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Family cleans up for 10 years

A local family has been helping clean up Australia for 10 years.

Garry and Cerina Triglavcanin, their 16-year-old daughter Olivia and 14-year-old son Andrew, who live in Dalkeith, have joined the City of Nedlands every year for the Clean up Australia Day event, and 2016 will mark their 10th year of continuous involvement.

Olivia and her mum Cerina started the ball rolling 10 years ago, and were soon followed by Garry and Andrew.

In appreciation of their dedication and commitment, City of Nedlands Mayor Max Hipkins presented the Triglavcanin family with a certificate and voucher for a local business.

The City's Clean up Australia Day event this year meets at Nidjalla Loop in Swanbourne, on Sunday 6 March from 9.00-11pm.

"The Triglavcanin family's enthusiasm for this event is infectious. Their commitment over the years has been fantastic and has contributed to a cleaner environment," said Mayor Hipkins.

The family has a strong social conscience and are involved in community service through a number of other avenues, such as the children's schools and Perth Zoo. They will make a donation to the Perth Zoo to the value of the voucher the City presented to them.

Mayor Hipkins urged residents to participate in Clean up Australia Day to help keep the City beautiful.

"Volunteers at the site are invaluable and the event is fun and rewarding. It's also a fantastic opportunity to meet other people in the community," he continued.

To join in the Clean Up Australia Day in Swanbourne, volunteers can meet at the small grass reserve on Nidjalla Loop in Swanbourne at 8.45 am. The location will be clearly marked on the day so people can find the site.

All participants are required to wear closed shoes and gloves for this event and morning tea will be provided.

When: Sunday 6 March 9:00 am – 11:00 am
Where: Nidjalla Loop, Swanbourne.

For more information and to register as a volunteer, go to
http://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/?Swanbourne+Estate or contact Vicki 9273 3575.

Last year almost 600,000 volunteers participated in the largest community based event in Australia and removed an amazing 16,000 tonnes of rubbish from local parks, waterways beaches, bushlands and suburbs.

Mayor Max Hipkins presents the Triglavcanin family with a certificate of appreciation. Clockwise from left: Garry Triglavcanin, Olivia, Mayor Max Hipkins, Cerina Triglavcanin, and Andrew Triglavcanin.

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About Clean up Australia Day
Clean up Australia Day was the brainchild of an "average Australian bloke", Ian Kiernan. In 1989, Ian organised Clean Up Sydney Harbour Day after seeing the pollution in the ocean on a sailing trip.

The first Clean Up Sydney Harbour Day mobilised 40,000 Sydneysiders to help clean up the harbour. The following year, Ian took his idea to the national stage to encourage Australians to clean up their local areas. Since then, Australians have donated more than 27.2 million hours to clean up and protect their streets, bushlands, parks and waterways. They have removed an estimated 288,650 tonnes of rubbish from 145,754 sites nationally.

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 over 21,000 live in the suburbs of Nedlands, Dalkeith, Mt Claremont, Swanbourne, Karrakatta, and parts of Floreat and Shenton Park.

For further information please contact communications@nedlands.wa.gov.au or 9273 3500