

# Road Watch—Adopt A Road



## Caravan Clubs rally

KESAB invites you to save the date for the National Caravan Clubs Rally, to be held in SA this year.

Beautiful Barmera in the Riverland will host the rally from March 27th to April 5th 2023, welcoming caravaners, campers and travellers from around Australia.

Join us as we come together for 9 nights to learn, share and enjoy all that the rally and the site has to offer. The rally site is situated just 2km from the town of Barmera, off the Sturt Highway, making visits to surrounding towns like Monash, Loveday, Renmark, Waikerie and Loxton easy. You can enjoy award winning wines, delicious fresh produce, beautiful landscapes and interesting fauna. To support these wonderful features, please remember to check the latest [fruit fly restrictions](#) for the area, as the outbreak continues to threaten the local community.

KESAB is booked in to 'talk trash' on Wednesday March 29th and we look forward to discussing the challenges and opportunities of managing materials whilst travelling. The rally has adopted an eco-friendly site approach, arranging can/bottle recycling and requesting the reuse of cutlery and crockery, with no plastic/paper items allowed. We commend the rally for these efforts and look forward to seeing a clean site.

If you are travelling to the rally, we encourage the following:

- Pack quality reusable containers and serving ware. Compactable, lightweight and tightly sealing options are great.
- Pack a large water bottle/canister to refill as you go. This keeps you healthy, budget conscious and avoids bottle waste.
- Take multi-purpose reusable bags. This could be a day pack that can fit groceries or a small mesh produce bag.
- Choose food products that have a long shelf life or don't require refrigeration. This avoids spoilage whilst also often being cheaper, safer and can avoid packaging.
- Utilise quality rechargeable items, ideally via solar/vehicle charging to avoid battery purchases and waste.
- Explore waste free toiletries like toothpaste tabs in reusable tubs to avoid tube waste, unpackaged natural hard soap to avoid bottles and try refillable and reusable personal care options.
- Consider how you can avoid waste and create a space with appropriate containers to store any wastes you may generate. Sealed containers can be helpful in case you need to travel longer distances between disposal options.
- When storing separated wastes, keep paper with organics to neutralize any odor or keep particularly challenging items cool in a freezer/similar until disposal. Rinse & allow natural drying of any recyclable materials to avoid mold and the risk of attracting fauna.

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# Port Augusta

## Lions effort

The Port Augusta Lions Club have been at it again, with 10 wonderful locals sharing an hour together to collect litter near the Eyre highway. Eleven bags were filled and the team managed to move materials with a trailer.

Common litter items included cigarette butts and their boxes, as well as food packaging, predominantly coffee cups and takeaway containers.

I'm sure we don't need to remind our members but perhaps it's worth sharing, that even certified compostable coffee cups can't breakdown properly on the side of the road. Compostables can only compost, in a compost! A nice alliteration to share within communities.

Thank you again to the Lions Club for your amazing efforts and your detailed reports. We thank you and all other program supporters for your contributions to our communities.



# SA's commitment

## Minister's breakfast

Every year KESAB facilitates a breakfast with the Minister for the Environment (Climate, Environment & Water). This year we were pleased to hear that the Hon. Dr. Susan Close MP is very supportive of the waste & recycling industry. The Minister spoke about the amazing commitment from the South Australian community  
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## Minister's breakfast– continued

We manage and sort materials for the best possible outcomes and with this commitment, comes an opportunity to continuously improve. We know that our wonderful Road Watch-Adopt A Road supporters are part of this amazing community and we look forward to ongoing support and engagement as we work together to Keep South Australia Beautiful!

# Memorial seat

## Alan Jones

Congratulations to Tidy Towns Goolwa for recently installing a memorial seat to commemorate Alan Jones, the founder of the group. Alan is a very active member of the local community, generously beautifying and maintaining spaces for all to enjoy over many years.

The new seat with plaque commemorates his efforts and allows the community to have a wonderful view whilst appreciating their surroundings. Thank you for sharing the legacy.



# Welcome!

## New groups

In the third quarter of this year we were pleased to welcome three new groups to the Road Watch-Adopt A Road family. A very warm welcome to you all and we hope that you will reach out and share stories so that we can all get to know each other better over time.

These new groups are located in Mitcham, Holdfast Bay & the Adelaide Hills. We've also had expressions of interest from individuals, community groups and businesses in the Port Adelaide Enfield, Victor Harbour, Alexandrina, Glenelg and Unley areas. If you know anyone who may be interested in the program, please share our contact details. Joining this flexible program is as easy as these steps:

1. Identify a safe section of arterial roadside (minimum 500m).
2. Contact KESAB for review.
3. Complete documentation.
4. Use issued equipment for clean up activities.
5. Have fun while staying fit with friends.
6. Report your findings.
7. Stay engaged.



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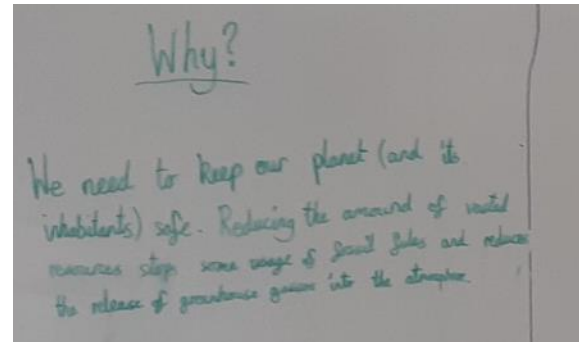
# School involvement

## Mercedes Collage

In September, Mercedes College was welcomed into the Road Watch-Adopt A Road family, committing to adopt the roads surrounding their school in Springfield.

As part of their commitment to caring for the environment and instilling sustainable practices within their school community, they also committed to joining the Wipe Out Waste program.

KESAB was pleased to work with them to deliver a day of activation in early November during National Recycling week. Seventy year 6 students participated in four activities, collecting and assessing waste materials on and around the site. They worked in teams to assess their findings and presented an 'elevator pitch' to each other to practice communicating outcomes. This information provides a baseline from which they can plan actions to address challenges and assess their progress over time. The students are keen to share their work with the whole school and an assembly will be scheduled to involve more students, teachers and parents.



# Equipment & safety

## Equipment

## Tricky conditions

The weather is getting warmer so please make sure that your equipment is in good working order and that you have appropriate first aid, hydration and sun smart attire before you head out. Please call/email KESAB for any equipment orders (08) 8234 7255/ roadwatch@kesab.asn.au

### SAFETY SPOTLIGHT: Tricky conditions

Clean up activities can only be conducted in safe conditions along registered/adopted sites to ensure everyone is kept safe. We do still find that some conditions can make clean ups tricky, including rain in the days before a clean or other factors. Whilst this list is not exhaustive, here are a few things we hope might help:

- Check the weather forecast when planning and just before completing a clean up activity.
- Only complete clean up activities in good weather. This means avoiding rainy, windy, very hot/very cold days.
- Check the terrain when erecting signs, to ensure there are no slippery areas you need to avoid or roadworks nearby.
- Try to schedule your cleans for mid-morning or late afternoon to avoid weather peaks and any influence of frost.
- Always take adequate hydration and weather protection.
- Always inform someone who is not cleaning of your whereabouts and return time.



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