

This year **Clean up Australia Day is on Sunday, 7 March 2021**. Schools are getting involved next week in the lead up to the official Australian wide clean up day. On Friday 5 March the Quintilian Year 3 Classes will be helping out the City of Nedlands with their School Clean Up Day.

Quintilian School is proud to participate in a Clean Up Australia Day school event being organised by the City of Nedlands. These events have been successfully held throughout Australia since 1992, with thousands of primary schools participating to date.

The clean-up activities will be supervised by two City staff members and teachers with any parents being welcome to join too.

Details are as follows:

Date: Friday 5 March 2021

Time: Bus collection from the school at **8.55am**, bus return to school at **11.00am**

(travelling to site location at Allen Park, Swanbourne – car park at the WA Bridge Club)

Equipment: Provided including gloves. A healthy morning tea will also be provided.

Costs: All covered by City of Nedlands (including the bus)

Clean up Australia Day 2021 website: <u>https://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/</u> Clean up Australia Day 2021 video: <u>https://youtu.be/weYOsy71Sqc</u>

HISTORY OF CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Clean Up Australia inspires and empowers communities to clean up, fix up and conserve our environment. What was started thirty years ago, by an "average Australian bloke" who had a simple idea to make a difference in his own backyard has now become the nation's largest community-based environmental event.

Of course, Australia's waste challenges can't be solved in just one day, so over the past three decades, Clean Up Australia has evolved into an organisation that works with community, government and businesses to provide practical solutions to help us all live more sustainably every day of the year.

Today our focus is as much on preventing rubbish entering our environment as it is removing what has already accumulated.

It is hard to believe that this initiative began as the inspiration of one man, Ian Kiernan. An avid sailor, Ian was shocked and disgusted by the pollution and rubbish that he continually encountered in the oceans of the world. Taking matters into his own hands, Ian organised a community event with the support of a committee of friends, including co-founder Kim McKay AO.

This simple idea ignited an enthusiasm and desire among the local community to get involved and make a difference. Surely if a capital city could be mobilised into action, then so could the whole nation! So it was that Clean Up Australia Day was born in 1990.



