



## ANNUAL KESAB AWARDS WINNERS CELEBRATED

KESAB was thrilled to be able to hold its annual KESAB awards after Covid delayed the celebrations last year.

The Awards which were held in person at the Mawson Lakes Hotel and also live-streamed celebrated three of KESAB's flagship and long-standing environmental programs, Wipe Out Waste (WOW), the Road Watch Adopt-a-road volunteer program and the Sustainable Communities (formerly Tidy Towns) program.

### Wipe Out Waste

KESAB'S successful and long-standing Wipe Out Waste (WOW) program showcased case studies from a diversity of schools including: Tenison Woods College in Mount Gambier, Golden Grove High School, Lady George Kindergarten, Eden Hills Kindergarten and Charles Campbell College & St Michaels College. These schools achieved some amazing results, diverting materials from landfill, educating their broader community and even processing materials on-site as student social enterprises.

KESAB Awards were presented to:

- For Innovation: original projects that show clear and creative thinking, achieving positive outcomes. **Winners: Tenison Woods College (Hall of Fame), Charles Campbell College. Special innovation awards to The University of Adelaide & Transmutation.**
- For Community: projects that partnered with community to enhance the WOW journey and site sustainability vision. **Winner: Golden Grove High School.**
- For Culture: whole site inclusion in planning and management of initiatives showing continuous improvement informed by monitoring and communication. **Winners: Eden Hills Kindergarten, Elizabeth Grove Primary School & St Michael's College Primary School.**

On behalf of the WOW partnership between KESAB and Green Industries SA, we congratulate all the sites who are participating in the WOW program.

Presenting the awards for the WOW program was program partner Ian Overton, CEO of Green Industries who said,

"GISA is pleased to support the WOW program which has been teaching students all over SA about waste reduction and principles of a circular economy for a number of years. We know that kids take those important messages home to their families and into the community and I give a huge congratulation to all the schools and students involved"

### Road Watch

With over 50 currently registered groups in the program and more than 560 individuals regularly cleaning litter from their adopted roadsides, KESAB was thrilled to have volunteers and program supporters help celebrate the tremendous positive impact this work has on our roadside amenity, ecosystems, road safety and community wellbeing.

Award Winners

**Innovation:** Rubbish Riders who use bicycle trailers to assist their cleanups along the bikeway of the Northern Connector Motorway.



**Communication:** Gavin Smith, a long-term volunteer who has established multiple groups over the years  
**Dedication:** Fiona Bennet, for the 30+ hours she contributes annually.

Of the awards, KESAB CEO, Wendy Bevan said

“While these awards recognised specific individual volunteers KESAB is extremely grateful to all of the 560 registered Road Watch volunteers who quietly work tirelessly to clean up our roads. We thank each and every one of them for their substantial contributions, and for support of the Department of Infrastructure and Transport.

KESAB’s Road Watch volunteer roadside litter clean-up program, which is proudly supported by the Department for Infrastructure & Transport, celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2021 and this huge milestone was also celebrated at the Awards event with all current Road Watch-Adopt A Road volunteers receiving a Road Watch badge in recognition of their dedication.

“This unique partnership between the department, KESAB and volunteers provides huge and measurable benefits to SA’s amenity, community and the environment and KESAB is proud to have been driving this program for 25 years”, Ms. Bevan said.

### **Sustainable Communities**

The final awards for the day were for the KESAB’s Sustainable Communities awards.

This program is the evolution of the KESAB iconic “Tidy Towns’ awards and encourages people and communities to create initiatives in their regional towns which provide better places and experiences to live, work and play.

“The Sustainable Communities awards are about celebrating our local communities, and about protecting, conserving, managing, and improving SA for all to enjoy”, said Wendy Bevan.

Ms. Bevan said “KESAB was thrilled to once again see a very high caliber of entries for these awards and it was genuinely hard to pick a winner”.

At the event, attendees heard of the initiatives from four sustainable communities, The Copper Coast, Karoonda East Murray, Kimba & Murray Bridge.

“These regional communities showed how even in challenging times, people can band together to progress sustainable initiatives. In looking at these initiatives, we noticed a focus on health & wellbeing, likely prompted by the COVID pandemic and we acknowledge the efforts that driving these initiatives take during very challenging times”, Wendy Bevan said.

Participants in the Sustainable Community awards were assessed against eight categories.

1. Appearance, amenities & facilities
2. Community action & partnerships
3. Environmental sustainability & education
4. Health & wellbeing
5. Heritage & culture
6. Leadership & youth activities
7. Natural environmental management
8. Resource recovery, waste management, litter prevention and enforcement



After a very difficult assessment and shortlisting, Sustainable Communities judges visited the two finalists in The Copper Coast & Kimba.

Both communities are to be commended for their works which included:

**Copper Coast Council:**

- Kadina & Moonta Cemeteries-wall restoration
- Kadina Hockey Club-installation of synthetic pitch
- Bee Hotels
- SA Masters Games
- Moonta Town Hall revitalisation
- North beach sand drift management plan
- Implementation of food organics and green organics (FOGO) kerbside collection to residents and business

**District Council of Kimba:**

- Kimba Recreation Reserve
- Building Community & Business Capacity Project
- Agricultural sector sustainability & education
- Kimba Health & wellbeing initiatives- Our Town
- Kimba & Gawler Ranges historical museum
- Leadership and youth within the Kimba
- Roora Dam stormwater catchment project
- Waste & recycling community collaboration

**Overall winner: Kimba**

"It was an incredibly close competition and very difficult to judge the ultimate winner of the awards. Congratulations to all the participants and well done to Kimba who will now be entered into the National Keep Australia Beautiful Awards.

Since 1966, KESAB has led and inspired improvement, preservation and protection of the environment, through education and positive behavior change. KESAB works across South Australia, providing sustainability education and programs to community groups, businesses and schools and their communities all aimed at Keeping South Australia beautiful.

KESAB is proud to provide these important programs for our communities and we thank everyone involved. Together we are shaping a better future.

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