

2020-21 Annual report

Keep Australia Beautiful Council



Hon. Amber-Jade Sanderson MLA

Minister for Environment; Climate Action

In accordance with Section 63 of the *Financial Management Act 2006*, I submit the Keep Australia Beautiful Council Annual Report for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021, for presentation to Parliament.

The report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the *Financial Management Act 2006*.



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Chairman's report

Together with my fellow members of the Keep Australia Beautiful Council (KABC), I have pleasure in presenting KABC's 2020–21 annual report. This document shows the important work we have delivered during the financial year and provides an opportunity to reflect on our challenges as well as our achievements.

In August 2020, the Minister for Environment released the new *Litter Prevention Strategy for Western Australia 2020–2025*, which set a target of a further 30 per cent reduction in litter levels within five years. The strategy sets four key objectives for achieving our target. Our achievements have been realised through strong collaborations with other organisations and community groups.

Significant funding from the State Government through the Waste Authority has allowed KABC to deliver its programs throughout the state. The Adopt-a-Spot program has 1,670 groups registered to carry out regular or one-off clean-ups of a site, with over 49,000 volunteers registered – an increase of 6,000 from 2019–20. I would also like to thank the 11 local governments who have partnered with us to promote the Adopt-a-Spot program.

KABC formalised its Marine Debris Program in 2019–20. This included training with the Australian Microplastic Assessment Program (AUSMAP), a microplastics citizen science project, and marine collections with schools in the Indian Ocean Territories and Perth. Significant project work has been undertaken in 2020–21 by community members and school students to apply the methodology and develop plans to reduce microplastics in the environment. In a combined effort with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) and the Department of Transport (DoT) in Karratha, more than 300 kg of historical marine debris, consisting of 1,900 individual items, was removed from a 16 km stretch of coastline on the Dampier archipelago. Our annual Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Awards continued to support 41 communities from regional and remote Western Australia, with Narrogin being

awarded state winner and national finalist. The 2020 awards were a great success and I thank all the entrants for their dedication and hard work in showcasing their communities.



A significant change to the collection and auditing of litter data occurred during the year. The Australian Litter Measure was developed and piloted through a collaboration of state and territory environment departments. The new methodology was piloted in Western Australia in January 2021 under the supervision of KABC officers at a small number of sites.

The number of reports to the Litter Report Scheme declined significantly this year. KABC has started action to increase the number of active reporters registered. We know there are many Western Australians who are concerned about littering from vehicles and want to assist KABC with its fight against litter.

Following the State Government announcement to ban single-use plastic items in two stages by 2022, KABC will be sourcing plastic-free alternatives for our popular Outback Packs. KABC provided 150 modified packs to the Shire of Exmouth in June 2021 to assist in addressing roadside litter in the shire. Special thanks to Mundaring Christian College and Swan Christian College (Justice League) for assembling KABC's Outback Packs as part of their community service commitment.

I am extremely pleased and proud of the achievements of KABC this year, none of which would be possible without the dedication and commitment of our staff, Council members, our partners and members of the community who have participated in our programs.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Aspinall'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Michael Aspinall
Chairman
Keep Australia Beautiful Council

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Executive summary

Litter Prevention Strategy 2020 - 2025

Government goal

Better Places:
A quality environment
with liveable and
affordable communities
and vibrant regions.

KABC Vision

To strive for a litter free
Western Australia.

Target

30 per cent
reduction in litter
from 2020.

Strategic Objectives

| Increase community understanding of the impacts of litter on the environment and support behaviour change | Contribute to the long-term prevention of litter and marine debris | Regulation and enforcement of the Litter Act 1979 | Monitor the level of litter in Western Australia and its marine environment and evaluate program effectiveness |
|--|--|---|--|
| Raise the profile of impacts of litter on the natural and built environment | Provide support, ICWA insurance and resources to KABC volunteers | Litter Report Scheme enables registered reporters to report littering from cars | Reliable litter data is collected from a range of sources |
| Provide free litter education to primary and secondary school students | Provide support to community groups and local governments for litter prevention projects | KABC investigators install CCTV at strategic locations to collect evidence of littering | Data is collected on engagement programs. |
| Provide targeted opportunities to regional and remote communities for engagement with litter prevention programs | Local government is supported in litter prevention and mitigation | KABC investigators prepare court cases and assist witnesses for the State when infringements are challenged in court. | |
| Ensure easy public access to litter information | Schools are provided with infrastructure and tools to prevent and clean up litter | KABC enables registered reporters to report littering via the online portal and mobile app | |
| Develop programs and campaigns to address priority litter types | Remote Aboriginal communities are supported to be litter free | KABC promotes litter enforcement activity | |
| | KABC to design out single use plastics | | |
| | KABC maintains partnerships and seeks new ones that engage communities of support | | |

Supporting Documents

1. *Litter Act 1979*
2. Annual reports
3. Clean Schools *Learning about Litter*
4. Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Awards guidelines
5. KABC website
6. Newsletter *Litter-ature*
7. Adopt-a-Spot registration
8. Community Litter Grants program guidelines
9. MOUs with local governments, NGOs
10. Litter Report Scheme registration
11. AusLM - Australian litter measurement tool
12. Australian marine debris initiative (AMDII) database
13. ICWA insurances
14. Code of Conduct
15. Charter
16. Conflict of Interest Policy
17. Risk Framework

Executive summary

182

new adopter groups

16,663

litter reporters

\$56,671

litter grants

3,000

Outback Packs

82,915

rubbish+ recycling
collection bags

31,000

car litter bags

1,300

pocket ashtrays

11

local governments

1,107

infringements

41

Tidy Towns registrations

Increase community understanding of the impacts of litter on the environment and support behaviour change

Campaigns

The KABC brand and anti-litter messages were promoted across a range of local governments, events and activities in 2020-21, with the ongoing 'Bin it – you know it's the right thing to do' anti-litter campaign as the overarching message. The campaign 'If you leave litter, you're rubbish' also continued to be promoted in 2020-21 on KABC's website.

New campaign assets commenced development to update the 2017 'Bin It – You know it's the right thing to do' campaign. These assets will include materials for bin stickers and posters, social media promotion and a television commercial (TVC) for television and outdoor cinema advertising.

KABC produced six promotional program videos during 2020-21. These videos were promoted via social media, at the Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Awards event and can be viewed on KABC's website.

Tidy Towns

The 51st year of the Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities program received 41 registrations in 2020. The state awards were held at Optus Stadium. Narrogin was the overall State winner, and Narrogin would have represented Western Australia at the National Awards in June 2021, but the event was postponed because of COVID-19 travel restrictions.

Clean Schools

During 2020-21, there were 111 registrations for the professional development program. Each registrant was provided with a resource package, including a step-by-step guide to implementing the program in their schools and a thumb drive of downloadable resources. 680 Western Australian primary and secondary schools, and other organisations involved in waste management education such as day-care centres, participate in the program.

Contribute to the long-term prevention of litter and marine debris

In 2020-21 the following results were achieved:

- Adopt-a-Spot engaged **182 new adopter groups** increasing its volunteer numbers by 5,662.
- There were **111 additional registrations** in the Clean Schools program, bringing the total number of primary and secondary schools participating to 680.
- A total of **\$56,671 in funding** was awarded to community projects targeting litter through the Community Litter Grants scheme, compared with \$48,304 awarded in 2019-20.
- **3,000 Outback Packs** were assembled, and a total of 2,400 were distributed.
- **31,000** car litter bags, **82,915** large rubbish and recycling collection bags, and **1,300** pocket ashtrays were provided to Adopt-a-Spot groups and other community groups, grant recipients, businesses and local governments.

Partnerships

KABC implemented actions under memoranda of understanding (MOUs) with 11 local governments, Care for Hedland, Tangaroa Blue Foundation, Australian Microplastic Assessment Project (AUSMAP) and Main Roads WA.

Special projects

KABC Services officers visited Christmas Island in November 2020 and June 2021 to deliver litter prevention education and community engagement programs. They undertook marine debris analysis, as part of the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation's (DWER) service delivery arrangement with the Australian Government.

Regulation and enforcement of the Litter Act 1979

Litter Report Scheme

In 2020-21 an additional 1,127 Western Australians registered to become litter reporters. This brings the total number of registered litter reporters to 16,663 in 2020-21. A total of 1,162 reports were received by the Litter Report Scheme which resulted in 1,107 infringements being issued.

KABC is taking action to better understand a decline in the number of litter reports being received and to target action to encourage litter reporters to become more active. Litter audits show that major roads and highways are still the most littered site type in Western Australia.

KABC Services investigators undertook 82 litter investigations, resulting in 41 infringement notices and two letters of warning for littering offences.

Monitoring the level of litter in Western Australia and its marine environment and evaluate program effectiveness

Australian Litter Measure (AusLM)

The 2020-21 litter monitoring results were reported based on a pilot audit using a new methodology adopted by all states and territories, the Australian Litter Measure (AusLM) which replaces the national litter index (NLI). There was a small sample size—26 transects versus 151 in past litter audits under the NLI— which results in a larger measure of statistical error.

The pilot audit resulted in a count of 332 items per 1000m² (nearly 10 times higher than NLI) and 18 litres per 1000m² by volume (nearly four times the NLI count).

Performance overview

The 2020–21 litter monitoring results are reported based on a pilot audit using a new methodology adopted by all states and territories, the AusLM. The development of the new methodology has resulted in 2020–21 being a transitional year, where we have reported on the outcomes of the pilot audit conducted in January at a limited number of sites. There was a small sample size for the pilot – 26 transects versus 151 in past litter audits under the NLI. It will take a couple of cycles of two litter audits per financial year using the AusLM methodology to establish confident analysis of litter levels and distribution.

Indicator 1.1: The amount of litter reduction as measured by the AusLM.

| | Items per 1,000m ² | | | | | Volume L / 1,000m ² | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| | 17-18 | 18-19 | 19-20 | 20-21 | 20-21 | 17-18 | 18-19 | 19-20 | 20-21 | 20-21 |
| | | | | Target | Actual | | | | Target | Actual |
| AusLM | 40 | 37 | 36 | 35 | 332 | 7.11 | 5.31 | 4.7 | 6.00 | 21 |
| Reduction compared with previous year | +1 | -3 | -1 | | +296 | +0.11 | -1.8 | -0.61 | | +16.3 |

Table 1 NLI 2016–20 / AusLM 2020–21



Operational structure

Mission: To provide leadership, support and services necessary to ensure all Western Australians live in a clean and litter-free environment.

The *Litter Act 1979* (Litter Act) establishes the Keep Australia Beautiful Council. KABC has a wide range of general powers and functions associated with litter established by Part IV – Prevention of litter; Part V – Enforcement, proceedings and penalties; and Part VI – Regulations and rules, with 16 functions being set out in full in the Second Schedule of the Litter Act. These are to:

- educate members of the public in, and to awaken, stimulate, encourage and maintain the interest of members of the public in, and to promote public knowledge of, the correct disposal of waste items
- foster and encourage the appreciation of clean and well-kept cities and countryside
- safeguard the character and beauty of the Australian landscape through the prevention of litter
- preserve and improve the appearance of our environment in the schools, in factories, shops and offices, in parks, beaches and recreation places and along the roadside by the prevention of litter
- make recommendations and submit proposals to the Minister from time to time with respect to regulations to be made under this Act
- promote litter prevention through publicity of all kinds, design and distribution of litter receptacles and encouragement of suitable legislation
- promote awareness of, and encouragement of, litter recycling
- maintain continuous and effective campaigns against the disfigurement of the landscape by litter and to encourage a responsible community attitude to cleanliness in all public places
- study available research, and development in the field, regarding litter control, removal, disposal and recycling and to study methods for the implementation of such research and development
- cooperate, where considered desirable by the Council with other organisations within the state or elsewhere on questions relating to all forms of pollution and generally to work for a clean, healthy environment
- serve as the coordinating agency between organisations seeking to aid the anti-litter effort
- liaise with local governments with a view to ensuring that the provisions of this Act are enforced in the districts of those local governments
- cooperate with local governments to accomplish coordination of local anti-litter efforts
- encourage, organise and coordinate voluntary local anti-litter campaigns seeking to focus the attention of the public on programmes to control and remove litter
- take appropriate measures to bring the provisions of this Act to the attention of the public
- do such other acts and things as are conducive to the prevention and control of litter.

KABC developed the *Litter Prevention Strategy for Western Australia 2020–2025* and monitors implementation of its programs through its annual business plan. KABC also provides advice on litter issues to the Minister.

The KABC Fund receives grants from the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Account and DWER. It also receives revenue from litter fines enforcement and program sponsorship from MRWA and Mars Wrigley.

Responsible Minister

KABC reports to the Minister for Environment, Hon Amber-Jade Sanderson MLA, who is the Minister responsible for the Litter Act.

Organisational structure

DWER provides services and functions to KABC to support the implementation of the *Litter Prevention Strategy for Western Australia 2020–2025* through the annual business plan.

In December 2018, the Minister appointed the members of KABC for three-year terms.

Chairman Michael Aspinall – was appointed to KABC as chairman and as a person with special knowledge of litter and environmental matters. He was for a number of years a member and Chair of the Municipal Waste Advisory Council, which is a standing committee of the WA Local Government Association. Michael has a deep understanding of community attitudes towards litter.

Deputy Chair Genette Keating – is President of the Consumers' Association of WA. Genette has represented the interests of consumers on KABC for many years. She is a keen environmental scientist and sustainability advocate with an extensive understanding of the concern and involvement of consumers in the numerous issues affecting our littering behaviour and its outcomes.

Member William Adams – represents WA Local Government Association – Regional. William is a councillor at the Shire of Harvey and has represented the Association on KABC on several occasions. William contributed to framing the current litter prevention strategy, emphasising the need for partnerships and collaboration between local government and key stakeholders.

Member Don Burnett – represents WA Local Government Association – Metropolitan. Don is the chief executive officer at the Shire of Peppermint Grove. Before this he was chief executive officer at the cities of Subiaco and Kalgoorlie-Boulder and the Town of Northam. He has also worked at the Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley and the then Shire of Wanneroo. Don spent seven years early in his career in the state public service, working in the Audit and Local Government departments. Don has over 30 years in the local government sector in senior roles, with extensive experience working in the regions, and has an MBA from the University of Western Australia.

Member Lisa Fanciulli – represents the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural industries. Lisa has more than 30 years' experience in the public sector in a wide range of strategic policy and service delivery roles. She is currently Executive Director, Infrastructure and has previously held roles as Director, Waste Strategy with DWER and Executive Director, Major Transport Projects with the DoT. Lisa has a degree in Accounting and Finance and postgraduate qualifications in Public Policy.

Member Howard Flinders – represents the Department of Education. Howard brings more than 25 years' experience in education to KABC, as well as 13 years teaching in the primary education sector and 14 years working with the Department of Education as a project manager-consultant in education for sustainability. Howard has a longstanding interest in waste management issues, including litter prevention, particularly as they relate to biodiversity conservation.

Member Jason Menzies – represents DBCA. Jason holds a degree in Environmental Science and, since graduating in 1999, has spent the past 20 years blending environmental science with social science in a variety of roles in the private and government sectors. Jason has spent the past decade working for the Swan River Trust and the DBCA as the Community Engagement Manager for the Rivers and Estuaries Branch. In this role, he has overseen the successful development and delivery of the River Guardians program – a river-focused community education and behaviour-change program.

Member Christine Parfitt – represents the Conservation Council WA Inc. Christine has a strong background in marine science and became particularly concerned about plastic pollution while living in Indonesia. She subsequently founded the charity Bottle for Botol, which educates and enables students in Indonesia to access plastic-free drinking water. To date they have prevented over 15 million plastic cups from being used in schools. Christine is currently undertaking a PhD in Behavioural Science and Plastic Pollution at the University of Western Australia.

Some industry positions were vacant.



Government goal

Better Places:

A quality environment
with liveable and
affordable communities
and vibrant regions.

Performance management framework

Contribution to State Government goals

Under the State Government's Outcomes Based Management Framework, KABC contributes to the goal of 'Better Places: A quality environment with liveable and affordable communities and vibrant regions'.

Table 2 Mapping State Government goals

| State Government goal |
|---|
| Better Places: A quality environment with liveable and affordable communities and vibrant regions |
| Strategic objectives for litter prevention |
| Objective 1: Increase community understanding of the impacts of litter on the environment to bring about behaviour change |
| Objective 2: Contribute to the long-term prevention of litter and marine debris |
| Objective 3: Regulation and enforcement of the <i>Litter Act 1979</i> |
| Objective 4: Monitor the level of litter in Western Australia and its marine environment and evaluate the effectiveness of programs |
| Role of the Keep Australia Beautiful Council |
| Apply KABC Fund moneys to develop and deliver a range of programs and initiatives to promote litter prevention and proper waste disposal in public places throughout Western Australia supported by: |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• collecting robust data• encouraging behaviour change through a range of interventions• encouraging community participation• enforcing the Litter Act• supporting the community and partner organisations by providing litter collection and mitigation materials and tools. |

Financial operation

The KABC Fund received State Government grants from the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Account through the Waste Authority and from DWER. It also received revenue from litter infringements and enforcement activities and the sale of items. KABC received program sponsorship from Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA) and Mars Wrigley. During 2020-21, a range of corporate support functions and services were provided by DWER through a service level agreement.

In addition, the KABC Fund received a calculated interest on its balance of \$421.

Expenditure from the KABC Fund must be consistent with the annual business plan or as approved by the Minister. The KABC Fund revenue and expenditure is summarised in the financial statements.

Snapshot

In 2020-21 the total cost of service was \$1,680,882.

The Auditor General provided an independent audit opinion on KABC Fund statements and key performance indicators.

Governance

Processes are in place within DWER to monitor and audit the financial performance of the KABC Fund in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 2006*. The management of the KABC Fund is regarded as a DWER service for the purposes of sections 52 and 53 of the *Financial Management Act 2006*. The DWER chief finance officer (CFO) is KABC's CFO.



KABC Vision

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Western Australia.

Target

30 per cent reduction
in litter from 2020.



KABC performance

Report on operations

KABC's activities are aligned with the four strategic objectives in the *Litter Prevention Strategy for Western Australia 2020–2025*.

Strategic objective 1

Increase community understanding of the impacts of litter on the environment and support behaviour change

KABC seeks to engage the community in a variety of ways, including campaign messaging, collaboration with stakeholder groups who have direct access to communities of interest, and through a range of participation programs.

Campaigns

The KABC brand and anti-litter message were promoted across a range of events and activities in 2020–21, with the ongoing 2017 'Bin it – you know it's the right thing to do' anti-litter campaign as the overarching message. KABC is currently developing new assets for social media, bin stickers, posters and a TVC that can be used for ongoing outdoor cinema advertising.

Video advertisements are made available on KABC's website for promotional use and are provided to local governments to use at events. Print advertisements were placed on 111 public bins in 10 local government areas. Three anti-littering videos were used at outdoor cinema venues in two blocks from December 2020 for five to six weeks and the second block ran in May 2021 for six weeks.

Facebook and Instagram continued to be used as engagement tools with 4,693 and 1,042 followers respectively, as of 30 June 2021. Campaign resources continued to be distributed via local governments, community resource centres and at sponsored community events.

The program's three key performance indicators as measured against targets were achieved:

Table 3 KPIs for Campaigns

| Program | Measure | 2020–21 Target |
|-----------|--|--|
| Campaigns | Number of channels through which messaging is promoted | Campaigns delivered on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GWN7 • Facebook • Natsales • Outdoor Cinema • Attendance at external events |
| | Campaign design is evidence based and draft materials are tested | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data and other information used to scope campaign. • Focus group testing of draft materials to inform design and message. |
| | By reach, frequency, click-through rate, cost per click | In accordance with campaign targets |

KABC website

The KABC website is a user-friendly information source for the community, as well as a platform for promoting opportunities to participate in anti-litter activities, such as clean-up events, competitions and programs.

The website hosts registration pages for key programs, including Adopt-a-Spot, the Litter Report Scheme, Clean Schools and the Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Awards. The website also enables online purchasing of anti-litter resources and has a range of reporting forms for program evaluation.



Events

KABC volunteers contributed many hours to major event clean-ups, and KABC provided litter collection bags, car litter bags, pocket ashtrays and pop-up bins to organisations promoting the anti-litter message at events.

Table 4 Events

| 2020 | Name of event |
|--------------|--|
| 26 July | Plastic Free July Clean-up event – Co-hosted event with City of Cottesloe at North Cottesloe Beach Surf Life Saving Club |
| 17–24 August | During Keep Australia Beautiful week staff visited Port Hedland, where they organised community clean-ups at Cemetery Beach and in Wickham, plus AUSMAP and Clean Schools workshops. Filming for a video was done and events were attended by the Minister for Environment. Community litter grant recipients were announced |
| 11 October | WA Beach Clean-up event with Sorrento Beach |
| 27 November | Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Awards state event at Optus Stadium in Perth |
| 5 December | Cervantes Beach Clean-up event – Seven volunteers removed 255 kg of litter, of which 96 kg was rope |
| 12 December | River Clean-up event co-hosted with SUP Tonic at Sandy Beach Reserve |
| 2021 | |
| 7 March | Clean Up Australia Day event with City of Cockburn at Coogee Beach – 45 volunteers collected and audited 15.25 kg of litter and added to Australian Marine Debris Initiative database |
| 7 March | Clean Up Australia Day event with Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group – 100 volunteers removed 12 tonnes of illegally dumped litter and an additional 200 bags of litter |
| 14–15 March | Attended the Green Fair on the Square festival with Keep Albany Beautiful to promote the Adopt-a-Spot program Clean Up Australia Day event with City of Albany and Keep Albany Beautiful – 26 volunteers removed 40 kg of litter |
| 21 March | Clean Up Australia Day event with North Cottesloe Surf Lifesaving Club |
| 18 April | River Clean-up event to launch Community Litter Grants with SUP Tonic in Bassendean. Attended by the Minister for Environment and mayors of Town of Bassendean and City of Belmont |
| 1 May | Clean-up event in Esperance and launch of Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Awards 2021 |
| 7 May | Attended Kimberley Bushrangers Conference in Broome |
| 17–21 May | Western Australian Marine Debris Project in Dampier |
| 10 June | Clean-up event with Shire of Exmouth to promote Adopt-a-Spot |

During 2020-21, there were 111 registrations for the program, compared with 59 in the previous year.



Clean Schools

The Clean Schools program aims to change the littering behaviour of students and reduce litter in schools. As at 30 June 2021, 680 Western Australian primary and secondary schools, and other organisations involved in waste management education such as day-care centres, were participating in the program.

During 2020-21 there were 111 registrations for the program, compared with 59 in the previous year. Each registrant was provided with a resource package, including a step-by-step guide to implementing the program and a thumb drive of downloadable resources.

In 2020-21, nine professional development workshops were held in metropolitan and regional areas. There was a total of 120 attendees compared with 86 in the previous year. This included seven workshops in partnership with the Waste Authority's Waste Wise Schools program.

In 2020-21 KABC Services officers presented in classrooms and at events held at Mindarie Senior College, Cassia Primary School, South Hedland Primary School, Carine Senior High School, St Mark's Anglican Community School and Albany Senior High School.

KABC Services officers also contributed to numerous education events, including:

- two beach clean-ups with Year 9 students from St Stephen's School collecting 27 kg and 9.5 kg of litter from Sorrento

- two beach clean-ups with Year 9 students from Swan Christian College collecting 18.5 kg from Ocean Reef Marina and 24 kg from Whitfords Nodes
- beachside litter collection and audit as well as classroom lesson with students at Cervantes Primary School
- attending Canning River Eco Education Centre (CREEC) Earth Day Expo and presenting to five classes, from four schools (136 students)
- river clean-up and audit with students from Presbyterian Ladies College (PLC) removing 25 kg litter, with a follow-up visit to PLC to listen to student presentations about reducing waste and litter.

Clean Schools also offered schools the opportunity to have student-designed stickers placed on bins around their school. KABC supplied 18 custom stickers to registered schools, promoting a positive litter-free message. Twenty-one schools in Western Australian took up this free offer.

The program's two key performance indicators as measured against targets were achieved:

Table 5 KPIs for Clean Schools

| Program | Measure | 2020-21 Target |
|---------------|---|----------------|
| Clean Schools | Number of school registrations/year | 40 |
| | Number of professional learning workshops provided/year | Eight |

Nearly 37,000 hours of volunteer participation were committed to the projects entered.



Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities

The Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Awards recognise and reward communities that seek to reduce litter, embrace the concept of sustainability and take positive action to protect and enhance their environment. The sponsors are Australian Institute of Management WA and Vanguard Press.

Forty-one Western Australian regional and remote communities participated in the Awards, which recognised the efforts of local shires, individuals and groups in seven categories, including 3,158 volunteers. Nearly 37,000 hours of volunteer participation were committed to the projects entered.

Narrogin was announced as the state winner at the awards event on 27 November 2020, having submitted outstanding projects across all seven categories. Narrogin received \$2,000 funding in addition to \$2,000 prize money to attend the National Tidy Towns Event to be held in Victoria. However, this was postponed because of Covid 19.

2020 category winners were:

- Denham** Litter Prevention and Waste Management
- Albany** Young Legends
- Wongan Hills** Environmental Sustainability
- Boddington** Environmental Education
- Mount Magnet** Heritage and Culture
- Albany** Community Action and Wellbeing
- Gascoyne Junction** General Appearance
- Corrigin** Community Action Covid (Special Award for this period)
- Yandeyarra** Leadership Award, sponsored by Australian Institute of Management WA.

The 2021 Awards were launched in May 2021 in Esperance with a community clean-up event.

The program's three key performance indicators as measured against targets were achieved:

Table 6 KPIs for Tidy Towns

| Program | Measure | 2020–21 Target |
|------------|--|----------------|
| Tidy Towns | Number of communities that register for 2020 Tidy Towns Awards | 30 (COVID-19) |
| | Number of Tidy Towns events held each year | Two |
| | Number of regional community clean-up events | Two |

2020–21 Community Litter Grants

A total of \$235,043 was requested, with \$56,671.00 granted to 19 applicants for the following projects in 2020–21.

Table 7 Community Litter Grants

| Community Litter Grants Recipients 2020-21 | | |
|--|---|---|
| Organisation | Project title | Funding amount (ex GST) |
| Boddington RRR | Boddington RRR (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) | \$5,000 |
| Boyup Brook Community Resource Centre | Refill, not Landfill | \$3,750 |
| Capel Horse and Pony Club | Eventers Keeping WA Beautiful – Reducing Litter from Single Use Plastic Bottles and Coffee Cups/Lids. | \$4,962 |
| Care For Hedland Environmental Association Inc | Recruiting and retaining regular Adopt-A-Spot volunteers in Port Hedland (post Covid-19) | \$813 |
| City of Bunbury | No Butts Bunbury | \$1,500 plus \$3,500 worth of product |
| City of Cockburn | Fishing Litter Reduction Program – Clean Ocean Clean Catch | \$5,000 |
| City of Joondalup | Little Feet Festival – Little Litter Hub | \$3,817 |
| Hopetoun CRC | Beach Clean Bags | \$851 |
| Judumul Advisory Aboriginal Corporation | Our Country Our Life | \$2,780 |
| Katanning Land Care | Party Again and Again in Katanning | \$2,144 |
| Newdegate Community Resource Centre Inc. | Refill, Re-use, Reduce | \$3,420 |
| Ocean Remedy | Magnifying Microplastic Pollution in WA | \$3,802 |
| Peel United Soccer Club | A Container for Community Change | \$2,132 |
| Shire of Capel | Get your Act together | \$5,000 |
| Shire of East Pilbara | East Pilbara Bin Art Project | \$5,000 |
| Shire of Exmouth | Keep Exmouth Clean – Leave only your footprints, and bin your rubbish | \$5,000 |
| Shire of Shark Bay | Eco Faeries Plastic Litter Waste Workshops | \$1,500 |
| SUP Tonic Australia | Keep Our River Clean | \$3,000 |
| Wellstead Community Resource Centre | Litter Prevention in Wellstead | \$200 |
| | | \$59,671 |

The program's two key performance indicators as measured against targets were achieved:

Table 8 KPIs for Community Litter Grants

| Program | Measure | 2020–21 Target |
|-------------------------|---|----------------|
| Community Litter Grants | Number of projects aligned to the Litter Strategy that are funded and acquitted | 10 |
| | Number of grant events attended | Two |

Strategic objective 2

Contribute to the long-term prevention of litter and marine debris

KABC provides support for community participation to keep local areas free of litter and also rewards to reinforce desired behaviours. Ensuring litter-free spaces through prevention and clean-ups is important, as research suggests an environment that is kept clean is less likely to attract litter.

Adopt-a-Spot

The Adopt-a-Spot program is a popular community engagement program, involving over 49,000 registered volunteers since it began in 2009. The program engages volunteers to undertake litter clean-ups at registered sites in their communities to contribute towards a litter-free WA. As of 30 June 2021, there were 1,670 groups registered in the Adopt-a-Spot program, with 182 groups joining in 2020–21. Clean-up reports submitted during 2020–21 showed more than 3,000 bags of rubbish were removed from the environment. As each bag holds about 15 litres of rubbish, it is estimated about 45,000 litres of rubbish was removed from the environment across the state from highways, local streets, parks, waterways, bushland, beaches, riversides and wetlands.

The Adopt-a-Spot community consists of groups, families, individuals, schools and clubs, and demonstrates the community's ongoing commitment to ensuring our environment is litter free. Partnerships with local governments and MRWA to promote the program continue to increase participation from local communities.

The program's key performance indicator as measured against targets was achieved:

Table 9 KPIs for Adopt-a-Spot

| Program | Measure | 2020–21 Target |
|--------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Adopt-A-Spot | Number of new registrations | 100 new Adopt-A-Spot registrations/year |





Local government

Working with local government was important to the success of the *Litter Prevention Strategy for Western Australia 2015–2020*.

KABC has ongoing agreements with 11 local governments (the cities of Albany, Armadale, Belmont, Gosnells, Greater Geraldton, Swan and Wanneroo; shires of Bridgetown-Greenbushes and Chittering; and towns of Cambridge and Victoria Park) to promote the Adopt-a-Spot program.

KABC also partnered with the not-for-profit organisation Care for Hedland in 2021. KABC continues to seek out opportunities to form partnerships with metropolitan and regional local governments for the delivery and promotion of the Adopt-a-Spot program.

KABC has partnered with 11 local governments to promote the 'If you leave litter, you're rubbish' message on bins and other local government assets (e.g. signage in buildings).

Main Roads Western Australia

KABC continued to implement actions under a five-year MOU with MRWA, including:

- major roadside clean-ups on controlled access highways
- Outback Pack assembly and distribution
- the mobilisation of Adopt-a-Spot groups to undertake clean-ups on regional roads controlled by MRWA.

Campaign material for the 'WA naturally thanks you' regional roadside litter prevention program was finalised and a request for quotation for campaign resources released. This is a statewide roadside litter prevention program funded by MRWA. The program includes roadside signage, free compostable car litter bags and a social media campaign aimed at changing the littering behaviour of motorists and passengers to reduce the number of items thrown out of car windows. The program is expected to be implemented and launched in the latter half of 2021.

Actions that were implemented or continued under the MOU include:

- support and further development of the MRWA statewide litter communication and action plan
- ongoing financial support and coordination of the Outback Pack program
- provision of traffic management and safety induction for Adopt-a-Spot groups undertaking clean-ups on MRWA estate
- deployment of KABC surveillance cameras in litter hotspots
- provision of litter prevention signage templates to regions.

A new five-year MOU is being developed to continue the strong partnership between KABC and MRWA, and reflect the evolution of the activities and commitments of both agencies. This MOU will guide joint actions between KABC and MRWA for the life of the current Litter Prevention Strategy.



Outback Packs

Outback Packs continued to provide travellers with tools to manage their own litter and conduct clean-ups at rest areas, campsites and on roadsides. The program continued to be financially supported by MRWA in 2020–21.

During the year 3,000 Outback Packs were assembled and 2,400 were distributed. COVID-19 impacted on the assembly and distribution of Outback Packs as components were not available and schools were unable to undertake packing in the latter half of 2020. Additionally, because of the impacts on international shipping of materials, significant delays in receiving contents of Outback Packs occurred, resulting in less Outback Packs being assembled. Materials for the 2020–21 financial year have now been received, enabling an additional supply of Outback Packs for the 2021–22 financial year. They will be utilised while international travel is restricted and more people are holidaying at home.

Information received from Outback Pack surveys indicated the packs were being used by travellers to manage their own rubbish or to clean up others' rubbish found at campsites, rest areas and roadsides.

The packs were assembled by students from Mundaring Christian College and Swan Christian College (Justice League) as part of their community service commitment.

In response to the State Government position on single-use plastics, the contents of Outback Packs are being reviewed because there are several items that are single-use plastic. KABC has made a commitment to removing single-use plastic

from its program resources by the end of the current Litter Prevention Strategy. Outback Packs have been redesigned to reduce the amount of single-use plastic and now include more reusable resources. Outback Packs in the 2021–22 financial year will be a mixture of new and old-style packs before a complete transition to reusable resources in 2022–23.

Funding for Outback Packs has been secured for the 2021–22 financial year.

Tangaroa Blue Foundation Partnership

Under the Marine Debris Project, KABC has continued its 16-year partnership with Tangaroa Blue Foundation, an Australia-wide not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the removal and prevention of marine debris. The major event under this partnership is the WA Beach Clean-up.

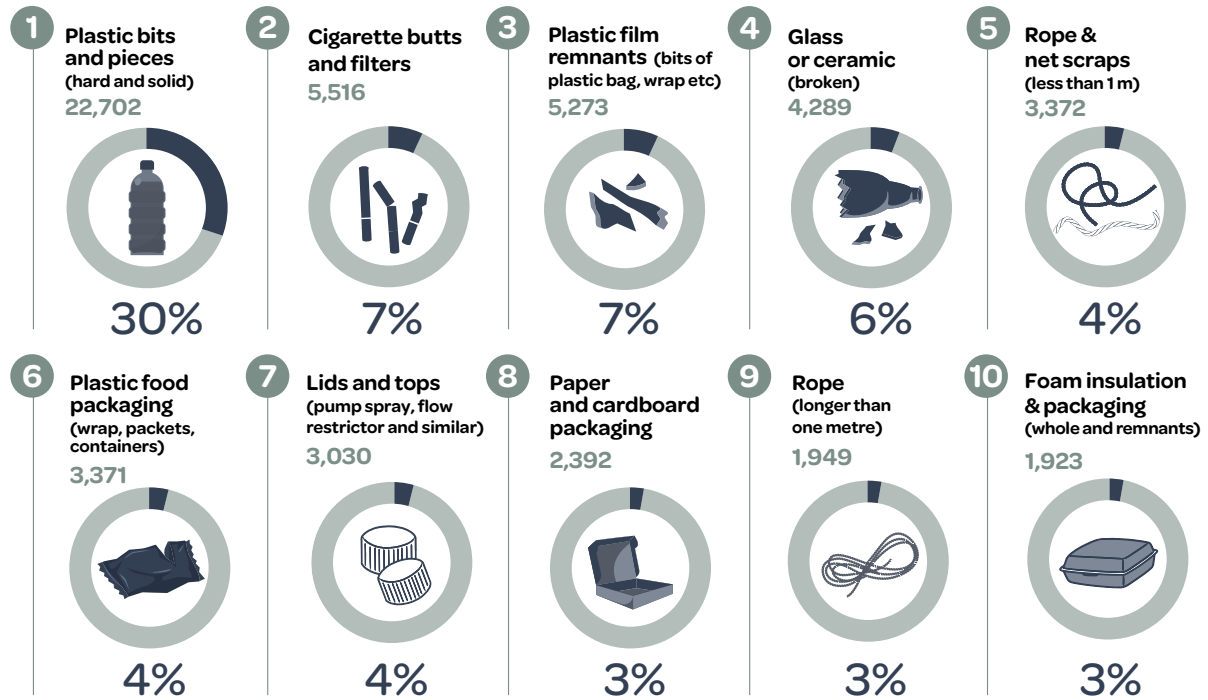
Tangaroa Blue Foundation hosted its 16th annual WA Beach Clean-up on the weekend of 10 and 11 October 2020, with the support of KABC. A total of 1,203 volunteers converged on 107 beaches to remove and audit marine debris from 185 km of coastline.

KABC provided a \$5,000 grant to support event administration as well as in-kind support including:

- insurance for registered participants
- promotion of the clean-up to KABC stakeholders via the website (www.kabc.wa.gov.au), a Litter-ature e-newsletter, and email alerts to over 25,000 KABC supporters and their networks
- clean-up support and advice from KABC staff.

During the October weekend, over three tonnes of debris were collected and audited, comprising 76,480 individual items.

Table 10 Top 10 items – 2020 West Australian Beach Clean-up



The five key performance indicators as measured against targets were not fully achieved:

Table 11 KPIs for partnerships

| Program | Measure | 2020–21 Target |
|---|---|--|
| Partnerships – Local government, MRWA, AUSMAP and Tangaroa Blue | Number of existing MOUs that are maintained | 10 |
| | Number of new MOUs with local governments | Two |
| Roadside litter campaign with MRWA | Reduction in roadside litter on major regional roads in Western Australia | 30 per cent reduction |
| Outback Packs | Number of outback packs produced and distributed | 10,000 |
| | Travellers are provided with the tools to collect litter from rest areas along regional roads | Number of packs distributed to visitor centres |



Marine Debris Project

KABC formalised a Marine Debris Program in 2019–20. Initiatives included:

- liaison and scheduling training with the AUSMAP Microplastics citizen science program
- marine debris collections with schools in the Indian Ocean Territories
- two marine debris collections and audit with four schools in Perth
- Marine debris collection in Dampier Archipelago.

AUSMAP (Australian Microplastics Assessment Project)

KABC hosted two AUSMAP community training sessions in 2020. These free sessions gave interested community members the opportunity to learn the AUSMAP sampling and surveying methodology and become accredited. The first was a regional session in Port Hedland, as part of KAB Week, and a metropolitan session was held in Hillarys supported by Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD).

To enable school and community groups to get involved in a hands-on marine debris project, KABC and AUSMAP developed a half-day excursion for school and community groups. Participants take part in a microplastic sample and survey using the AUSMAP method as well as a macroplastic collection and audit using the Tangaroa Blue method. All microplastic data was entered into the Australian Marine Debris Initiative database.

Dampier Archipelago Marine Debris Survey

In June 2021 KABC Programs officers and staff from the Parks and Wildlife Service of DBCA and DoT in Karratha conducted a marine debris survey on the Dampier Archipelago.

Marine debris on the islands of the archipelago had previously been identified as an issue and anecdotal evidence suggested the debris was primarily of local origin. Concerns for the impact on the local environment warranted a more detailed study.

The team surveyed 16 km of coastline of the Dampier Archipelago over five days, including sites on Enderby, Angel, Gidley and East and West Lewis Islands. Rubbish weighing 310 kg and consisting of more than 1,900 items was removed. Unlike many marine debris surveys, the majority of the debris was not consumer items but industrial or commercial objects. The most common items were broken hard plastic remnants, rope and net scraps, and jetty and boat fender plastic pieces. Shotgun shells, golf balls and detonator cord were

more notable items. The team also discovered an extensive area of buried rubbish on a beach on Enderby Island, including steel beer cans from the 1970s, soft drink and juice bottles with intact polystyrene wrappers and a commemorative wine bottle from 1977.

The next phase of the project is to identify the source of the debris and to develop source-reduction plans to prevent these items from entering the ocean. The team plans to return to the archipelago to monitor debris to establish whether it is historical or an ongoing contemporary issue.

KABC would like to thank the other agencies that assisted with the project: Pilbara Port Authority, Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation, Yara Pilbara, Pilbara Dive and Tours, and the City of Karratha.

Table 12 KPIs for Marine Debris Project

| Program | Measure | 2020–21 Target |
|----------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Marine Debris | Number of community beach clean-up and audit events hosted each year | Two |
| | Number of KABC staff to be trained in AUSMAP methodology | Two |

Indian Ocean Territories

DWER provides environmental regulation services to the Indian Ocean Territories on behalf of the Australian Government through a service delivery arrangement. KABC Services officers have continued to visit Christmas Island as part of a community education team to deliver litter prevention education and community engagement programs under this service delivery arrangement.

In November 2020 a KABC Services officer provided activities for Sea Week at Christmas Island District High School, a week-long program focusing on protecting the drinking water source through correct waste management.

A larger Sea Week event was also held in June 2021. This annual event was coordinated by Christmas Island Tourism Association (CITA) and involved DWER, DPIRD – Fisheries, the Shire of Christmas Island and Island Care. Events during this week included community events, clean-ups, school education program and after-school activities.

The program’s two key performance indicators as measured against targets were achieved:

Table 13 KPIs for IOT support

| Program | Measure | 2020–21 Target |
|---|---|-----------------------|
| Indian Ocean Territories Support | Provide education and training on litter prevention and audits in the IOT on behalf of DWER for the Australian Government | 300 students |
| | Working with schools and/or community to collect and audit marine debris and provide data into the Australian Marine Debris Initiative database | Three visits |

Partners and sponsors

KABC acknowledges the following corporate and community sponsors and partners. Without their support, KABC would not have been able to provide the important programs detailed in this annual report.

Waste Authority

Department of Water and Environmental Regulation

Main Roads Western Australia

Mars Wrigley Pty Ltd.

River Guardians, Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions

Tangaroa Blue Foundation Inc.

Care for Hedland

City of Albany

City of Armadale

City of Belmont

City of Gosnells

City of Greater Geraldton

City of Swan

City of Wanneroo

Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes

Shire of Chittering

Town of Cambridge

Town of Victoria Park

Western Australian Local Government Association

Vanguard Press

Australian Institute of Management WA

Parks and Wildlife Division of the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions Karratha Office

Department of Transport Karratha Office



**An additional 1,127
Western Australians
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reporters to 16,663.**

Strategic objective 3

Regulation and enforcement of the *Litter Act 1979*

There is a strong argument for ensuring the community is aware of the penalties for littering because regulation is an effective tool in the State Government's behaviour-change toolkit.

Litter Report Scheme

The Litter Report Scheme enables registered members of the community to report littering from vehicles. An additional 1,127 Western Australians registered to become litter reporters in 2020–21, bringing the total registered litter reporters to 16,663. During 2020–21, KABC received 1,162 litter reports, 96 per cent of which resulted in infringements being issued.

However, there has been a 43 per cent decline in the number of litter reports since 2016–17, with preliminary research in 2020–21 indicating only 13 per cent of registered reporters have been active over the past three years.

KABC has commenced research into how to best encourage registered reporters to become more active and investigate the potential barriers to reporting littering from vehicles.

Litter investigations

KABC investigators enforce the *Litter Act 1979*, focusing efforts on known hotspots and working with local government authorities to establish problem areas within their boundaries. Investigators continue to work closely with the cities of Armadale, Cockburn, Wanneroo, Swan and Rockingham, as well as with State Government agencies such as DBCA, the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage, Western Australian Planning Commission and Water Corporation.

In 2020–21, KABC Services investigators undertook 82 investigations, resulting in 41 litter infringement notices and two letters of warning for littering offences. In addition, 14 prosecution briefs were compiled, 69 per cent resulting in an enforceable outcome.

Strategic objective 4

Monitor the level of litter in Western Australia and its marine environment and evaluate program effectiveness

Good data will enable progress to be measured and reported. Data gathered needs to provide a range of data sets to adequately inform policy development and evaluation for a range of State Government program needs.

Australian Litter Measure (AusLM)

In a collaboration of all state and territory environment departments, a new methodology for data collection and analysis was developed for use in all Australian jurisdictions. The AusLM offers jurisdictions:

- full access to all data collected
- the ability to, in time, integrate data and share methodology with citizen science projects
- the ability for jurisdictions to integrate specific data requirements beyond the core data set.

Following an assessment of the NLI by the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), the AusLM project working group appointed consultants on 2 September 2020 to develop a methodology in accordance with agreed principles and requirements of the states and territories. The consultants were Pacific Research and Evaluation Associates (PREA) in consortium with First Person Consulting (FPC). Both organisations are members of the Australasian Evaluation Society.

The project manager and lead consultant, PREA, is a specialist in project design, research and evaluation consultancy services with Australian and international clients, delivering numerous projects in the waste and litter sector. FPC provided expertise in ecological monitoring and statistical methods as well as research experience on the social dimensions of environmental problems. The organisations have a wide range of experience in litter methodologies and evaluations, piloting and evaluating litter and general data collection tools, delivering data collection training packages, and stakeholder engagement.

The methodology was piloted in Western Australia in January 2021, under the supervision of a KABC Services officer. Pilot studies also occurred in Victoria, Queensland and New South Wales to test and finalise a range of documentation, including the specification and requirements, field manual – methodology, database structure guide, and training resources.

This process has resulted in 2020–21 being a transitional year for litter monitoring, where we have reported on the outcomes of the pilot audit conducted in January at a limited number of sites. Procurement has been undertaken for two litter audits to occur: one in November 2021, one year on from the introduction of the container deposit scheme (CDS), Containers for Change, and the second in May 2022. This will see a return to the similar timescale and number of sites audited as in the past.

The pilot of the AusLM methodology suggests litter levels up to 10 times higher than were reported under the NLI, a common outcome of all the pilots in all states. It is likely that a couple of cycles of two litter audits per financial year will be needed to establish confident analysis of litter levels and distribution and trends. There are some key consistencies with previous results: cigarette butts remain the most littered item and major roads and highways remain the most littered site type.

Table 14 Indicator 1.1 – The amount of litter reduction as measured by the AusLM

| | Items per 1,000m ² | | | | | Volume L / 1,000m ² | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| | 17-18 | 18-19 | 19-20 | 20-21 | 20-21 | 17-18 | 18-19 | 19-20 | 20-21 | 20-21 |
| | | | | Target | Actual | | | | Target | Actual |
| AusLM | 40 | 37 | 36 | 35 | 332 | 7.11 | 5.31 | 4.7 | 6.00 | 21 |
| Reduction compared with previous year | +1 | -3 | -1 | | +296 | +0.11 | -1.8 | -0.61 | | +16.3 |

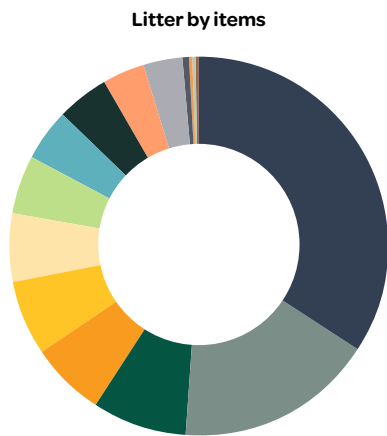
NLI 2016–20 / AusLM 2020–21

The AusLM pilot audit conducted in January 2021 surveyed a relatively small area, 10,476 m², and counted 3,474 items and 193 litres (volume) of litter.

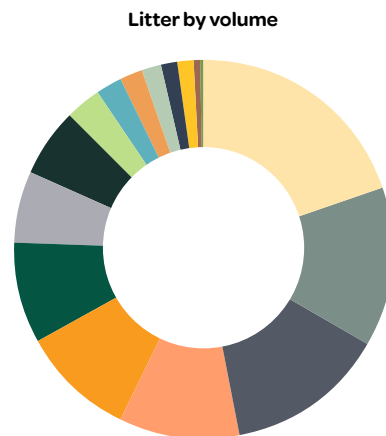
Litter was counted in 26 transects at six site types (beaches, recreational parks, residential areas, industrial areas, highways and retail areas) and recorded in 16 categories.

Cigarette butts continued to top the list of items of litter, followed by ‘other plastic’ such as hard and soft plastic fragments, bread tags and cable ties, then ‘other paper’ such as face masks, cigarette packets, and junk mail. Polystyrene was made up of fragments, insulation, packaging and foam. The ‘other’ comprised such items as food, nappies, dog poo and personal effects.

**Cigarette butts
continued to top the
list of items of litter**



- Cigarette Butts
- Other Plastic
- Other Paper
- Other Metal
- Other Glass
- Polystyrene (non food containers)
- Rubber
- Single use plastics (cutlery, straws, food containers)



- Plastic food packaging (wrappers, six pack rings, etc)
- Cloth/Textiles/Clothing
- Other
- CDS beverage containers
- Non plastic food packaging (paper, foil, wood)
- Non CDS beverage containers
- Plastic Bags
- Hazardous waste

Table 15 Items by category

| | Litter by items | Total |
|----|--|-------|
| 1 | Cigarette butts | 1,341 |
| 2 | Other plastic | 731 |
| 3 | Other paper | 363 |
| 4 | Other metal | 172 |
| 5 | Other glass | 137 |
| 6 | Polystyrene (non-food containers) | 137 |
| 7 | Rubber | 124 |
| 8 | Single-use plastics (cutlery, straws, food containers) | 102 |
| 9 | Plastic food packaging (wrappers, six pack rings, etc) | 99 |
| 10 | Cloth/textiles/clothing | 91 |
| 11 | Other | 82 |
| 12 | CDS beverage containers | 68 |
| 13 | Non plastic food packaging (paper, foil, wood) | 15 |
| 14 | Non-CDS beverage containers | 5 |
| 15 | Plastic Bags | 5 |
| 16 | Hazardous waste – batteries | 2 |

Table 16 Volume by category

| | Litter by volume (litres) | Total |
|--|--|-------|
| | Polystyrene (non-food containers) | 38.14 |
| | Other plastic | 26.61 |
| | CDS beverage containers | 26.40 |
| | Cloth/textiles/clothing | 19.73 |
| | Other metal | 18.80 |
| | Other paper | 16.54 |
| | Other | 11.71 |
| | Plastic food packaging (wrappers, six-pack rings, etc) | 11.25 |
| | Rubber | 6.32 |
| | Single-use plastics (cutlery, straws, food containers) | 3.92 |
| | Non plastic food packaging (paper, foil, wood) | 3.90 |
| | Non-CDS beverage containers | 3.37 |
| | Cigarette butts | 2.68 |
| | Other glass | 2.65 |
| | Plastic bags | 1.20 |
| | Hazardous waste | 0.02 |

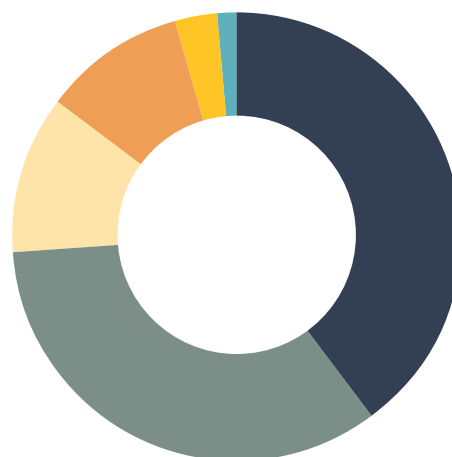
The 2021 AusLM pilot measured the volume of CDS containers at 13.6 per cent, whereas the 2019–20 NLI measured it at 44 per cent. This may indicate a significant drop in the presence of CDS containers in the litter stream since the introduction of CDS in WA. The true situation will become clear when a full count has been completed using the AusLM methodology in 2021–22. The vast majority of CDS beverage containers were found in industrial areas rather than places where the general public has greater access and thus can easily collect CDS beverage containers. As discussed earlier, the caveat on this assessment is that only a small number of sites were audited under the pilot project. The next full litter monitoring program will take place in November 2021, which will give a more reliable result one year out from the introduction of Containers for Change.

Table 17 Number of items by site type

| | # of items | % |
|-------------|------------|-------|
| Highways | 1387 | 39.94 |
| Industrial | 1185 | 34.48 |
| Residential | 395 | 11.37 |
| Parks | 359 | 10.45 |
| Retail | 108 | 3.11 |
| Beach | 39 | 1.12 |

Highways remain the most littered sites in Western Australia. Cigarette butts and other plastic are the most prevalent litter items alongside highways. While cigarette butts and plastic items also had a high prevalence in industrial areas, there was a broader distribution of litter types in industrial areas.

Items by site type



- Highways
- Industrial
- Residential
- Parks
- Retail
- Beach

Category by site type – items and volume

Table 18 Category by item

| Litter items by site type | Industrial | Retail | Highway | Parks | Residential | Beach | Total |
|---|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|-------------|-----------|--------------|
| CDS beverage containers | 56 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 68 |
| Non-CDS beverage containers | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| Other plastic | 354 | 16 | 219 | 7 | 129 | 6 | 731 |
| Other glass | 24 | 1 | 98 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 137 |
| Other metal | 80 | 2 | 60 | 0 | 29 | 1 | 172 |
| Polystyrene (non-food containers) | 105 | 3 | 23 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 137 |
| Other paper | 216 | 31 | 55 | 7 | 51 | 3 | 363 |
| Cloth/textiles/clothing | 43 | 3 | 22 | 4 | 15 | 4 | 91 |
| Rubber | 41 | 2 | 72 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 124 |
| Cigarette butts | 142 | 23 | 748 | 329 | 90 | 9 | 1,341 |
| Plastic bags | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Plastic food packaging (wrappers, six-pack rings, etc) | 49 | 12 | 26 | 0 | 9 | 3 | 99 |
| Single-use plastics (cutlery, straws, food containers) | 38 | 7 | 36 | 3 | 14 | 4 | 102 |
| Hazardous waste | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Other | 18 | 7 | 17 | 1 | 35 | 4 | 82 |
| Non-plastic food packaging (paper, foil, wood) | 10 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 15 |
| | 1,185 | 108 | 1,387 | 359 | 396 | 39 | 3,474 |

The pilot audit suggests the number of CDS beverage containers fell to 2 per cent from 14 per cent in 2019–20. Their distribution suggests the community is not entering industrial areas to collect them for Containers for Change.



Table 19 Categories by volume

| Litter volume by site type | Industrial | Retail | Highway | Parks | Residential | Beach |
|--|---------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| CDS beverage containers | 21.68 | 0.38 | 3.00 | 0.38 | 0.60 | 0.38 |
| Non-CDS beverage containers | 3.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.38 |
| Other plastic | 13.30 | 1.23 | 7.86 | 0.06 | 3.64 | 0.52 |
| Other glass | 0.18 | 0.01 | 1.01 | 0.00 | 1.46 | 0.00 |
| Other metal | 8.40 | 0.20 | 6.00 | 0.00 | 4.10 | 0.10 |
| Polystyrene (non-food containers) | 31.04 | 1.52 | 3.93 | 1.00 | 0.64 | 0.00 |
| Other paper | 10.34 | 3.45 | 1.50 | 0.26 | 0.83 | 0.15 |
| Cloth/textiles/clothing | 12.32 | 0.01 | 3.97 | 0.80 | 2.43 | 0.21 |
| Rubber | 1.87 | 0.06 | 3.59 | 0.30 | 0.40 | 0.11 |
| Cigarette butts | 0.28 | 0.05 | 1.50 | 0.66 | 0.18 | 0.02 |
| Plastic bags | 1.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.20 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Plastic food packaging (wrappers, six-pack rings, etc) | 4.70 | 3.75 | 2.20 | 0.00 | 0.45 | 0.15 |
| Single-use plastics (cutlery, straws, food containers) | 0.85 | 0.47 | 1.66 | 0.72 | 0.21 | 0.02 |
| Hazardous waste | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Other | 2.70 | 1.10 | 3.00 | 0.01 | 4.60 | 0.30 |
| Non-plastic food packaging (paper, foil, wood) | 2.30 | 0.00 | 0.60 | 0.00 | 0.50 | 0.50 |
| | 113.97 | 12.23 | 39.82 | 4.40 | 20.04 | 2.84 |

Shared responsibilities with other agencies

Department of Water and Environmental Regulation

Under section 16 of the Litter Act, KABC is provided with the services and facilities of DWER.

DWER provides strategic policy, administrative and program management support, and delivers funded programs. A service level agreement (SLA) between the parties governs the funding of functions carried out for either party in its respective role under the Litter Act.

Disclosures and legal compliance

Ministerial directives

Under the Litter Act, the Minister for Environment may give written directions to KABC, either generally or in relation to particular matters. KABC did not receive any ministerial directions during 2020–21.

Pricing policies

KABC charges on a cost-recovery basis for goods sold through its website.

Remuneration

The remuneration of KABC members is determined by the Governor of Western Australia, on recommendation of the Public Sector Commissioner, in accordance with the *Public Sector Management Act 1994*. Only the chairman receives remuneration. Annual remuneration is outlined in Table 20.

Table 20 Remuneration

| Position | Name | Period of membership | Term of appointment | Base sitting fee | Gross remuneration* |
|----------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Chairman | Michael Aspinall | 2019-20 | 24 December 2018 – 31 December 2021 | \$13,000 | \$14,189 |
| Deputy | Genette Keating | 2019-20 | 24 December 2018 – 31 December 2021 | 0 | 0 |
| Member | William Adams | 2019-20 | 24 December 2018 – 31 December 2021 | 0 | 0 |
| Member | Don Burnett | 2019-20 | 24 December 2018 – 31 December 2021 | 0 | 0 |
| Member | Lisa Fanciulli | 2019-20 | 24 December 2018 – 31 December 2021 | 0 | 0 |
| Member | Howard Flinders | 2019-20 | 24 December 2018 – 31 December 2021 | 0 | 0 |
| Member | Jason Menzies | 2019-20 | 24 December 2018 – 31 December 2021 | 0 | 0 |
| Member | Christine Parfitt | 2019-20 | 24 December 2018 – 31 December 2021 | 0 | 0 |

* Includes benefits such as superannuation and goods and services tax.

Director and officer liability insurance

KABC members are insured with RiskCover for General Liability, Professional Liability, Personal Accident – Board Members, Personal Accident – Voluntary Workers, Personal Accident – Work Experience, and Travel.

KABC held eight meetings during 2020–21. Scheduled meetings were held on the second Thursday of every second month from 13 August 2020 and on the third Thursday of every second month from 18 February 2021. Two additional special meetings were held during the 2020–21 year, on 19 May and 30 June.

Table 21 Members' meeting attendance

| Member | Meetings attended |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| William Adams | 4 |
| Michael Aspinall | 8 |
| Don Burnett | 6 |
| Lisa Fanciulli | 4 |
| Howard Flinders | 6 |
| Genette Keating | 6 |
| Jason Menzies | 6 |
| Christine Parfitt | 4 |

Employment and industrial relations

KABC does not employ staff.

Other legal requirements

Advertising

Section 175ZE of the *Electoral Act 1907* requires the inclusion of a statement detailing all advertising expenditure incurred by the Keep Australia Beautiful Council.

Table 22 Advertising

| Program | Agency | \$ (incl. GST) |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Bin It campaign | Prime Media Group | 7,012 |
| Bin It campaign | Natsales | 25,052 |
| Bin It campaign | Spotlight Cinema | 38,478 |
| | Total | 70,542 |

Government and public sector relationship

A communications agreement between KABC and the Minister for Environment was signed on 1 July 2021.

Ethics and integrity

KABC's Code of Conduct outlines how KABC commits to operating in the community and in its relationship with the Minister's Office, DWER and with staff in KABC Services.

Procurement practices follow State Government guidelines and procurement policy.

Organisational structure

Under section 16 of the Litter Act, KABC is provided with the services and facilities of any officer employed in the public service.

Services are provided by staff who are employed by DWER under provisions of the *Public Sector Management Act 1994*. DWER's policies and obligations for reporting on public sector policies apply. Officers are subject to DWER's human resources policy, information technology and administrative processes, and other policy matters regulated by the *Financial Management Act 2006* and Treasurer's Instructions.

Table 23 DWER Staff in KABC Services

| Staff status | DWER (Keep Australia Beautiful Council Services) staff | Keep Australia Beautiful Council Chairman | Total |
|---------------------|---|---|-----------|
| Full-time permanent | 5 | | 5 |
| Part-time permanent | 4 | | 4 |
| Full-time contract | | | |
| Part-time contract | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Vacant | | | |
| Total | 10 | 1 | 11 |

An SLA for the provision of services from DWER to KABC was implemented. The SLA set out the parties' understanding of their respective statutory and other legal functions and obligations through a statement of expectations and performance deliverables for provision of services. The value of the functions costed in the SLA was calculated to be \$227,396.

Communication

KABC's Code of Conduct outlines how KABC ensures official information remains confidential, describes the process for public interest disclosure and provides guidance on freedom of information.

KABC ensures that records of decisions and all other documentation are securely retained. Minutes of KABC meetings are circulated to members with meeting agenda papers.

Recordkeeping plan

The Keep Australia Beautiful Council complies with the *State Records Act 2000* through adherence to DWER's recordkeeping plan. The Keep Australia Beautiful Council follows the procedures required under the Act.

KABC publications

During 2020–21 new publications released on KABC's website were:

- *KABC Annual Report 2019–20*
- Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Awards *Snapshots* publication
- Six videos: KAB Week, Grants, Adopt-a-Spot, Clean-up at Exmouth, Tidy Towns, Clean Schools



Financial statements

Certification of financial statements

For the reporting period ended 30 June 2021

The accompanying financial statements of the Keep Australia Beautiful Council (W.A.) have been prepared in compliance with the provisions of the *Financial Management Act 2006* from proper accounts and records to present fairly the financial transactions for the reporting period ended 30 June 2021 and the financial position as at 30 June 2021.

At the date of signing, we are not aware of any circumstances which would render the particulars included in the financial statements misleading or inaccurate.



Michael Aspinall

Chairperson
21 September 2021



Genette Keating

Deputy Chairperson
21 September 2021



Hilary Manderson

Chief Finance Officer
21 September 2021



Auditor General

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S OPINION
2021
Keep Australia Beautiful Council (W.A.)**

To the Parliament of Western Australia

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

I have audited the financial statements of the Keep Australia Beautiful Council (W.A.) (Council) which comprise:

- the Statement of Financial Position at 30 June 2021, and the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity and Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended
- Notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In my opinion, the financial statements are:

- based on proper accounts and present fairly, in all material respects, the operating results and cash flows of the Keep Australia Beautiful Council (W.A.) for the year ended 30 June 2021 and the financial position at the end of that period
- in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the *Financial Management Act 2006* and the Treasurer's Instructions.

Basis for opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of my report.

I am independent of the Council in accordance with the *Auditor General Act 2006* and the relevant ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional & Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements. I have also fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Responsibilities of the Members of Council for the financial statements

The Members of Council are responsible for:

- keeping proper accounts
- preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the *Financial Management Act 2006* and the Treasurer's Instructions
- such internal control as it determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Members of Council are responsible for:

- assessing the entity's ability to continue as a going concern
- disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern
- using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Western Australian Government has made policy or funding decisions affecting the continued existence of the Council.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

As required by the *Auditor General Act 2006*, my responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements. The objectives of my audit are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal control.

A further description of my responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website. This description forms part of my auditor's report and can be found at https://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf.

Report on the audit of controls

Opinion

I have undertaken a reasonable assurance engagement on the design and implementation of controls exercised by the Keep Australia Beautiful Council (W.A.). The controls exercised by the Council are those policies and procedures established by the Members of Council to ensure that the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, the acquisition and disposal of property, and the incurring of liabilities have been in accordance with legislative provisions (the overall control objectives).

My opinion has been formed on the basis of the matters outlined in this report.

In my opinion, in all material respects, the controls exercised by the Keep Australia Beautiful Council (W.A.) are sufficiently adequate to provide reasonable assurance that the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, the acquisition and disposal of property and the incurring of liabilities have been in accordance with legislative provisions during the year ended 30 June 2021.

The Members of Council's responsibilities

The Members of Council are responsible for designing, implementing and maintaining controls to ensure that the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, the acquisition and disposal of property and the incurring of liabilities are in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 2006*, the Treasurer's Instructions and other relevant written law.

Auditor General's responsibilities

As required by the *Auditor General Act 2006*, my responsibility as an assurance practitioner is to express an opinion on the suitability of the design of the controls to achieve the overall control objectives and the implementation of the controls as designed. I conducted my engagement in accordance with Standard on Assurance Engagements ASAE 3150 *Assurance Engagements on Controls* issued by the Australian Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. That standard requires that I comply with relevant ethical requirements and plan and perform my procedures to obtain reasonable assurance about whether, in all material respects, the controls are suitably designed to achieve the overall control objectives and were implemented as designed.

An assurance engagement involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about the suitability of the controls design to achieve the overall control objectives and the implementation of those controls. The procedures selected depend on my judgement, including an assessment of the risks that controls are not suitably designed or implemented as designed. My procedures included testing the implementation of those controls that I consider necessary to achieve the overall control objectives.

I believe that the evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Limitations of controls

Because of the inherent limitations of any internal control structure, it is possible that, even if the controls are suitably designed and implemented as designed, once in operation, the overall control objectives may not be achieved so that fraud, error or non-compliance with laws and regulations may occur and not be detected. Any projection of the outcome of the evaluation of the suitability of the design of controls to future periods is subject to the risk that the controls may become unsuitable because of changes in conditions.

Report on the audit of the key performance indicators

Opinion

I have undertaken a reasonable assurance engagement on the key performance indicators of the Keep Australia Beautiful Council (W.A.) for the year ended 30 June 2021. The key performance indicators are the Under Treasurer-approved key effectiveness indicators and key efficiency indicators that provide performance information about achieving outcomes and delivering services.

In my opinion, in all material respects, the key performance indicators of the Keep Australia Beautiful Council (W.A.) are relevant and appropriate to assist users to assess the Council's performance and fairly represent indicated performance for the year ended 30 June 2021.

The Members of Council's responsibilities for the key performance indicators

The Members of Council are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the key performance indicators in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 2006* and the Treasurer's Instructions and for such internal control it determines necessary to enable the preparation of key performance indicators that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the key performance indicators, the Members of Council are responsible for identifying key performance indicators that are relevant and appropriate, having regard to their purpose in accordance with Treasurer's Instruction 904 *Key Performance Indicators*.

Auditor General's responsibilities

As required by the *Auditor General Act 2006*, my responsibility as an assurance practitioner is to express an opinion on the key performance indicators. The objectives of my engagement are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the key performance indicators are relevant and appropriate to assist users to assess the entity's performance and whether the key performance indicators are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. I conducted my engagement in accordance with Standard on Assurance Engagements ASAE 3000 *Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information* issued by the Australian Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. That standard requires that I comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to assurance engagements.

An assurance engagement involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the key performance indicators. It also involves evaluating the relevance and appropriateness of the key performance indicators against the criteria and guidance in Treasurer's Instruction 904 for measuring the extent of outcome achievement and the efficiency of service delivery. The procedures selected depend on my judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the key performance indicators. In making these risk assessments I obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the engagement in order to design procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances.

I believe that the evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

My independence and quality control relating to the reports on controls and key performance indicators

I have complied with the independence requirements of the *Auditor General Act 2006* and the relevant ethical requirements relating to assurance engagements. In accordance with ASQC 1 *Quality Control for Firms that Perform Audits and Reviews of Financial Reports and Other Financial Information, and Other Assurance Engagements*, the Office of the Auditor General maintains a comprehensive system of quality control including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

Other information

The Members of Council are responsible for the other information. The other information is the information in the entity's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2021, but not the financial statements, key performance indicators and my auditor's report.

My opinions do not cover the other information and, accordingly, I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Matters relating to the electronic publication of the audited financial statements and key performance indicators

This auditor's report relates to the financial statements, controls and key performance indicators of the Keep Australia Beautiful Council (W.A.) for the year ended 30 June 2021 included on the Council's website. The Council's management is responsible for the integrity of the Council's website. This audit does not provide assurance on the integrity of the Council's website. The auditor's report refers only to the financial statements, controls and key performance indicators described above. It does not provide an opinion on any other information which may have been hyperlinked to/from these financial statements, controls or key performance indicators. If users of the financial statements, controls and key performance indicators are concerned with the inherent risks arising from publication on a website, they are advised to contact the entity to confirm the information contained in the website version of the financial statements, controls and key performance indicators.



Patrick Arulsingham
Acting Assistant Auditor General Technical and Audit Support
Delegate of the Auditor General for Western Australia
22 September 2021

**Statement of comprehensive income
for the year ended 30 June 2021**

| | Notes | 2021 \$ | 2020 \$ |
|---|-------|------------------|------------------|
| COST OF SERVICES | | | |
| Expenses | | | |
| Employee benefits expense | 2.1 | 964,732 | 967,304 |
| Grants and subsidies | 2.2 | 82,725 | 61,987 |
| Supplies and services | 2.3 | 579,036 | 650,253 |
| Other expenses | 2.4 | 54,389 | 79,062 |
| Total cost of services | | 1,680,882 | 1,758,606 |
| Income | | | |
| Grants and subsidies | 3.1 | 46,000 | 82,000 |
| Charges and fees | 3.2 | 320,765 | 389,695 |
| Interest revenue | | 421 | 4,261 |
| Other income | 3.4 | 9,164 | 37,083 |
| Total income | | 376,350 | 513,039 |
| NET COST OF SERVICES | | 1,304,532 | 1,245,567 |
| Income from State Government | | | |
| Income from other public sector entities | 3.3 | 1,018,000 | 1,003,000 |
| Resources received | 3.3 | 227,396 | 227,050 |
| Total income from State Government | | 1,245,396 | 1,230,050 |
| DEFICIT FOR THE PERIOD | | (59,136) | (15,517) |
| TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE EXPENSE FOR THE PERIOD | | (59,136) | (15,517) |

The Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of financial position
as at 30 June 2021

| | Notes | 2021 \$ | 2020 \$ |
|----------------------------------|-------|----------------|----------------|
| ASSETS | | | |
| Current Assets | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 5.1 | 715,446 | 714,614 |
| Receivables | 4.1 | 55,144 | 89,944 |
| Other current assets | 4.2 | 16,469 | 4,021 |
| Total Current Assets | | 787,059 | 808,579 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | 787,059 | 808,579 |
| LIABILITIES | | | |
| Current Liabilities | | | |
| Payables | 4.3 | 87,127 | 47,789 |
| Other current liabilities | 4.4 | - | 1,722 |
| Total Current Liabilities | | 87,127 | 49,511 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | | 87,127 | 49,511 |
| NET ASSETS | | 699,932 | 759,068 |
| EQUITY | | | |
| Accumulated surplus | 7.8 | 699,932 | 759,068 |
| TOTAL EQUITY | | 699,932 | 759,068 |

The Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of changes in equity
for the year ended 30 June 2021

| | Notes | Accumulated surplus \$ | Total equity \$ |
|--|-------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Balance at 1 July 2019 | | 774,585 | 774,585 |
| Deficit | | (15,517) | (15,517) |
| Total comprehensive expense for the period | | (15,517) | (15,517) |
| Balance at 30 June 2020 | 7.8 | 759,068 | 759,068 |
| Balance at 1 July 2020 | | 759,068 | 759,068 |
| Deficit | | (59,136) | (59,136) |
| Total comprehensive expense for the period | | (59,136) | (59,136) |
| Balance at 30 June 2021 | 7.8 | 699,932 | 699,932 |

The Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of cash flows
for the year ended 30 June 2021

| Notes | 2021 \$ | 2020 \$ |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| CASH FLOWS FROM STATE GOVERNMENT | | |
| Grants | 1,018,000 | 1,003,000 |
| Net cash provided by State Government | 1,018,000 | 1,003,000 |
| Utilised as follows: | | |
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Payments | | |
| Employee benefits | (847,294) | (1,086,890) |
| Supplies and services | (398,559) | (545,371) |
| Grants and subsidies | (83,025) | (62,280) |
| GST payments on purchases | (44,170) | (60,304) |
| GST payments to taxation authority | (51,784) | (31,940) |
| Other payments | (8,607) | (5,005) |
| Receipts | | |
| Grants and subsidies | 46,000 | 72,000 |
| User charges and fees | 266,333 | 333,848 |
| Interest received | 520 | 5,110 |
| GST receipts on sales | 94,254 | 93,100 |
| Other receipts | 9,164 | 35,944 |
| Net cash used in operating activities | (1,017,168) | (1,251,788) |
| Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | 832 | (248,788) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period | 714,614 | 963,402 |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF PERIOD | 715,446 | 714,614 |

5.1

The Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2021

1 BASIS OF PREPARATION

The Council is a Western Australia Government entity and is controlled by the State of Western Australia, which is the ultimate parent. The Council is a not-for-profit entity (as profit is not its principal objective).

These annual financial statements were authorised for issue by the Keep Australia Beautiful Council (W.A.) on 21 September 2021.

Statement of compliance

These general-purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with:

1. The Financial Management Act 2006 (**FMA**)
2. The Treasurer's Instructions (**TIs**)
3. Australian Accounting Standards (**AASs**) – Reduced Disclosure Requirements
4. Where appropriate, those AAS paragraphs applicable for not-for-profit entities have been applied.

FMA and TIs take precedence over AASs. Several AASs are modified by the TIs to vary application, disclosure format and wording. Where modification is required and has had a material or significant financial effect upon the reported results, details of that modification and the resulting financial effect are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

Basis of preparation

These financial statements are presented in Australian dollars applying the accrual basis of accounting and using the historical cost convention. Certain balances will apply a different measurement basis (such as the fair value basis). Where this is the case the different measurement basis is disclosed in the associated note. All values are rounded to the nearest dollar.

Judgements and estimates

Judgements, estimates and assumptions are required to be made about financial information being presented. The significant judgements and estimates made in the preparation of these financial statements are disclosed in the notes where amounts affected by those judgements and/or estimates are disclosed. Estimates and associated assumptions are based on professional judgements derived from historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Contributed equity

AASB Interpretation 1038 *Contributions by Owners Made to Wholly-Owned Public Sector Entities* requires transfers in the nature of equity contributions, other than as a result of a restructure of administrative arrangements, to be designated by the Government (the owner) as contributions by owners (at the time of, or prior to, transfer) before such transfers can be recognised as equity contributions.

Capital appropriations have been designated as contributions by owners by TI 955 *Contributions by Owners made to Wholly Owned Public Sector Entities* and have been credited directly to Contributed Equity.

Comparative figures

Comparative figures are, where appropriate, reclassified to be comparable with the figures presented in the current reporting period.

Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 30 June 2021

2 USE OF OUR FUNDING

Expenses incurred in the delivery of services

This section provides additional information about how the Council's funding is applied and the accounting policies that are relevant for an understanding of the items recognised in the financial statements. The primary expenses incurred by the Council in achieving its objectives and the relevant notes are:

| | Notes | 2021 \$ | 2020 \$ |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Employee benefits expense | 2.1 | 964,732 | 967,304 |
| Grants and subsidies | 2.2 | 82,725 | 61,987 |
| Supplies and services | 2.3 | 579,036 | 650,253 |
| Other expenses | 2.4 | 54,389 | 79,062 |

2.1 Employee benefits expenses

| | 2021 \$ | 2020 \$ |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Employee benefits | 882,977 | 889,115 |
| Superannuation – defined contribution plans | 81,755 | 78,189 |
| Total Employee benefits expense | 964,732 | 967,304 |

Employee Benefits: The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation is the employing authority for staff employed in the Keep Australia Beautiful Council (W.A.) service section. Employee benefits are recouped monthly and the costs include wages and salaries, leave entitlements, and WorkCover premiums.

Superannuation: The amount recognised in profit or loss of the Statement of Comprehensive Income comprises employer contributions paid to the GSS (concurrent contributions), the WSS, the GESBs, or other superannuation funds.

The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation is the employing authority for staff employed in the Keep Australia Beautiful Council (W.A.). Provision for benefits accruing to employees in respect of annual leave and long service leave for services rendered are held by the employing authority provisions.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2021

2.2 Grants and subsidies

The Council promotes waste reduction by engaging the community in providing grants. Funds are applied for, assessed and provided to worthy recipients.

| | 2021 \$ | 2020 \$ |
|---|------------|------------|
| Recurrent | | |
| Blackwood Youth Action | 346 | - |
| Boddington RRR Reduce Reuse Recycle Pty Ltd | 5,500 | - |
| Boyup Brook Community Resource Centre Inc | 3,750 | - |
| Capel Horse & Pony Club Inc | 4,962 | - |
| Care for Hedland Environmental Association Inc | 1,263 | 450 |
| City Beach Primary School | - | 567 |
| City of Albany | - | 450 |
| City of Bunbury | 1,500 | 7,500 |
| City of Cockburn | 5,000 | 4,145 |
| City of Joondalup | 3,817 | - |
| City of Kalamunda | 952 | 3,805 |
| Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor Inc | - | 3,620 |
| Cowaramup Lions Op Shop Lions Club of Cowaramup | - | 320 |
| Harvey Primary School P&C Association | - | 853 |
| Hopetoun Community Resource Centre | 1,575 | 2,897 |
| Judumul Advisory Aboriginal Corporation | 2,224 | - |
| Kalbarri Development Association Inc | - | 450 |
| Kalgoorlie Boulder Urban Landcare Group | 450 | 1,032 |
| Katanning Land Conservation District Committee | 1,984 | - |
| Keep Albany Beautiful Committee | 1,000 | 500 |
| Multicultural Communities Council of WA Inc | - | 1,500 |
| Nannup Music Club Inc Nannup Music Festival | - | 3,967 |
| Newdegate Community Resource Centre Inc | 3,420 | - |
| North Cottesloe Surf Life Saving Club | 1,000 | 4,000 |
| Ocean Cycle Australia | 3,709 | - |
| Peel United Soccer Club | 2,132 | - |
| Red Dirt Blue Sky Inc | - | 400 |
| Rotary Club of Collie Inc | - | 620 |
| Shire of Ashburton | - | 450 |
| Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes | - | 455 |

Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 30 June 2021

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Shire of Capel | 4,000 | - |
| Shire of Collie | - | 2,346 |
| Shire of Corrigin | 500 | - |
| Shire of East Pilbara | 5,000 | 500 |
| Shire of Esperance | - | 1,450 |
| Shire of Exmouth | 4,000 | - |
| Shire of Kojonup | - | 900 |
| Shire of Manjimup | - | 10,000 |
| Shire of Merredin | - | 2,860 |
| Shire of Mount Magnet | 500 | - |
| Shire of Narrogin | 4,000 | - |
| Shire of Northam | - | 500 |
| Shire of Shark Bay | 2,000 | - |
| Shire of Upper Gascoyne | 950 | 450 |
| Sup Tonic Australia Maree Patrice Martin | 3,000 | - |
| Tangaroa Blue Foundation Ltd | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Total Environment Centre | 6,641 | - |
| Wellstead Community Resource Centre Inc | 650 | - |
| Wongan Tidy Towns Committee | 500 | - |
| Yandeyarra Remote Community School | 950 | - |
| Lock Hospital Memorial Group | 450 | - |
| Total Grants and Subsidies | 82,725 | 61,987 |

Transactions in which the Council provides goods, services, assets (or extinguishes a liability) or labour to another party without receiving approximately equal value in return are categorised as 'Grant expenses.' Grants can either be operating or capital in nature.

Grants can be paid as general-purpose grants which refer to grants that are not subject to conditions regarding their use. Alternatively, they may be paid as specific purpose grants which are paid for a particular purpose and/or have conditions attached regarding their use.

Grants and other transfers to third parties (other than contribution to owners) are recognised as an expense in the reporting period in which they are paid or payable. They include transactions such as: grants, subsidies, personal benefit payments made in cash to individuals, other transfer payments made to public sector agencies, local government, non-government schools, and community groups.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2021

2.3 Supplies and Services

Supplies and services:

Supplies and services are recognised as an expense in the reporting period in which they are incurred. The carrying amounts of any materials held for distribution are expensed when the materials are distributed.

| | 2021 \$ | 2020 \$ |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Supplies and services | | |
| Consultants and contractors | 256,734 | 225,081 |
| Consumables | 77,366 | 111,498 |
| Materials | 199 | 676 |
| Advertising | 60,454 | 146,099 |
| Travel | 43,706 | 15,187 |
| Accommodation | 78,467 | 79,975 |
| Telecommunication Services | 3,104 | 3,131 |
| Catering | 10,939 | 11,163 |
| Other | 48,067 | 57,443 |
| Total supplies and services expenses | 579,036 | 650,253 |

2.4 Other expenses

| | 2021 \$ | 2020 \$ |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Other expenses | | |
| Bad debts | - | 40 |
| Expected credit losses expense ^(a) | 47,541 | 72,624 |
| Rental - equipment, vehicles and venues ^(b) | 6,848 | 6,398 |
| Total other expenses | 54,389 | 79,062 |

(a) **Expected credit losses** is an allowance of trade receivables and is measured at the lifetime expected credit losses at each reporting date. The Council has established a provision matrix that is based on its historical credit loss experience, adjusted for forward-looking factors specific to the debtors and the economic environment.

(b) **Rental expenses** include:

- (i) Short-term leases with a lease term of 12 months or less;
- (ii) Low value leases with an underlying value of \$5,000 or less; and
- (iii) Variable lease payments recognised in the period in which the event or condition that triggers those payments occurs.

Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 30 June 2021

3 COUNCIL FUNDING SOURCES

How we obtain our funding

This section provides additional information about how the Council obtains its funding and the relevant accounting policy notes that govern the recognition and measurement of this funding.

The Council receives income from the Waste Authority Resource and Recovery legislation, fee income resulting from litter infringement notices (*Litter Act 1979*) and income from the state government.

The primary income received by the Council and the relevant notes are:

| | Notes | 2021 \$ | 2020 \$ |
|------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Grants and subsidies | 3.1 | 46,000 | 82,000 |
| Charges and fees | 3.2 | 320,765 | 389,695 |
| Income from State Government | 3.3 | 1,245,396 | 1,230,050 |
| Other income | 3.4 | 9,164 | 37,083 |

3.1 Grants and subsidies

| | 2021 \$ | 2020 \$ |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Indian Ocean Territories | 26,000 | 52,000 |
| Industry Grants and Levies - Mars Wrigley | 20,000 | 30,000 |
| Total grants and subsidies | 46,000 | 82,000 |

Grants and subsidies are recognised as income at fair value when the grant and subsidies payments are received or receivable.

3.2 Charges and fees

| | 2021 \$ | 2020 \$ |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Fines - litter infringements | 320,765 | 389,695 |

Income from litter infringements is recognised immediately when issued.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2021

3.3 Income from State Government

Income received from other public sector entities during the period:

Grants and subsidies

Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER)

Main Roads Western Australia

Waste Authority

Total grants and subsidies

Resources from other public sector entities during the period:

Services received free of charge

Department of Water and Environmental Regulation - Corporate Services

Total services received

Total income from State Government

| | 2021 \$ | 2020 \$ |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Income received from other public sector entities during the period: | | |
| Grants and subsidies | | |
| Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) | 112,000 | 112,000 |
| Main Roads Western Australia | 30,000 | 30,000 |
| Waste Authority | 876,000 | 861,000 |
| Total grants and subsidies | 1,018,000 | 1,003,000 |
| Resources from other public sector entities during the period: | | |
| Services received free of charge | | |
| Department of Water and Environmental Regulation - Corporate Services | 227,396 | 227,050 |
| Total services received | 227,396 | 227,050 |
| Total income from State Government | 1,245,396 | 1,230,050 |

Income from other public sector entities

Income from other public sector entities are recognised as income when the Council has satisfied its performance obligations under the funding agreement. If there is no performance obligation, income will be recognised when the Council receives the funds.

Resources received from other public sector entities

Resources received from other public sector entities are recognised as income (and assets or expenses) equivalent to the fair value of the assets, or the fair value of those services that can be reliably determined and which would have been purchased if not donated.

3.4 Other revenue

Sale of Litter Bags

Other revenue

Total other revenue

| | 2021 \$ | 2020 \$ |
|----------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Sale of Litter Bags | 9,164 | 6,978 |
| Other revenue | - | 30,105 |
| Total other revenue | 9,164 | 37,083 |

Sales

Revenue is recognised at the transaction price when the Council transfers control of the goods or other assets to customers.

Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 30 June 2021

4 ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

This section sets out those assets and liabilities that arose from the Council's controlled operations and includes other assets utilised for economic benefits and liabilities incurred during normal operations:

| | Notes | 2021 \$ | 2020 \$ |
|---------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Receivables | 4.1 | 55,144 | 89,944 |
| Other current assets | 4.2 | 16,469 | 4,021 |
| Payables | 4.3 | 87,127 | 47,789 |
| Other current liabilities | 4.4 | - | 1,722 |

4.1 Receivables

| | 2021 \$ | 2020 \$ |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Current | | |
| Trade receivables | 250,295 | 235,373 |
| Allowance for impairment of trade receivables | (195,151) | (147,610) |
| Accrued revenue | - | 99 |
| | 55,144 | 87,862 |
| Other debtors | - | 2,082 |
| Total current | 55,144 | 89,944 |
| Total receivables | 55,144 | 89,944 |

The Council does not hold any collateral or other credit enhancements as security for receivables.

Trade receivables are recognised at original invoice amount less any allowances for uncollectible amounts (i.e. impairment). The carrying amount of net trade receivables is equivalent to fair value as it is due for settlement within 30 days.

4.2 Other current assets

| | 2021 \$ | 2020 \$ |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Current | | |
| Prepayments | 16,469 | 4,021 |
| Total current | 16,469 | 4,021 |

Other non-financial assets include prepayments which represent payments in advance of receipt of goods or services or that part of expenditure made in one accounting period covering a term extending beyond that period.

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4.3 Payables

Current

Trade payables
Accrued expenses
GST payable

Total payables

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| | 314 | 17,845 |
| | 78,091 | 21,184 |
| | 8,722 | 8,760 |
| | 87,127 | 47,789 |

Payables are recognised at the amounts payable when the Council becomes obliged to make future payments as a result of a purchase of assets or services. The carrying amount is equivalent to fair value, as settlement is generally within 30 days.

4.4 Other current liabilities

Current

Travel credit card clearing

Total other current liabilities

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|--|-------------|--------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| | - | 1,722 |
| | - | 1,722 |

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5 FINANCING

This section sets out the material balances and disclosures associated with the financing and cash flows of the Council.

| | Notes | 2021 | 2020 |
|---------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | \$ | \$ |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 5.1 | 715,446 | 714,614 |

5.1 Cash and cash equivalents

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 715,446 | 714,614 |

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalent assets comprise cash on hand and short-term deposits with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and which are subject to insignificant risk of changes in value.

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6 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

This note sets out the key risks management policies and measurement techniques of the Council.

| | Notes |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Financial instruments | 6.1 |
| Contingent assets and liabilities | 6.2 |

6.1 Financial instruments

The carrying amounts of each of the following categories of financial assets and financial liabilities at the end of the reporting period are:

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| <u>Financial assets</u> | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 715,446 | 714,614 |
| Financial assets at amortised cost ^(a) | 55,144 | 87,862 |
| Total financial assets | 770,590 | 802,476 |
| <u>Financial liabilities</u> | | |
| Financial liabilities at amortised cost ^(b) | 78,405 | 39,029 |
| Total financial liabilities | 78,405 | 39,029 |

- (a) The amount of Financial assets at amortised cost excludes the GST recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (statutory receivable).
- (b) The amount of Financial liabilities at amortised cost excludes GST payable to the Australian Taxation Office (statutory payable).

6.2 Contingent assets and liabilities

Contingent assets and contingent liabilities are not recognised in the statement of financial position but are disclosed and, if quantifiable, are measured at the best estimate.

Contingent assets and liabilities are presented inclusive of GST receivable or payable respectively.

6.2.1 Contingent assets

The Council had no contingent assets as at 30 June 2021 (2020: None).

6.2.2 Contingent liabilities

Contaminated sites

Under the *Contaminated Sites Act 2003*, the Council is required to report known and suspected contaminated sites to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER). In accordance with the Act, DWER classifies these sites on the basis of the risk to human health, the environment and environmental values. Where sites are classified as 'contaminated – remediation required' or 'possibly contaminated – investigation required', the Council may have a liability in respect of investigation or remediation expenses.

During the year the Council reported no contaminated sites to DWER (2020: None).

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7 OTHER DISCLOSURES

This section includes additional material disclosures required by accounting standards or other pronouncements for the understanding of this financial report.

| | Notes |
|--|--------------|
| Events occurring after the end of the reporting period | 7.1 |
| Initial application of Australian Accounting Standards | 7.2 |
| Key management personnel | 7.3 |
| Related party transactions | 7.4 |
| Related bodies | 7.5 |
| Affiliated bodies | 7.6 |
| Remuneration of auditors | 7.7 |
| Equity | 7.8 |
| Supplementary financial information | 7.9 |

7.1 Events occurring after the end of the reporting period

There are no significant events that occurred after the end of the reporting period.

7.2 Initial application of Australian Accounting Standards

AASB 1059 Service Concession Arrangements: Grantors

AASB 1059 applies to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2020 and introduces the accounting treatment for assets in service concession arrangements from the perspective of public sector grantors.

A service concession arrangement is a contract effective during the reporting period between a grantor and an operator in which:

- a. the operator has the right of access to the service concession asset (or assets) to provide public services on behalf of the grantor for a specified period of time;
- b. the operator is responsible for at least some of the management of the public services provided through the asset and does not act merely as an agent on behalf of the grantor; and
- c. the operator is compensated for its services over the period of the service concession arrangement.

The Council has assessed the standard and considers the abovementioned standard does not have any material impact on the Council.

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7.3 Key management personnel

The Council has determined key management personnel to include cabinet ministers, council members, and senior officers of the Council. The Council does not incur expenditures to compensate Ministers and those disclosures may be found in the *Annual Report on State Finances*.

The total fees, salaries, superannuation, non-monetary benefits and other benefits for council members and senior officers of the Council for the reporting period are presented within the following bands:

| | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| | 2021 | 2020 |
| Compensation of members of the Council: | | |
| Compensation band (\$) | | |
| 10,001 - 20,000 | 1 | 1 |
| | 2021 | 2020 |
| | \$ | \$ |
| Total compensation of the council members: | 14,189 | 14,189 |
| | | |
| Compensation of Senior Officers: | 2021 | 2020 |
| Compensation band (\$) | | |
| 150,001 - 160,000 | - | 1 |
| 140,001 - 150,000 | 1 | - |
| | 2021 | 2020 |
| | \$ | \$ |
| Total compensation of senior officers | 143,749 | 158,909 |

Total compensation includes the superannuation expense incurred by the Council in respect of senior officers.

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7.4 Related party transactions

The Council is a wholly owned public sector entity that is controlled by of the State of Western Australia.

Related parties of the Council include:

- all cabinet ministers and their close family members, and their controlled or jointly controlled entities;
- all council members, senior officers and their close family members, and their controlled or jointly controlled entities;
- other departments and statutory authorities, including related bodies, that are included in the whole of government consolidated financial statements (i.e. wholly owned public sector entities);
- associates and joint ventures of a wholly owned public sector entity; and
- the Government Employees Superannuation Board (GESB).

Material transactions with other related parties

Outside of normal citizen type transactions with the Council, there were no other related party transactions that involved key management personnel and / or their close family members and / or their controlled (or jointly controlled) entities.

7.5 Related bodies

The Council currently does not provide any assistance to other agencies which would deem them to be regarded as related bodies under the definitions included in Treasurer's Instruction 951 "Related and Affiliated Bodies".

7.6 Affiliated bodies

The Council currently does not provide any assistance to other agencies which would deem them to be regarded as affiliated bodies under the definitions included in Treasurer's Instruction 951 "Related and Affiliated Bodies".

7.7 Remuneration of auditors

Remuneration paid or payable to the Auditor General in respect of the audit for the current financial year is as follows:

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|--|--------|--------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Auditing the accounts, financial statements, controls and key performance indicators | 18,000 | 15,725 |

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7.8 Equity

The Western Australian Government holds the equity interest in the Council on behalf of the community. Equity represents the residual interest in the net assets of the Council.

| | 2021 \$ | 2020 \$ |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Accumulated Surplus | | |
| Balance at start of period | 759,068 | 774,585 |
| Result for the period | (59,136) | (15,517) |
| Balance at end of period | 699,932 | 759,068 |

7.9 Supplementary financial information

(a) Write-offs

During the financial year, \$0 (2020: \$40) was written off as bad debt under the authority of the Chairman.

(b) Losses through theft, defaults and other causes

During the financial year there were no losses of public money and public and other property through theft or default (2020: None).

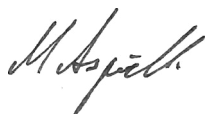
(c) Gifts of public property

The Council had no gifts of public property during the financial year (2020: None).

Certification of key performance indicators

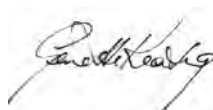
For the year ended 30 June 2021

We hereby certify that the key performance indicators are based on proper records, are relevant and appropriate for assisting users to assess the Keep Australia Beautiful Council (W.A.)'s performance, and fairly represent the performance of the Keep Australia Beautiful Council (W.A.) for the financial year ended 30 June 2021.



M Aspinall

Chairperson
Keep Australia Beautiful Council (W.A.)
21 September 2021



G Keating

Deputy Chairperson
Keep Australia Beautiful Council (W.A.)
21 September 2021

Key performance indicators

Outcome Based Management Framework

Keep Australia Beautiful Council (W.A.) (KABC) structures its activities to promote a reduction in litter and littering behaviour in Western Australia. There are three services provided by KABC to the community under this outcome.

| Government Goal | Desired outcome | Services |
|--|---|---|
| Better Places: A quality environment with liveable and affordable communities and vibrant regions. | Reduction in litter and littering behaviour in Western Australia. | Service 1: Monitoring litter levels in Western Australia Service 2: Enforcement of the <i>Litter Act 1979</i> Service 3: Providing education, awareness and engagement programs |

Key effectiveness indicator

Outcome 1: Reduction in litter and littering behaviour in Western Australia

The *Litter Act 1979* makes provision for the abatement of litter and confers powers upon KABC.

KABC achieves litter abatement through enforcement and the application of penalties for littering and through the development and implementation of community education, participation, and awareness programs. These programs are designed to encourage and support people to change their attitudes and behaviours towards litter prevention and disposal and to participate in activities which help clean and maintain their environment. Programs include advertising and promotion, event support, school and community education and participation programs and partnerships with key organisations.

Over the years, an ongoing downward trend in litter points to the success of KABC's programs implemented through the *Litter Prevention Strategy for Western Australia 2020-2025* and previous litter prevention strategies.

KABC has monitored litter levels in Western Australia by funding two annual audits of litter levels through the National Litter Index (NLI) until 2019-20 and will do the same using a new methodology agreed to by all Australian jurisdictions, the Australian Litter Measure (AusLM), from 2020-21. This financial year has been a transitional period, as AusLM was developed and consultation undertaken. This has resulted in the use of data from a pilot litter audit in January 2021 that tested the new methodology. The finalisation of the methodology and jurisdictional consultation, and the need to develop procurement documents and enable consultancies adequate time to quote for future litter audits resulted in later than anticipated procurement for an audit. Procurement for the audit in 2021-22 is under way.

On 27 May 2021, the Under Treasurer approved minor adjustments to key performance indicators for KABC to ensure that our work was reported more accurately and that it relates to current government goals under the Outcomes Based Management Framework.

Indicator 1.1 The amount of litter reduction as measured by the Australian Litter Measure.

Table 1 National Litter Index 2017-20 /AusLM Pilot 2020-21

| | Items per 1,000m ² | | | | | Volume L / 1,000m ² | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| | 17-18 | 18-19 | 19-20 | 20-21 | 20-21 | 17-18 | 18-19 | 19-20 | 20-21 | 20-21 |
| | Actual | | | Target | Actual | Actual | | | Target | Actual |
| NLI / AusLM | 40 | 37 | 36 | 35 | 332 | 7.11 | 5.31 | 4.7 | 6.00 | 21 |
| Movement compared to prior year | +1 | -3 | -1 | | +296 | +0.11 | -1.8 | -0.61 | | +16.3 |

ANALYSIS

The Australian Litter Measure (AusLM) was developed in a jurisdiction-wide collaboration, through a project working group, to address dissatisfaction with the litter information and data previously provided to Australian governments under the National Litter Index.

The introduction of this more scientific litter audit methodology by the project working group in 2020-21 has led to an acknowledgement that the outcomes of the two methodologies cannot be compared. The increase in the 2020-21 Actual from the 2020-21 Target and 2019-20 Actual was due to the new methodology adopted in current year.

There is confidence in the data that will be provided by using the AusLM methodology in the coming years; however, it should be noted that the figures reported above are the result of a small pilot audit used to affirm and modify the methodology based on field trials, rather than being from a full litter audit and are thus only indicative. Small AusLM pilots in other states also resulted in up to 10 times more litter being counted, so the result is not confined to Western Australia.

Indicator 1.2 Percentage of litter infringements enforced through the Litter Report Scheme

| | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 20-21 Target | 20-21 Actual | Variation |
|--|---------|---------|---------|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| Percentage of litter infringements enforced through the Litter Report Scheme | 91 | 91 | 92 | 92 | 96 | 4 |

ANALYSIS

The total number of infringements was 1,162 with 55 being withdrawn, resulting in a percentage converted to infringements of 96 per cent. The percentage of litter infringements enforced through the Litter Report Scheme has remained relatively consistent.

Indicator 1.3 Percentage of littering investigations leading to an enforceable outcome

| | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 20-21 | Variation |
|--|---------|---------|---------|-------|-----------|
| Percentage of littering investigations leading to an enforceable outcome | 62 | 65 | 71 | 69 | (2) |

* Note: There is no target set for this indicator as the occurrence and complexity of investigations cannot be predicted on a yearly basis, as investigations result from reports from other organizations and community members.

The number of investigations undertaken for the year was 82, with 57 resulting in an enforceable outcome, creating 69 per cent resulting in enforceable outcomes. There were 41 infringements, two warning letters and 14 prosecution briefs.

Part IV of the *Litter Act 1979* establishes that any person who deposits litter or causes litter to be deposited on any land or any waters (unless exempt by clauses (a) to (d)) commits an offence). Section 27 of the Litter Act and the Litter Regulations 1981 prescribe penalties for specific offences and allow for the issue of infringement notices to offenders as well as the appointment of authorised officers to assist with the enforcement of the Litter Act. Offenders can also be dealt with by requiring clean-up of the litter (an Environmental Field Notice (EFN)) or by prosecution in court. Any of these actions would be deemed a successful outcome in dealing with offenders under the Litter Act.

KABC issues infringement notices to offenders using the information supplied through the Litter Report Scheme. Authorised officers issue infringements, Environmental Field Notices or prosecute littering.

Variance Analysis

The reduction in the percentage of littering investigations leading to an enforceable outcome for 2020-21 from the 2019-20 is mainly due to the types of reports and complaints received regarding littering. As this is an uncontrolled element it is also hard to control the outcome, if a report or complaint is received where there is an unsubstantiated complaint or where there is insufficient evidence to proceed, an investigation is still required to make this determination, but an enforceable outcome is not always possible.

Key efficiency indicators

Outcome 1: Reduction in litter and littering behaviour in Western Australia.

| Key Efficiency Indicator | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 Target | 2020-21 Actual | Variation |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------------|----------------|-----------|
| Service 1: Monitoring litter levels in Western Australia | | | | | | |
| 1.1 Average cost of audit of litter levels in WA | \$52,500 | \$54,706 | \$80,393 | \$65,000 | \$84,959 | \$19,959 |

Variance Analysis

The increase in the Actuals for 2020-21 from the Target 2020-21 is largely due to Ranger System development and replacement work to provide enhanced management reporting pending migration of the Ranger system to Environment Online system going live Q3 2024.

| Key Efficiency Indicator | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 Target | 2020-21 Actual | Variation |
|--|---------|---------|---------|----------------|----------------|-----------|
| Service 2: Enforcement of the Litter Act 1979 | | | | | | |
| 2.1 Average cost of enforcement of the Act | \$250 | \$394 | \$381 | \$204 | \$429 | \$225 |

Variance Analysis

The increase in the Actuals for 2020-21 from the Target 2020-21 and Actuals 2019-20 is largely due to a decrease in the total number of investigations and infringements issued (20% reduction from last year), resulting from a lower number of litter reports being received during the year. This is partially offset by lower costs due to changes in cost driver volumes to allocate costs to this service. KABC is investigating efficient ways to increase the number of reports being received through registered litter reporters.

| Key Efficiency Indicator | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 Target | 2020-21 Actual | Variation |
|--|----------|----------|-----------|----------------|----------------|-----------|
| Service 3: Providing education, awareness and engagement programs | | | | | | |
| 3.1.1 Average cost per education, awareness and engagement program | \$76,784 | \$85,808 | \$108,665 | \$88,240 | \$118,333 | \$30,093 |

Variance Analysis

The increase in the Actuals for 2020-21 from the Target 2020-21 is largely due to increases in cost of resources and significant additional program delivery in regional Western Australia. Staff conducted community and school litter clean ups in to support regional delivery of the Adopt-a-Spot, Tidy Towns, Clean Schools and Marine Debris programs in Albany, Esperance, Exmouth and Kalgoorlie-Boulder. In addition, judging for the Tidy Towns sustainable Communities Awards required considerable regional and remote travel.



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