

Road Watch—Adopt A Road



Rubbish Riders resume

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After a challenging start to the year, we're happy to see that the Rubbish Riders crew are back in action, enjoying physical activity whilst caring for the environment. Rhonda has a new knee and has been happily putting it through it's paces cycling around Adelaide. It's amazing to witness your positive and caring attitude Rhonda.

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In August the group kindly resumed their site and reported that five keen volunteers collected twelve bags of litter along the Tapa Martinthi Yala Cycle Path near Salisbury. As the site hadn't been cleared for a while, there was a fair amount of litter meaning that the group completed a smaller section of the adopted site.

Please remember that if you ever feel that completing the full extent of an area is too much, you can always concentrate on what you can do. It's just as fantastic and impactful to do small things as it is to do big things, and everything is appreciated.

This activity has sparked curious conversations with lots more interest shown to participate in the next clean-up which is anticipated in October.

The images have been kindly provided by the group and show their unique bicycle carting arrangements which combines a love of cycling with environmental care.

If you have stories to share, please get in touch: 8234 7255 roadwatch@kesab.asn.au

You never know who you may inspire with your stories!



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Pictures from the field

Volunteer clean pictures

Thank you to those groups who are able to send photos from cleaning activities. We've had some great happy snaps and are excited to share the below collection: Top right: McLaren Vale Lions Club.

Middle left: Tzu Chi Foundation.

Middle right: The first time the Tzu Chi Foundation has found this roadside garden free of litter. The group had a community member congratulating their ongoing litter cleaning efforts. Hooray!

Bottom right: Lions Club of Port Augusta had 11 members join their October clean, some of whom posed for a photo.

Bottom left: Rubbish riders victory. Well done all!



Corporate cleans

Hansen Yuncken

KESAB was pleased to attend Hansen Yuncken's final clean of their Flinders University Medical Building site as they finalise their works there.

A team of around 20 keen team members were allocated areas surrounding the new precinct for cleaning in late September, with the many hands making light work.

Cigarette butts were collected separately and whilst small, were found in large numbers. Luckily bulk polystyrene was collected before it could break into small/ bigger issues and all materials were disposed of responsibly via their great multi-stream waste management systems.



Signs

Creative tailoring

Terry from the Lions Club of Aberfoyle and Districts was kind enough to send a picture of their tailored Road Watch-Adopt A Road safety sign setup. This ensures good visibility as well as promotion of the valuable work that the Lions Clubs contribute to the community.

For your safety, please ensure that your signs are always visible before and during activities and let KESAB know if you require replacements or support.

If you plan on tailoring signage, please ensure that the signs keep the original content and context. This ensures that you are covered by insurance and that our funding body, the Department for Infrastructure and Transport is appropriately represented.

Feel free to call Sarah to discuss if you have any queries: 8234 7255



Grant opportunities

Care of Rebekha Sharkie

If you're looking to support your community groups more broadly, there are multiple opportunities available [here](#) including:

- [Regional Development Australia's Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island Grant Finder](#)
- [business.gov.au – federal business grants](#)
- [GrantConnect - federal grants](#)
- [GRANTassist - state grants](#)
- [The Grants Hub \(subscription required\)](#)
- [SportAus – sporting grants](#)



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Sustainable Communities

Award finalists

KESAB is pleased to announce that we had several finalists for the 2023-24 Sustainable Community Awards.

Regional finalists included the Flinders Ranges and Kingston SE and we had The Rural City of Murray Bridge and the Campbelltown Repair Café represent metro areas.

Judging took place in October-November and we hope to advise award winners in December. To create a larger impact, we are planning a shared event in the first half of 2024. We will let you know more details as this develops.

Please join us in congratulating these communities. Your efforts improve social and environmental connectivity and sustainability and is greatly appreciated!



Equipment & safety

Weather preparedness

The weather is warming up and vegetation may be getting thick! Now is the time to consider your site access and overall safety, ensuring that you check sites regularly before scheduling activities.

SAFETY SPOTLIGHT: Spring considerations

Vegetation can cover some areas of roadsides. Always conduct a pre-clean site assessment ensuring:

- Safe and easy site access for the entirety of the site and all volunteer abilities.
- Consider contacting your local authority for mowing/pruning if you cannot access some areas.
- Consider what critters may be living in and around the site and ensure that you discuss risk management with your group pre-clean.
- Always have an appropriate first aid kit accessible. Now might be the time to update kits to include snake bandages and burn gels.
- Ensure that you wear weather and site appropriate clothing and protection. This may include hats with neck coverage if possible, sunglasses/goggles, long sleeve shirts and pants and of course sturdy and safe footwear. Match this with your Road Watch equipment for a safe and enjoyable clean up activity (Pickers, tongs, high-visibility vests).



Seasonal changes



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