year. But there is room for improvement.

Visit *Recycle Right*® to learn more about what can be recycled, what goes in the right bin, and how you can turn valuable resources into recycled products.

The *Recycle Right*® website provides information, local council contacts and services, and a range of recycling fact sheets to promote recycling in your community. 



RECYCLE RIGHT 1300 137 118
www.recycleright.sa.gov.au

The Road Watch program had another solid year in 2015/2016. Currently, there are 96 active Road Watch Groups targeting road side litter at their nominated sites across the State. One third of these are metropolitan groups, with the remaining being regional groups. There are now multiple groups who are working at more than one site.

KESAB has continued its partnership with the Department for Communities and Social Inclusion (DCSI) and the Community Youth Justice teams, and there are multiple offices across the state who use the Road Watch Program as part of their team's community service.

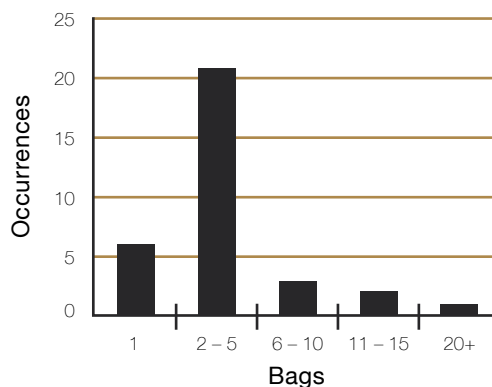
Road Watch presented a display at the 2015 KESAB Awards and EXPO, and was spoken about extensively with the 350 attendees; this included profiling the success of the program and the on-ground work undertaken by volunteers and the consequent litter free environments. 🌱



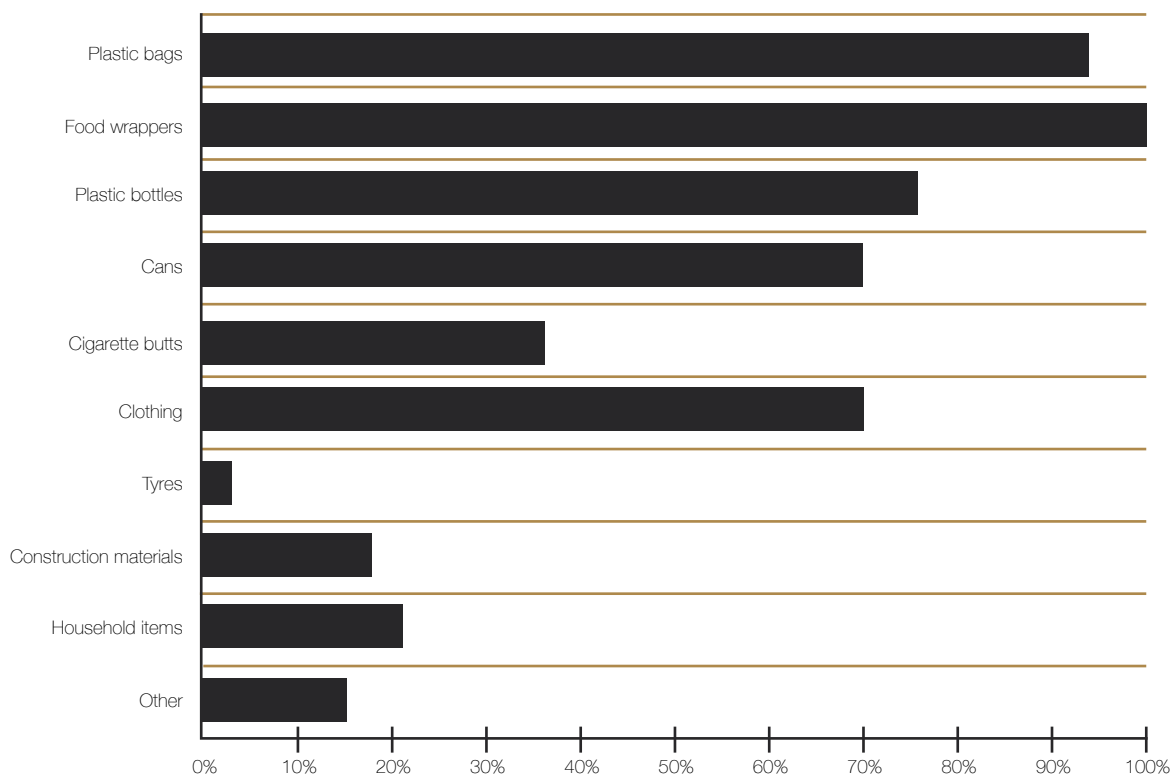
Bin bank overflow and illegal dumping

Number of full bags collected

(bags are 600mm – 900mm)



Most common items collected during January – June 2016



NRM (Natural Resource Management) Education in Central Adelaide is hosted at KESAB *environmental solutions* as the flagship sustainability education program of the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges NRM Board.

NRM Education supports schools through the delivery of quality professional development, the facilitation of youth voice programs, mentoring, advising schools to develop on-ground projects, encouraging student exploration of local environments, providing sustainability links to the Australian Curriculum and through quality resources.



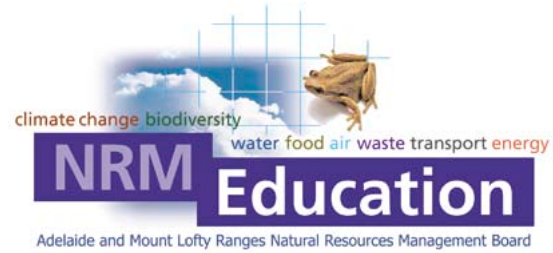
Teachers develop skills using bird ID charts and binoculars at professional development session

Facilitation is guided by the South Australian Sustainable Schools Initiative (AuSSI-SA) model, which is underpinned by Education for Sustainability. NRM Education is the lead program for implementing this model in schools in the Adelaide region.

EDUCATING FOR SUSTAINABILITY IN SCHOOLS

The AuSSI-SA Education for Sustainability model encourages schools to embed a culture of sustainability across all areas of operation including the curriculum, site management, procurement, decision making and community links.

To better meet the needs of schools, the AuSSI-SA model continues to evolve with significant input from NRM Education staff in partnership with



staff from the Department of Education and Child Development (DECD).

Over the last 12 months, NRM Education has been focusing more strongly on how to effectively measure the shift in school and community culture towards sustainable lifestyles. Tools and strategies implemented include:

- reviewing and updating our Core Indicators sustainability tool which is being used with all Culture and People sites
- developing a database to measure the shift in sustainability culture in schools as per the Core Indicators Tool; we look forward to seeing the results at the end of 2016
- starting development of a program logic to assist with planning, communicating and evaluating the outcomes of the NRM Education program
- improving educator literacy in what Education for Sustainability is and looks like in practice. This approach responds to a national report finding that understanding among teachers is low and improved professional development and more tailored support through the Culture and People category will assist in achieving NRM Education outcomes.

Progress Summary 2015/2016:

- Directly assisted 177 AuSSI-SA registered schools (with over 1,423 teachers, parents and school staff and 1,504 students) explore sustainability including: on-ground projects, inquiries, site visits, advice, resource provision, planning support and professional development at pre-schools, kindergartens, primary schools and high schools.
- Assisted 80 non-registered schools with inquiries, resource provision and professional development.
- Initiated, reviewed or significantly updated 84 Site Environment Management Plans (SEMPs).

- Coordinated, delivered and/or presented at 23 successful professional development workshops attended by 384 teachers, students, parents, environmental educators and student teachers.
- Developed 38 new resources including case studies, creature features and other articles for the weekly digest, articles for the NRM Education newsletter, webpages, media releases, curriculum resources and Moodle resources.
- NRM Education staff have been collaborating with Australian Association of Environmental Education (AAEE) to help present the National Conference in Adelaide in October 2016.
- Coordinated, supervised and facilitated Youth Environment Council (YEC) events including Centra online workshops, the Sharing and Celebration Forum, Mentor Camp, Sustainability Forum and Leadership Camp.
- In partnership with DECD and the Youth Environment Council of 2015, empowered 52 students from 40 schools to lead their communities towards sustainable futures by providing leadership training for skill development, encouraging the sharing of ideas, project planning and mentoring projects to implement in their school. Representatives also had the opportunity to share sustainability action projects with Government Ministers, showing the passion and enthusiasm young people have to make a difference.
- The wider NRM Education team again facilitated several key events for students representing the Youth Environment Council in 2016. The first half of the year saw a camp at Monarto Zoo for the eight student mentors identified as leaders of the Council. The students took part in a range of leadership-based activities facilitated by NRM Education and Zoos SA staff. The second YEC event was a sustainability forum held in the Adelaide Botanic Gardens in April, which involved activities around youth voice, sustainability issues and skills to support action for student projects back at school. The annual YEC camp at Arbury Park Outdoor School (APOS) was held in the first week of June, with 43 students in attendance. Over three days, students took part in workshops to further develop their own project ideas and leaderships skills, as well as expand their skills and knowledge around environmental issues.
- 66 teachers, educators and students from 53 sites borrowed 281 items from our resource and equipment library.

- Partners include DECD, DEWNR (Aboriginal Engagement), Kids in Parks, Botanic Gardens, KESAB, Catholic Education, AAEE – SA Chapter, Zoos SA, Nature Play SA, Experiencing Marine Sanctuaries, City of Unley, City of Burnside, Lutheran School Association, Principals Australia Institute, Brownhill Creek Association and Frog Watch SA.



YEC students share their environmental action projects with invited guests at the 'Sharing and Celebration' forum

Developing the capacity of teachers, through professional development, remains a strong priority. Topics covered over the year included:

- embedding outdoor spaces, such as food gardens into the curriculum
- developing natural learning spaces
- embedding sustainable practice for early years
- what sustainability looks like on the ground
- grant writing.

In all, 23 professional development events were delivered to 335 teachers, educators and pre-service teachers, and 49 students.

The NRM Education weekly digest is the main resource used to communicate with educators in the sustainability field. The digest is an up-to-date tool showcasing Education for Sustainability in schools, as well as NRM Education resources and grants. The current subscription list for the digest is 2,230 educators and partners.

The Education for Sustainability (EfS) Moodle, an online resource for educators in the sustainability field, underwent a review and a decision was made to shut it down. Strong feedback from educators identified that the best source of information was on the Natural Resources Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges website and the weekly NRM Education digest. Content and resources from the Moodle has also been reviewed so the most useful information is available on the website.

A new and exciting video case study has been developed about the Education for Sustainability journey of St Michael's College at Beverley. It follows the school's journey in embedding sustainability in the curriculum and in school life, with support and guidance from the Natural Resource Management Education Team. The video explores why the school adopted an education for sustainability approach, who was involved in decision making, how sustainability has been made a priority and the changes the school has seen onsite since embedding sustainability. The youth environment leaders were involved in the planning and action components of the journey, including the school wetland. The students also talk about how they relate their learning to caring for the planet and talk with their families about being more sustainable at home.

PARTNERSHIPS

In the past 12 months, conversations have occurred with DECD head office staff around working at the DECD partnership level, supporting CPAC (Coordinators Primary Australian Curriculum) with accessing and promoting NRM Education resources, as well as linking up with the Preschool Outdoor Learning Projects and working with Nature Play SA to encourage Nature Pedagogy to be adopted by more schools and preschools across the state.

NRM Education staff members have also been involved in DECD partnerships to assist clusters of schools to better connect with their local communities, councils, businesses and NGOs. NRM Education has been supporting this process by attending meetings.

NRM Education appreciates our strong working relationships with service provider organisations such as KESAB, Wipe Out Waste, Department for Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR), and local councils, often referring schools to their resources and services.

The NRM Education team, based at KESAB, is an integral part of the wider NRM Education team hosted at four other sites across Adelaide and the Mount Lofty Ranges. We work with our colleagues on activities such as teacher training, communications, facilitating the YEC, developing the AuSSI-SA model and supporting Engaging with Nature activities.

We continue to work closely with the Catholic Education Office (CEO) on teacher professional development, co-developing sustainability

resources such as the Catholic Education version of the Core Indicators, and supporting the increased number of schools who are responding to *Laudato Si* (the Pope's call for all Catholic organisations to engage with the challenge of working and living more sustainably).



NRM Education equipment, such as nest box cameras, are regularly borrowed to engage students in hands-on learning

ENGAGING WITH NATURE

It is crucial that we reconnect young people with nature so that they better understand the systems and processes that drive life on earth. The Engaging with Nature program is NRM Education's answer to reconnecting young people with their local environment.

NRM Education support for schools and pre-schools aims to provide structured and unstructured opportunities for students in nature. It includes units of work and teacher packs linked to the Australian Curriculum, local species identification charts, loan equipment, advice to develop projects, and tailored professional development for staff, students and the wider community.

Over the past 12 months, 413 people from 12 schools have monitored aquatic macro-invertebrates across the central Adelaide region. Monitoring enables schools to build greater understanding and ownership of their environment.

New, exciting resources developed include a *Frog Pond Taking Action module for teachers* which aims to help the planning and development of habitats to support frogs in a school or kindergarten setting, and to consider how this process can be incorporated into the curriculum to enhance student learning and empowerment.



Acknowledgements

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VALE

Don Chambers, the former Chair of Keep Australia Beautiful National Association, sadly passed away on 11 October while on a trip to Rome, Italy. He was 78.

Don was an important part of the Keep Australia Beautiful family for more than a decade. He stepped down as national Chair in 2013, although he remained on the board of Keep Australia Beautiful Victoria.

CEO of the Keep Australia Beautiful National Association, Philip Robinson, said Mr Chambers was one of a kind.

"All those who knew and worked with Don were touched by his energy and contagious passion for the environment," Mr Robinson said.

"It is a sad day for us to lose a man who really did wear his heart on his sleeve. We have his family in our thoughts."

Born in Rutherglen, Victoria, Don's childhood on a mixed farm reinforced his conviction that farmers were custodians of the land. He believed that land, water and vegetation needed to be nurtured for the current and future generations of farmers and their communities.

Don believed passionately that the most pressing environmental issue for the nation was climate change, particularly with regard to water supply and soil condition.

A member of Masters Athletics Victoria and his local Track and Field Club at Wodonga, he competed regularly in local, interstate, national and world Masters Track and Field Championships.

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Audit Statement

**Keep South Australia Beautiful Inc.
Officers' report
For the year ended 30 June 2016**

The officers present their report, together with the financial statements, on the incorporated association for the year ended 30 June 2016.

Executive Committee

The following persons were officers of the incorporated association during the whole of the financial year and up to the date of this report, unless otherwise stated:

- Ashley Watson - Chair
- Geoff Webster - Treasurer
- Brendon Corby - Vice Chair
- Ros DeGaris - Executive Member

Board Members

The following persons were board members of the incorporated association during the whole of the financial year and up to the date of this report, unless otherwise stated:

- Barb Cowey
- Adam Faulkner
- Tiffany Bermingham
- Brenton Curtis
- Peter Farmer
- Vaughan Levitzke PSM - Ministers Representative

Objectives

The principle activities of the Association are the promotion of a cleaner environment and litter-free South Australia.

Operating Result

The Association recorded a Deficit of \$191,665 for the year after providing for income tax (nil) (2015 Surplus \$18,833)

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Board

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ashley Watson', written over a horizontal line.

Watson A
Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Geoff Webster', written over a horizontal line.

Webster G
Treasurer

Signed at Adelaide this 30th day of September 2016

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