

# Road Watch—Adopt A Road



## KESAB awards overview

Many of you have been involved in the Road Watch-Adopt A Road program for a long time and we are truly grateful! In 2021 the program turned 25 which is certainly a milestone to celebrate. To share the impact we hosted the KESAB awards on April 4th. This saw three of KESAB's flagship programs highlighted including Road Watch -Adopt A Road, Sustainable Communities and Wipe Out Waste.

KESAB was lucky to have seven volunteers attend the awards in person at the Mawson Lakes Function Centre, and a few also joined us as we live-streamed online. Thank you to all volunteers involved in the program and a special thank you to those of you who were able to participate in the awards event. We also thank our supporters Jen & Wayne from the Department for Infrastructure & Transport, Hamilton Calder from Volunteering SA-NT and Ian Overton from Green Industries who attended. We hope it was enjoyable and look forward to sharing a video of the event soon. We also hope that you enjoy your new commemorative badges (image). Please let us know if you have not received yours.

At the event, report data from 2021 was reviewed showing 102 report submissions, detailing over 373 hours of voluntary clean ups contributed. The average clean-up time was 4 hours, collecting an average of 12kg of litter. The majority of this litter was single-use packaging but many groups are still collecting and benefitting from 10cent container collection. We enjoyed images from groups past and present, and Rhonda Whyatt from the Rubbish Riders group shared their story: *The Rubbish Riders are a group of friends who cycle together regularly. Volunteers come from 2 groups, Cycle Salisbury Social Rides, and The Uncool Cycling Group. When the Northern Connector Motorway was built there was a cycling path made alongside it, to join Pt Adelaide to Gawler. It is called the Tapa Martinthi Yala Shared Use Path. In the Aboriginal Kurna language it means 'Pathway to Embrace Today.'* Cyclists, walkers and runners all use this path. A section of this track passes through the old salt pans area between Globe Derby Drive and Salt Pan Junction at the Southern Interchange. It is a beautiful, unique landscape that needs to be respected, and as it was rapidly filling up with rubbish after completion of the adjacent road, the group adopted 5kms. They meet with their bikes and equipment, and space out along the route to do the clean up. The Council assists with litter bag collection. The group started with 3 volunteers and one small bike trailer and now have 13 volunteers and two trailers. It is a much more pleasant experience to cycle through the picturesque area without rubbish spoiling it. After the strenuous, dusty, sometimes hot work, a welcome coffee, chat, and rest are enjoyed at a nearby cafe. Thank you for sharing your story Rhonda!

The Rubbish Riders were awarded the Innovation award for their bicycle trailer collections. Gavin Smith from the Flinders Ranges Volunteers was awarded the Communication award for ongoing advocacy and engagement. Fiona Bennet from Flora's Revegetation was awarded the Dedication award for over 30 hours of contribution each year. Whilst these awards acknowledge the work we know about, we also know many of you are quiet achievers and we celebrate this too, thank you!

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## Images



**Images 1:** Gavin from Flinders Ranges Volunteers with The Department for Infrastructure & Transport's Wayne Buckerfield **2:** Volunteering SA-NT's Hamilton Calder, **3.** Montage of volunteers, past & present **4:** Rhonda from Rubbish Riders Volunteers, **5:** Program anniversary acknowledgement, **6:** Brian & Rhonda from Rubbish Riders Volunteers, **7:** Wayne Buckerfield from the Department for Infrastructure & Transport.



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# 30 year anniversary

## Goolwa Tidy Towns



Julia Fraser has kindly shared the Goolwa Road Watch groups story to commemorate their 30th anniversary. "The Goolwa "Tidy Towns" Group (as it is fondly recognised by the Goolwa Community) began in 1992 with our founders, Alan and Helen Jones. From 10 original members, our Group has grown to 22 happy Goolwa retirees, giving back to their community.

Apart from regular Road watch exercises on the Main Road north from Goolwa (approximately 4 kms), the Group assist the Council by creating and tending gardens around the town. Many members also pick up rubbish on their daily exercise along our beautiful River Murray and Goolwa Beach. Our photo shows 3 of our founding members in the middle of the front row, Gaynor Jones, Alan Jones and Judy Jones. Gaynor and Judy are sisters-in-law and no relation to Alan! Gaynor is still an active member of the Group, and her expert advice on all aspects of gardening is much valued." Congratulations on this milestone! KESAB and the community appreciate all that you do.

# 10 year anniversary

## Tzu Chi Foundation

As featured in the February newsletter, the Tzu Chi Foundation of Adelaide are celebrating their 10 year anniversary this year. We had the pleasure of being involved in their online celebratory event on Sunday 8th May and congratulate them on their amazing community service in Adelaide and beyond. If you'd like to learn more about the group, you can view their celebratory event here: <https://youtu.be/NyvCuG3LqcM>

We are very pleased to be working with your group on this program and look forward to many years to come.

If you have stories to share, please send them to: [roadwatch@kesab.asn.au](mailto:roadwatch@kesab.asn.au)



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