

Road Watch—Adopt A Road



Congratulations

KESAB would like to congratulate one of our long standing and super engaged Road Watch-Adopt A Road volunteers, Gavin Smith. Gavin has been awarded the Premier's Certificate in recognition for outstanding volunteer service. This certificate acknowledges and celebrates volunteer excellence and significant achievements and KESAB would like to share our congratulations.

For over twenty years, Gavin has removed tonnes of litter from roadsides. Through the Road Watch-Adopt A Road program he reports illegal dumping and other relevant issues to the appropriate authorities and positively contributes to multiple communities.

Gavin has encouraged other groups to engage with the environment through nature experiences for many years and continues to reach out to locals and travellers alike, sharing a passion for environmental stewardship. This includes nature trail development and maintenance, site conservation and revegetation.

Gavin has contributed to areas including Thompson Beach, Mannum and now Hawker.

We look forward to having our Board member and our CEO present this certificate to Gavin and celebrate achievements. We also look forward to hearing about ideas for the program so if you'd like us to consider any insights you may have at this presentation, please call or email us.

If you know of a group or individuals who deserve recognition, please let KESAB know or explore the Premiers Certificate: <https://dhs.sa.gov.au/work-with-us/volunteering/recognition/volunteer-certificates>

Volunteering contributes so much to our communities, socially, environmentally and economically, and KESAB is pleased to support volunteering. We celebrate your efforts, big and small, public or not. You are all valued and your contribution is significant. Well done to all.

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Out in action

Cleaning stories

It seems that the cooler weather supports more activity, with many groups out and about and kindly sending in happy snaps. Thank you to all of the groups that have been cleaning up their adopted roadsides and sharing reports, stories and photos. It's always great to get feedback and the reports help us advise relevant agencies in relation to waste management interventions. Since the beginning of 2023 we've been happy to receive reports from groups including:

- The Rotary Club of Glenelg
- Ford residents group
- Police Credit Union
- The Clean up Couple
- Karen Goldie
- M & M Seacliff
- The Parkinson Family
- Flinders Ranges Volunteers
- The Hussey Family
- Goolwa Tidy Towns
- Onkaparinga Lions Club
- Cittaslow Goolwa

The Rotary Club of Victor Harbor have been caring for their adopted roadside near the entrance of Victor Harbor since 1999, not long after the Road Watch-Adopt A Road was initiated. They still enjoy banding together to improve the entrance way to the town and stop litter finding it's way deeper into the beautiful natural environment.

The image below shows some of the Rotary Club of Victor Harbor's Road Watch-Adopt A Road crew during an activity in May.

(Left to right): John Swincer, Peter Morrison, Graham Ewens, Mark Irwin, Maxine Timms, Malcom Haythorpe and Daryl Girdler.

Thank you for keeping this tourism hotspot in top condition!



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The Lions Club of Port Augusta were also out in force, with nine members cleaning parts of the Eyre highway in May. Their members are happy to be participating in the program saying that " *it doesn't take long with a group of people and looks so much better afterwards*". ..ahhh the satisfaction!

Ten bags of litter were collected along their adopted roadside in May, over 1.5 hours.

Sadly the majority were food wrappers, mostly coffee cups, as well as face masks. These continue to be a challenge post COVID and we urge all volunteers to ensure that appropriate safety equipment is used when handling items that may pose hygiene risks.

If you are unsure about an item, you can always confer with your team, call KESAB or leave it be. If you come across illegally dumped or hazardous items, please report it to the appropriate authorities (EPA/Council/Police), ensuring that you can describe the location and the materials well.



<https://ask.your.epa.sa.gov.au/pollution-report/?stepid=a697c097-5bf3-ec11-bb3d-00224892c3c1&sessionid=949d2355-cc26-ee11-9965-6045bd3d452f>

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The Flinders Ranges Volunteers have also been busy, clearing their roadside just outside of Hawker. The below images show their handmade litter collection trolley options and their furry helper. On their May clean, 2 kilometres were covered with approximately 12kilograms of material collected in 2 bags. Common items were food wrappers which reflects the current Litter Index data. Thank you for your ongoing efforts and support.



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The Cittaslow group at Goolwa were also busy, working with school students from Goolwa Secondary College who were keen to collect litter for an arts project.

Congratulations to Cittaslow Goolwa who managed to secure a grant to create an art project to help raise awareness in the community and beyond.

Fourteen students helped to collect eight bags of litter along the Cittaslow Road Watch-Adopt A Road site on Hindmarsh Island. Four bags of select litter were taken back to school to create the art piece in collaboration with a local artist.

Projects like this are great examples of sharing learning experiences, fostering a love for the natural environment, and getting hands on experiences to create lifelong memories.

We congratulate Cittaslow Goolwa for initiating this collaboration and look forward to seeing the finished artwork, which we will share in the appropriate newsletter.

Thank you to everyone for your amazing efforts in caring for our shared communities and the environment.

We love receiving your reports, sharing your stories and seeing your pictures.

You are all amazing!

Please remember that if you need equipment replenishing, KESAB is just a phone call or email away so don't hesitate to contact us.



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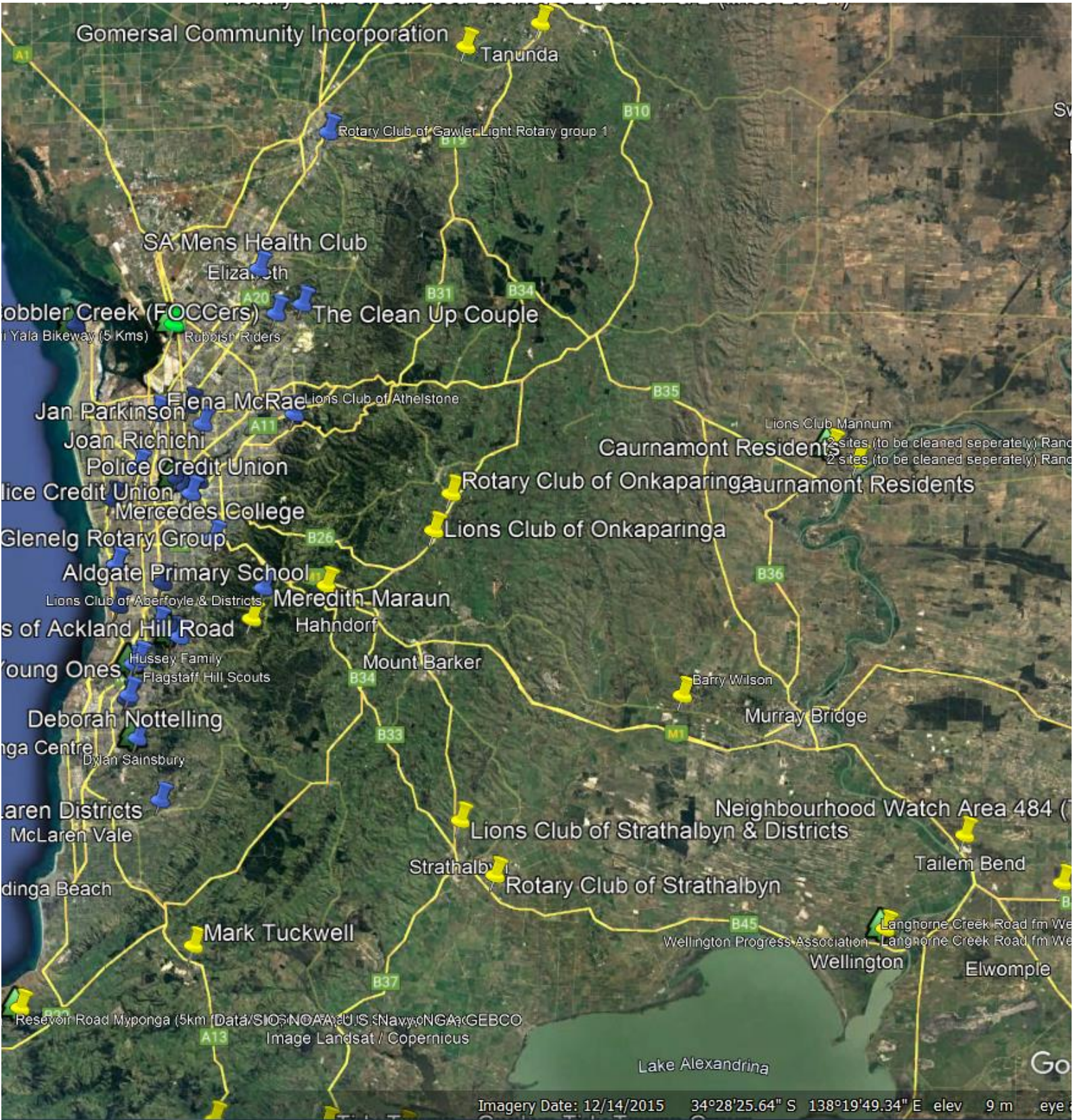
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Site mapping

Metro SA

KESAB is grateful to the Department for Infrastructure and Transport for assisting with a new mapping exercise. We now hope to utilise software that allows more data gathering of Road Watch sites and activities. For now, our initial mapping shows the reach of your amazing work. Well done! If you know anyone who might like to join or start a group, please send them our way.



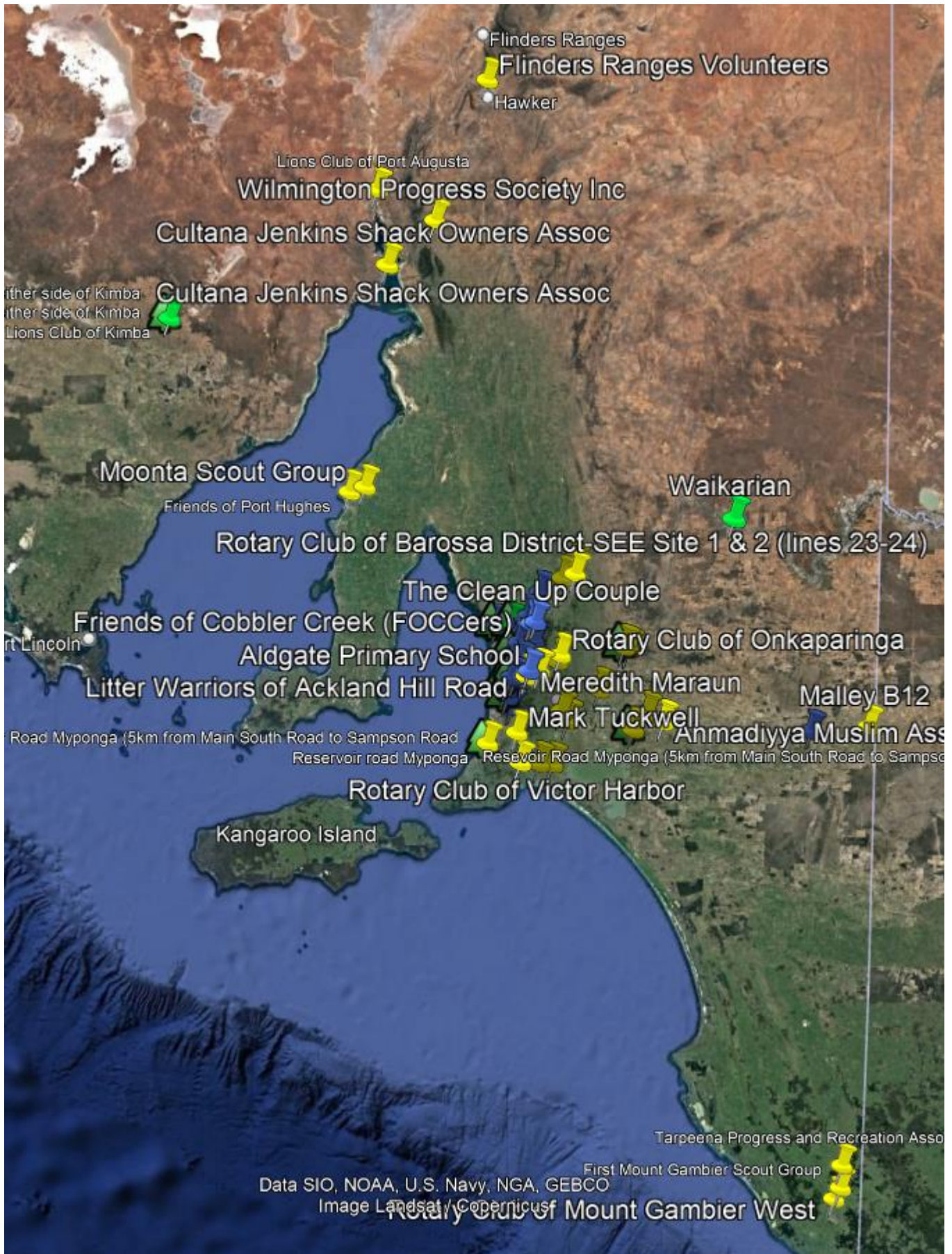
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National Volunteer Conference

May Volunteer week

KESAB was pleased to attend the National Volunteer Conference on May 15, the first day of National Volunteer Week. It was a thought provoking day of information sharing, professional development and overall volunteer celebration. We were humbled to know that whilst volunteering numbers have decreased, we continue to have such amazing program engagement. Please let us know if there's more we can do to support you and we look forward to sharing a new program induction video with you soon.



Sustainable Community Awards

As part of our commitment to support sustainable communities, KESAB is pleased to share that the Sustainable Community Awards 2023-24 are open for submissions. These awards started as 'Tidy Towns' in 1978 and three decades later have expanded to include all areas of sustainability including heritage, wellbeing and resource recovery to name a few. The awards are about sharing community stories, getting people together to help improve their patch and share initiatives and knowledge with others who can then multiply the effects. The awards are open to all, big or small and have 8 categories that cover a spectrum of elements. Participation rewards efforts, raises community profiles, attracts visitors, businesses and maybe even new residents. It supports environmental action with social, cultural, health and economic benefits. If you know of a community who has done or is doing great things, please submit to the awards so everyone can hear about it: <http://www.kesab.asn.au/programs/sustainable-communities/>

If you'd like to know more or have questions, please call Sarah at KESAB: 08 8234 7255 or email: communities@kesab.asn.au



Equipment & safety

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Cold snap!

SAFETY SPOTLIGHT: Winter considerations

As the weather gets crisp, please ensure that you check your equipment and store it appropriately to ensure usability.

There's nothing worse than organising a clean up and then having broken equipment hamper your efforts!



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