

# Road Watch—Adopt A Road



## Context

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Welcome to the first edition of the Road Watch-Adopt a Road newsletter for 2024. We hope you are enjoying a lovely summer, hopefully filled with quality time to enjoy the most valuable things in life.

Often the summer period means that people are travelling more and sadly that may result in litter in our environment. I'm sure you may relate to one of our long-standing volunteers Fiona, who, even whilst on holiday, collects litter to keep our environment beautiful. Whilst in NSW, she took some amazing images of the Blue Mountains which she has generously shared. I hope they bring a smile to your faces. The beauty of Australia is amazing and certainly worth caring for. Please know that all of your efforts, big and small are making an impact and are appreciated!

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# Out and about

## Volunteer activities

We're always blown away by the amazing people that put in so much effort to keep our environment clean, safe and healthy. Congratulations to you all!

Since the last newsletter in November, we've welcomed a new Blanchetown group to the fold, had volunteers extend their sites to larger areas, and had schools enquire as to how they can get involved. We've also been liaising with some 4WD clubs who are keen to practice respect for the environment and each other.

The Mount Lofty Rangers 4WD Club head to Beachport each year over the January long weekend and this year they collected an amazing /appalling amount of litter during their travels. They found bottles/cans, nappies, car parts, fishing floats, tubs and ropes. Images are inset. Thank you for supporting the local ecosystems in Beachport with this tremendous cleanup! Practicing environmental care like this during outings and with groups has great outcomes in terms of visibility. It can encourage others to be more engaged, as well as supporting areas that may not often receive attention. The group was diverse, ranging from young children to older members, so we are sure that there was also some great education and memories created for more responsible behaviours.

There have also been some great conversations with regular volunteers over the last few months, some of whom are supporting other charities like the Royal Flying Doctors Service and local Country Fire Services. If your group collects 10 cent containers, perhaps sharing the proceeds with other charities can amplify your efforts. Whilst it may seem like a little, it all adds up. Gavin Smith can attest to that, as his efforts over the years having contributed over \$1,000 to the Royal Flying Doctor's Service!

Thank you all for your contributions. At times it may feel like a thankless task but mother nature is smiling and you never know who has been influenced by your positive example.

If you know of any groups or individuals who might like to join the Road Watch-Adopt A Road program, please share this newsletter or our contact details: 8234 7255 Email: [roadwatch@kesab.asn.au](mailto:roadwatch@kesab.asn.au)

Website: <https://www.kesab.asn.au/programs/road-watch/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/KESABRoadWatch>



# Let's Go! Caravan & Camping Expo

15-18 Feb Adelaide Showgrounds

KESAB are excited to have a stall and a Friday speaking spot at the Caravan, Camping and Outdoor Show at the Adelaide Showgrounds. This 5-day premier event showcases everything from caravans, campers, motorhomes, essential gear and expert advice for outdoor adventures.

The event runs from Wed 14th Feb—Sun 18 Feb and KESAB will have a stall from Thursday onwards. At 2pm on Friday we will have a presentation on the main stage discussing the tricky bits of managing materials whilst travelling. We have some example items for you to consider for your next trip, thanks to the awesome crew at Snowys Outdoors. When you have the right gear, you can do almost anything! There's lot to learn and this year the event offers wine tasting, a flight simulator thanks to the Royal Flying Doctor, boat licence classes by Surf Life Saving as well as educational and interactive experiences.

Media personalities like Cosi, Ali Clarke, Adelady and Flipper will be there and there are even games and activities for the kids. Come along and learn with us!



## Awards

### SA Volunteers: nominations open

If you'd like to recognise some outstanding Road Watch volunteers, please contact us to make a submission as the [SA Volunteer Award nominations](#) are now open until Sunday 10th March.

These State Government awards recognise the outstanding contribution that SA volunteers, volunteer managers, community organisations and businesses contribute to our community.

There are five categories :

- **Joy Noble Medal:** for individual volunteers.
- **Young Volunteer Award:** volunteers aged 12-25.
- **The Andamooka Community Project Award:** community projects.
- **The Excellence in Volunteer Management Award:** for volunteer managers.
- **The Premier's Award for Corporate Social Responsibility:** for profit businesses.



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# Sustainable Communities

## Awards

At the end of 2023, KESAB had the pleasure of reviewing the Sustainable Community Award submissions, with site visits undertaken for the finalists. There were some amazing initiatives from a wide range of localities and a lot of community spirit driving positive environmental outcomes. Congratulations to all involved!

KESAB look forward to awarding prizes and sharing the stories of these amazing communities at the next biennial KESAB awards event which we are planning for April 2024. We will share the date as soon as it is confirmed but hope that you can join us for an inspirational half-day event which celebrates and educates!

We will have stories from not only Sustainable Communities, but from Road Watch and Wipe Out Waste schools. These programs have amazing positive impacts and ripple effects throughout communities and we'd love your support. If you have a story to share, please get in touch: 8234 7255 roadwatch@kesab.asn.au



# Equipment & safety

## Roadside safety

As roads get busier, it's a timely reminder of some simple tips to stay alert and safe near roadsides.

- Always tell someone else where you are going and for how long, making sure that you have a reliable form of communication like a charged and in-range mobile device.
- Ensure that you check your site for any hazards prior to scheduling/starting a cleaning activity.
- Always securely erect your safety signs at both ends of your site in the direction of oncoming traffic, ensuring they are visible before and during the clean.
- Wear your fastened, high visibility vest and weather/site appropriate attire.
- Ensure that you can see and hear traffic properly at all times.
- Always have an appropriate first aid kit accessible, making sure it's well stocked/up to date.



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