

Media Release – The Hon Shelley Payne MLC

2023 Community Litter Grants recipients announced

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- Ten organisations share in more than \$43,000 for projects that combat littering.
- A total of \$584,007 provided since Keep Australia Beautiful Council program began.
- Shire of Kent received funding for their “Stop the Toss” project.

The Cook Government is celebrating a decade of community groups receiving more than half a million dollars for projects that help tackle litter in the environment.

Ten organisations are the latest recipients of the Community Litter Grants and will share in more than \$43,000.

The Shire of Kent will receive \$4,995 for their ‘Stop the Toss’ project. Through an education and awareness campaign, plus the purchase of a portable automatic water refill station, the Shire will reduce the damaging disposal of single use plastics. School education on ‘Waste Free Wednesday’ will also help to encourage the ‘Stop the Toss’ message.

Each year a diverse range of projects are funded including community awareness education campaigns and equipment to help with litter clean-ups.

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available for major initiatives or regional projects, while grants of up to \$5,000 are available for local area projects.

For more information, visit [Community Litter Grants | Keep Australia Beautiful WA \(kabc.wa.gov.au\)](https://kabc.wa.gov.au)

Comments attributed to Member for the Agricultural Region Hon Shelley Payne MLC

“The Community Litter Grants are a great way for local governments and grass roots organisations to fight the war on waste”, she said.

“It is great to hear all about the waste initiatives from communities across WA, and I am pleased that the Shire of Kent was successful for their ‘Stop the Toss’ project.”

Comments attributed to Environment Minister Reece Whitby:

"I congratulate this year's recipients for their dedication to protecting our environment by tackling harmful litter.

"This is a special milestone. The Community Litter Grants program has benefited a wide variety of community groups over the past decade that continue to go above and beyond in raising awareness about the impacts of litter.

"I'm proud so many volunteers are committed to cleaning up our environment through innovative litter prevention projects."

2023-2024 Community Litter Grants recipients and projects:

- Shire of Kent: Stop the Toss
- Shire of Carnarvon: Clean Community Coffees
- Track Care WA Inc.: Spare Wheel Rubbish Bags
- Nannup Community Resource Centre: Nannup Crafty Kids

- Comet Bay College: Keeping Comet Bay College Clean
- Shire of Capel: Captivate Litter
- EcoSurf Australia: #3minutebeachclean
- Shire of Leonora: Keep Leonora Beautiful
- Nannup Garden Village: Take it Home with You Initiative
- Mandurah Offshore Fishing & Sailing Club Inc: Dolphin Quays Waterways Clean-Up

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