



CEO's Message

Dear members and stakeholders,

Despite winter bringing copious amounts of rain across most of the country, we are very pleased to see that the spirits of many communities, groups and individuals are still shining bright as they endeavour to make their patch of this beautiful country that little bit more sustainable, litter free and a positive legacy for future generations.

Here at Keep Australia Beautiful HQ, we are busy preparing for the next Australian Sustainable Communities - Tidy Towns Awards event hosted by last year's National Winner, Hastings, Victoria. This year, we are returning to a face-to-face event on 29 - 31 June 2022 and would like to invite you all to join us in Hastings.

Read on for further information about the events and how you can book your tickets.

With schools back in full swing, our Eco-Schools program is thriving, with two new faces joining the national Eco-Schools team.

In celebration of returning to onsite learning, we have some amazing offers to help and enable our young sustainability and environmental champions along the way.

We also have wonderful opportunities for the 'grown-ups' to reduce their impact on the environment and inspire positive action by taking part in our Adopt a Patch program or KAB Week.

As the old maxim states, "every little bit counts", and our planet is counting on us to do the right thing.

We look forward to hearing your wonderful ideas and stories of how you are making your patch a cleaner, more sustainable and healthier part of Australia.

Val Southam
Chief Executive Officer
Keep Australia Beautiful



Fancy a trip to Hastings? Join us at the Australian Sustainable Communities - Tidy Towns Awards

Keep Australia Beautiful has been running the Australian Sustainable Communities - Tidy Towns Awards for almost fifty years as a means of encouraging, motivating and celebrating the sustainability achievements of rural and regional communities across Australia.

In addition to recognising these achievements, the awards event offers representatives from across the country an opportunity to network and exchange ideas with others from community, industry and government sectors.

Each year the awards dinner and associated activities are hosted by the previous year's winner. The town of Hastings in Victoria was named the 2021 Australian Tidy Town winner and as such, will be our hosts for the 2022 Awards Weekend.

BOOK YOUR TICKETS TODAY

Full Package (all activities) - Earlybird \$250
Full Package (all activities) - Regular \$280
Dinner Ticket Only - \$180
Earlybird rates end 8 July 2022. All amounts include GST.

[Click here to book your tickets today](#)



KAB Week 2022 - only two months to go!

Our Keep Australia Beautiful Week is held in August each year to raise awareness about the simple things we can all do in our daily lives to reduce our impact on the environment and encourage action.

This year, we are calling on all Australians to get involved on **15-21 August 2022**.

Keep your eyes peeled for further information by visiting us at www.kab.org.au

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[CLICK HERE to find inspiration from past years' campaigns](#)



Adopt a Patch today

Adopt a Patch provides your organisation with information, training, support and resources to improve your local environment. We work with each organisation to tailor a program that suits the needs of individual sites and communities.

Through this program, you'll boost your company's corporate volunteering and community investment initiatives. It's a fantastic volunteering opportunity for your staff and empowers people with the knowledge to help preserve the land and natural resources in the communities in which they live and work.

To learn more [CLICK HERE](#)



KABV new partnership delivers the Premier's Sustainability

Awards

Keep Australia Beautiful Victoria (KABV) is proud to announce an exciting new partnership between Sustainability Victoria and the Banksia Foundation to deliver the Premier's Sustainability Awards 2022.

By joining forces for the 20th year of the awards, the combined experience and passion of all three organisations will deliver an inspirational awards program that celebrates organisations, communities, people and projects across Victoria that are working towards a more sustainable future. Those who enter into the Premier's Sustainability Awards will also put their town/city in the running to win the Sustainable Community - Tidy Town of the Year or the Sustainable City of the Year Award. These winners will be announced later in the year.

PROGRAM UPDATES: Eco-Schools



Meet the new national Eco-Schools team

Meet our new national Eco-Schools team: Hailey Durham and Ben Pritchard.

Hailey has been a valued member of the Keep Australia Beautiful NSW office for the past nine years working with the popular EnviroMentors program –inursion-based sustainability education throughout NSW.

Hailey has worked in Keep Australia Beautiful NSW as primary school student educator, moving into administration and now management. Before this, she completed a Bachelor of Enviro Science then a Grad Dip Ed (Middle/Senior Years), coming to the role with a bit of understanding (sometimes sympathy) for the challenges of incorporating sustainable learnings into school programs.

Ben joined Keep Australia Beautiful NSW in April this year in an Education and Program Support role.

Ben comes with an extensive background of education administration experience, having worked in various roles at Western Sydney University and the University of Sydney over more than a decade.

Outside work, Ben pursues his passion for conservation through various volunteer activities and devotes the rest of his time to his other love of making comics.

Ben works Monday to Wednesday and provides administrative support to our education programs.



Register FREE for Eco-Schools

As a big thanks to all the teachers and students across Australia who have continued to create a sustainable and beautiful Australia even during times of great challenge, we would like to give something back.

This year, Keep Australia Beautiful Eco-Schools is offering free registration to our existing members and new schools. This is our way of recognising all your hard work and would like to extend a helping hand to assist you in your efforts in making a better and more sustainable world.

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more and to register



Less Litter, More Recycling Campaign seed funding now available

With support from the Department of the Environment and Energy, we are proud to announce seed funding grants for the Less Litter, More Recycling Campaign.

This year, a limited number of eligible Australian Eco-Schools will receive seed grants of \$300 each to develop and implement a project that reduces litter or improves recycling in their school community.

The campaign targets the behaviour, knowledge and opinion leadership of students. We also hope to see a 10% decrease in the amount of litter and waste production or a 10% increase in the amount of waste diverted to recycling.

Schools will complete their project following the Eco-Schools Seven Steps and conducting two litter audits to monitor progress: One at the beginning of the project and one at the end.

To participate, complete the Expression of interest [here](#), or contact us via [ecoschools\[at\]kab.org.au](mailto:ecoschools[at]kab.org.au)

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Calling all Young Reporters

The Young Reporters for the Environment (YRE) competition is back in 2022!

The YRE aims to empower young people aged 11-25 to take a stand on environmental issues that they feel strongly about and to give them a platform to articulate these issues through the media of writing, photography or video.

To learn more, [visit our website here](#) or contact us via [eco-schools\[at\]kab.org.au](mailto:eco-schools[at]kab.org.au)

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