

0800 Registration, tea and coffee

OPENING PLENARY

0900 Welcome and housekeeping
Master of Ceremonies

Opening Address - Update on KAB NSW activities and programs

Val Southam, CEO - Keep Australia Beautiful NSW

NSW Litter Prevention Strategy update and progress to state targets

NSW Environment Protection Authority

DISCUSSION: Initiatives for Combating Packaging Litter: Effective measures and impact

This discussion will delve into what proactive steps are being taken by packaging producers to minimise litter from their products and reduce environmental impact. The focus will be on the concrete actions implemented by producers to tackle this pressing issue and the outcomes of these initiatives.

1030 Morning tea break

STRATEGIES AND LESSONS FROM CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEMES

1100 Presentation title to be advised
Exchange for Change

Place-based strategies for increasing CDS returns
Australian Beverages Council (TBC)

Growing the benefits of container deposit schemes
Speaker to be advised

The Zero Heroes: Paving the way towards zero-waste events in the Eurobodalla

Alex King, Eurobodalla Shire Council

The Zero Heroes are a group of local legends dedicated to paving the way towards zero-waste events in the Eurobodalla. The Zero Heroes recognise NSW Return & Earn as a successful and trusted brand; they happily ride on the coat tails of the schemes success while working closely with events organisers in the shire to eliminate waste streams and increase resource recovery.

Discussion and questions

1200 Lunch

TRANSFORMATIVE APPROACHES TO CURB CIGARETTE LITTER IN AUSTRALIA

1300 **Banishing Bathurst Butts - Significantly reducing litter**
Thomas Staff, Bathurst Regional Council

Banishing Bathurst Butts partnership program reduced cigarette litter by 85% at hospital and suburban sites in 2023. BBB in 2021 used adaptive strategies to decrease litter throughout CBD sites by 93.7%. Reducing cigarette litter provides cleaner streets and protects life below water as stormwater flows into the Macquarie Wambuuul River.

Clearing the Air: Crafting effective campaigns to combat cigarette litter

Angela Romero, ALR Consulting

This presentation will explore the psyche behind smokers' littering habits. Presenting new behavioural research, it unveils smokers motivations and barriers, paving the way for targeted campaigns. Discover compelling messaging strategies to inspire behavioural change and lay the groundwork for future progress tracking.

Cigarette Butts - The challenges tackling one of Australia's most littered plastic items

Lara Barclay, Adaptation Environmental Support

This presentation will also discuss what the new Public Health Act and Regulations mean for tackling butt litter.

Discussion and questions

1500 Afternoon tea break

SOLUTIONS FOR CLEANER WATERWAYS THROUGH EDUCATION, INNOVATION & ACTION

1530 **Environmental Issues from Synthetic Playing Fields: Strategies to reduce impact**

Dr Michelle Blewitt & Dr Scott Wilson, AUSMAP, Total Environment Centre

The loss of rubber crumb and artificial turf from synthetic sports fields into adjacent land and waterways represents a key source of microplastic pollution. Results from this study highlight an effective mitigation strategy to minimise the excessive loss of crumb and artificial grass that leaves the field.

Compostable Packaging 101: Resources, Rules, and Events

Speaker to be advised

Out of the Frying Pan and into the Fire: Product stewardship and policy measures to minimise the environmental and human dangers of vapes

Shannon Mead, No More Butts

The world has started to act on vaping. But, with discarded vapes causing fires weekly across Australia, further action is required. With some bans in place and others being debated further, we revisit the topic and review the role of legislation and options for managing the environmental impacts of vapes.

Discussion and questions

1700 Close day 1

1730 Networking function

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TACKLING EMERGING LITTER AND DISPOSAL ISSUES

0900 Education, research and innovation for cleaner oceans
Pete Ceglinski, Seabin

Operation Clean Sweep NSW and microplastic broadscale assessment

NSW Environment Protection Authority

Operation Clean Sweep NSW is run in partnership with the NSW EPA and NGO Tangaroa Blue and provides education, advice, and control measures to stop plastic feedstock used in the manufacturing of plastic products from entering waterways.

Innovative solutions to prevent ocean pollution

Speaker to be advised

Discussion and questions

1030 Morning tea break

ACTION AND COLLABORATION TO COMBAT ILLEGAL DUMPING

1100 Community Education, Engagement and Awareness Campaign – Keep it Clean

Tony Barca, City of Greater Dandenong

Keep it Clean is a behaviour change program developed by the City of Greater Dandenong targeting the problem of dumped rubbish and its impact on community and Council. It is intended to raise community awareness through education and engagement, offering easy to implement solutions to dispose of hard rubbish responsibly.

Beautification project roots out dumpers

Lisa Roach, City of Canterbury Bankstown

A beautification project for the North Parade dumping hotspot removed dumped vehicles and rubbish, and cleared overgrown bushes and trees. Surveillance cameras and signage have also been installed and dedicated Illegal Dumping Prevention Officers are rolling out education campaigns in neighboring streets

Collaboration - Shoalhaven City Council / ISJO Illegal Dumping CUIP Project

Phil McNeice & Hamish East, Shoalhaven City Council

The importance of collaboration when addressing all aspects of illegal dumping cannot be overstated, particularly when it affects multiple government agencies, aboriginal land councils and social housing property managers.

Holistic approach in Illegal Dumping and Litter Management at Randwick

Talebul Islam, Randwick City Council

Council's new Illegal Dumping and Litter Management Plan utilises a holistic approach with five priority areas: Education and communication; Building community pride through beautification; Supporting community to do the right thing; Optimising infrastructure and services; & Compliance through enforcement

New legislative changes for illegal dumping

Renee Fairhurst, NSW Environment Protection Authority

Discussion and questions

1300 Lunch

ENGAGING COMMUNITIES IN THE FIGHT AGAINST LITTER

1400 What Western Sydney residents really think about litter

Amanda Bombaci,

Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils

WSROC recently undertook a detailed social research analysis of community attitudes to various aspects of litter management including littered places, littered items, littering behaviour and littering enforcement. This presentation will talk through the key outcomes of this research and where our efforts should be focused to impact littering behaviours.

Local Litter Detectives: Why local citizen science data is important.

Sarah-Jo Lobwein, SO SHIRE

Citizen science data on local litter sources and patterns is important for informing regulation and policies at all levels, and guides community awareness on the need to change littering behaviour and combat pollution. A follow up on our successful "cotton bud" case study and our current balloon debris campaign data.

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Closing remarks

Val Southam, CEO - Keep Australia Beautiful NSW

1600 Conference close