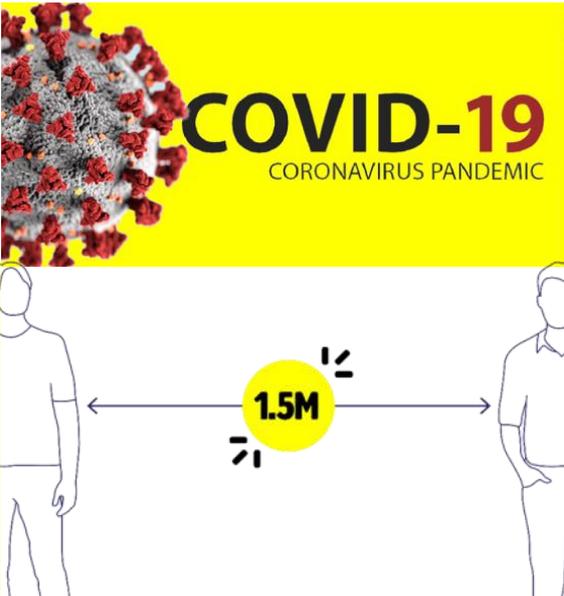


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COVID-19 safety reminder

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Keep safe

Please remember to observe the SA Government guidelines and maintain safe physical distances when working with others.

Please also continue to wash all equipment in warm soapy water after each clean-up activity and utilise sanitiser to ensure that you and others are safe & well.

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Clean Up Australia Day activities

Clean Up Australia Day

Clean Up Australia Day was different this year but that didn't stop many of our active members from getting out to complete clean-ups in their respective sites. Thank you to those that sent through images and reports, well done!



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National volunteer week

Spread the red

May 17-23 is National Volunteer Week, a time to celebrate the wonderful contribution that all volunteers make to our communities.

In South Australia alone there are around 1 million registered volunteers, whose contributions are valued at around \$5 billion annually.

Road Watch-Adopt A Road members are among these highly valued volunteers, contributing to conserving the natural environment, keeping places clean, safe and presentable.

KESAB would like to thank each and every one of you for your amazing efforts.

We invite you and your communities to show your support during National Volunteer Week, by colouring your spaces red, the colour for volunteers.

This is a visual display to recognise and celebrate volunteers and show pride in accomplishments. This campaign aims to raise awareness and foster wholesome discussions and engagement. You can decorate, plant, wear or eat red, whatever you like to show your support.

Tag your images #ColourYourCommunityRed and share on the KESAB Road Watch Facebook group or email your photos roadwatch@kesab.asn.au



Program survey response

Thank you very much for your program feedback via the survey. This information shows that 100% of respondents want to continue engagement with the program and that you generally feel supported with appropriate equipment and assistance. This is great news and we continue to encourage you to reach out if you have other feedback that you'd like to discuss.

Litter collection trends noted more mask and gloves, building materials and single-use packaging like take-away containers. We hope that this is a short-term response to the pandemic but encourage you to track your findings in your reports, as this can also tease out the effects of the [single-use plastics ban](#). We are also grateful for your suggestions including infrastructure availability and placement as well as monitoring in hotspots.

This information has been shared with the Department for Infrastructure and Transport.

If you haven't already, please do have your say about the program.



We are seeking program feedback.

Share your view [here](#):

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/roadwatchreview2021>



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Metro cleans

Influencing behavior

There are a few metropolitan groups within the program who complete clean up activities in highly visible areas.

Featured in the photo adjacent are the Tzu Chi Buddhist Foundation of Adelaide. They come together each fortnight to clean up the busy streets around the city's highly frequented Chinatown precinct.

Metro areas are great places to make a difference as work is highly visible. Psychological analysis of littering has found that when places appear to be clean and well cared for, people are less likely to litter. Unfortunately the reverse is also true.

An example of a common litter problem in metropolitan public spaces is shown in the inset photo. Sometimes the behaviour of a few can make others complacent, so our Murray Plains volunteer often reports issues to Council.

Informing the relevant authorities can provide them with valuable information, alerting them to potential hazards that they can then address in a timely manner. This information can also support informed initiatives to address problem areas and activities.

If you come across any problem areas/hotspots or dangerous/large items of litter, please contact the relevant local agencies or KESAB, so that appropriate action can be taken.



Litter Less in schools

Education to support change

Do you know that KESAB offers litter education for schools via the [Litter Less](#) program?

Litter Less is an educational resource for primary school teachers and students, offering learning through action. Students learn about the local and global issue of litter and then conduct a sample litter audit at their site.

Audit findings are collaboratively assessed to identify trends, hotspots, infrastructure requirements and behavioural elements. From this, an action plan is brainstormed so that they can drive positive change and address the issues identified.



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Safety & Equipment

Knowledge, cleaning and maintenance

Sharps spotlight

Do you need some new equipment or supplies? Please help us keep you safe and active by letting us know when you need replacement equipment. This includes: volunteer safety signs, high visibility vests, litter bags, gloves, pickers, tongs and sharps containers. Please call (08)8234 7255 or email: roadwatch@kesab.asn.au and we will arrange delivery or collection. If you identify a need for other supplies, please also let us know.

SAFETY SPOTLIGHT: Sharps & needlestick injury

Every group who is comfortable handling sharps should have a dedicated sterile sharps container, available via KESAB. It is illegal to place any medical sharps in household bins and may attract [fines](#). A full container may be disposed of via your local Council or other [Clean Needle Program](#) participants, which can be found [here](https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/resources/clean+needle+program+site+list+-+by+suburb+town): <https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/resources/clean+needle+program+site+list+-+by+suburb+town>

When **collecting sharps/needles in your sharps container**, follow these steps:

- Do not handle the sharp/syringe, try to break or cover the sharp end.
- Bring the sharps container to the sharp/syringe, placing it on the ground and using gloves & tools to contain it.
- If picking up the item is required, use gloves and tools to hold it away from the sharp end, placing it in the container sharp end first, before securing the container lid.

If you are exposed to a **needlestick injury**, please remember to:

- Stay calm & allow the wound to bleed freely.
- Immediately wash the area with running water and soap, rinsing before patting dry.
- Cover the wound with a dressing & contact your supervisor, local doctor, hospital and/or health centre.



Celebrating 25 Years

Program milestone

In 2021 the Road Watch-Adopt A Road program is celebrating it's 25th year!

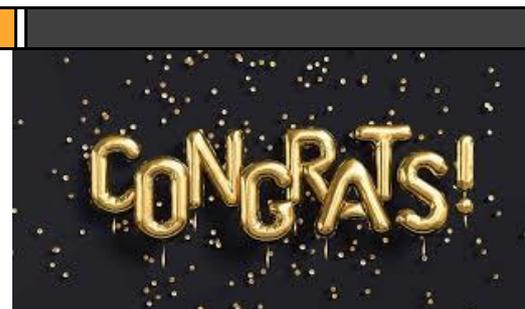
Congratulations to you all for being part of such an impactful and long lived program!

Your reporting data shows that you spend an average of 2-5 hours on each of your clean-up activities, collecting 3 bags of litter on average. What an impact!

To date we have 130 registered groups and counting, and many of you have been involved for more than 2 years, some even 20 years!

Please know that your efforts and energy is appreciated, by KESAB and the greater community. You are stewards for the environment, setting a wonderful example and initiating change. Well done!

We are currently working on a celebration event to mark this milestone so if you have suggestions, please let us know: roadwatch@kesab.asn.au / (08) 8234 7255.



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