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Dalkeith Primary School makes a clean sweep

An abundance of plastic drink containers and lids, plastic bags, cigarette butts and lighters – along with fold-up chairs, a large plasma TV and large metal sign board – were removed from bushland by Dalkeith Primary School students as part of Schools Clean Up Australia Day.

More than 30 students and three teachers, assisted by the Friends of Point Resolution, spent a Friday morning collecting rubbish around Birdwood Parade Reserve.

They collected about 10 bags of general rubbish and 15 bags of recycling from the parkland, bushland and river foreshore areas.

City of Nedlands Mayor Max Hipkins said Clean Up Australia Day was an ideal opportunity to make a difference by removing rubbish that chokes parks, roadsides, bushland and waterways.

“School children are the nation’s future and great ambassadors for environmental conservation so getting them involved in caring for the environment at an early age is vital,” he said.

“Events such as Clean Up Australia Day have the unique ability to make people aware of the various environmental issues surrounding them, allowing them to see first-hand the plastic bags, bottles and other waste that is polluting the environment.

“The event also provides an ideal opportunity to reinforce the importance of recycling to the community, given much of the litter picked up on the day is recyclable.

“The students embraced the challenge, taking pride in keeping their beautiful City litter-free.”

Volunteers at Point Resolution also collected five bags of general rubbish and four bags of recycling from the reserve’s parkland on the official Clean Up Australia Day.

“The City of Nedlands would like to thank Dalkeith Primary School, the Friends of Point Resolution and all other volunteers for their dedication and enthusiasm,” Mayor Hipkins said. “We’re expecting an even bigger event next year.”

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City of Nedlands Mayor Max Hipkins joined Dalkeith Primary School students as they collected a mix of rubbish and recyclables during Schools Clean Up Australia Day.

About the City of Nedlands

The City of Nedlands is situated 7km from Perth and stretches from the banks of the Swan River to the edge of the Indian Ocean. A population of more than 21,000 lives in the suburbs of Nedlands, Dalkeith, Mt Claremont, Swanbourne, Karrakatta and parts of Floreat and Shenton Park.

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