

Road Watch—Adopt A Road



Travel waste

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KESAB had the pleasure of joining the National Caravan Rally in the Riverland in March to 'talk travel trash.' Managing waste can be a tricky business and travelling makes it even more challenging, so we were excited to meet with travellers from around the country at this great event. Over 60 clubs were represented and around 700 people attended the rally, with around 170 joining us during happy hour for a lively talk.

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The scene was set with a ban on single-use items at the rally and 10c container recycling on site, but as you know, this is not the norm.

We delved into all the common household waste streams and answered tricky questions along the way so that systems were understood and travel decisions could be better informed. We discussed waste avoidance and management options for travel and introduced the Road Watch program. We also gave out litter kits for responsible collection. Thanks to everyone involved!



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Myponga magic

Karen is keeping it clean

Karen has been volunteering along a roadside in Myponga for just over two years and has been a great advocate for environmental protection, community support and the Road Watch-Adopt A Road program.

Karen has informed us that a lot has been going on in the area including roadside waste collection which is a big change for waste management in the area. This also aids litter disposal and is an important consideration for this program.

The Tour Down Under Men's Stage 2 race came down Reservoir Road on Thursday January 19th, so Karen ensured that the roadside was litter free and presentable to a worldwide audience. Thank you Karen, not only is this amazing foresight but a huge effort in the face of unearthed litter from verge slashing!

Bottles and cans collected from these cleans were shared with the Myponga CFS for their annual bottle drive fundraiser on Sunday 5th of February. The photos made it into the local Mudlark weekly newsletter, exert shown adjacent. Karen also kindly contributed to our safety section this quarter (p4).

Thank you Karen, you are certainly part of the amazing Road Watch family!

Well done to all who helped out at the recent Myponga CFS bottle drive fundraiser on Sunday 5th February. Karen Goldie, KESAB (Keep South Australia Beautiful) Volunteer in the Road Watch Adopt-A-Road program, dropping off to the hard-working CFS volunteers, the bottles and cans she collected that were littered on our local roads over the holiday season. The successful day raised \$600. They hope to put this towards a split system air conditioner at the CFS station when it is upgraded in the future.



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Tzu Chi education

New Year Blessing event

Sarah was privileged to join the Tzu Chi Foundation for their New Year Blessing event on Sunday 19th of February. It was a very moving event with celebration of community connection and environmental care.

The Tzu Chi group has been practicing compassionate care in Adelaide for quite a few years and includes Road Watch as an activity to look after our environment and connect people together over shared interests. It is a multi-generational group, allowing for great learning and development.

I was particularly impressed with the banner in the image adjacent that encourages excellent resource management and the recycling of plastic PET bottles into emergency relief blankets.

Well done team, we look forward to delivering waste educational training with Green Industries SA support in July.

Thanks to the group for their efforts and hospitality and KESAB looks forward to continuing a great working relationship.



Tidy Towns & Lions

Laughter with litter

The Goolwa Tidy Town Road Watch-Adopt A Road 'elves' have been busy again collecting nine bags of litter along a 3km stretch of road near Goolwa. These litter elves know how to have a laugh whilst making a difference to the natural beauty of Goolwa. Pictured top right is 'Wayne: on the Sauce AGAIN'.

The Lions Club of Onkaparinga has also been out collecting six wheelie bins full of material with proud participants pictured below. Both are a long-standing and very active groups who make a real impact keeping the environment clean and healthy. Thank you for your efforts and for sharing your stories.



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Illegal dumping

Reporting

One of our amazing long standing volunteers has come across illegally dumped tyre stockpiles. Ever diligent, this has been reported to the EPA and we remind you that if you do find illegally dumped items, it is not your responsibility to manage them. Please make an EPA report with as much detailed information as possible including:

- name, address and daytime telephone number of person making the report
- incident details (please indicate if the incident is still occurring at the time this notification is lodged)
- date and time of incident
- details of source of pollution such as business name, address, etc.
- location of the incident (if not the same as address)

EPA contact details are: (08) 8204 2004/ 1800 623 445 / yourepa@sa.gov.au



Equipment & safety

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Litter hazards

Please always check that all of your equipment is in good working order and that you have a good first aid kit and sustenance with you for each cleaning activity.

Please call / email KESAB for any equipment replacements / orders (08) 8234 7255/ roadwatch@kesab.asn.au

SAFETY SPOTLIGHT: Litter hazards

Your clean-ups keep roadsides clean and healthy, protecting our waterways and local fauna and flora. They also reduce hazards like glass fires and sharps injuries.

Karen has kindly snapped some great examples of litter challenges we all need to be aware of so when you're out and about, ask yourself and others some questions:

- Can it cause harm? Could it injure a living being (cuts, choking, limb damage etc.)
- Can it travel? Things that move can cause damage in different environments. (obstruct vision, pollute waterways)
- Can I act responsibly?



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