

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY 2008

On Sunday the 2nd of March Friends of Rivers, Peel supported by volunteers from Nth Yunderup, Pinjarra Scouts and Cubs, Department of Water and South Yunderup Residents and Ratepayers carried out a rubbish clean up of the Murray and Serpentine Rivers, delta and estuary islands and local road reserves and foreshores.

The large amount of rubbish collected is a damning indictment of the general public's attitude to the environment of this precious country. FoR, Peel have been involved in Clean Up day for the past 5 years and the quantity collected from the same area is not diminishing.

The quantity of bottles, cans and other recyclable material picked up is a strong case for the state government to consider deposit legislation similar to what exists in South Australia. There is also a need for local government to review the penalties for littering and the enforcement practices and patrolling of shire rangers.

On the 26th of January the community celebrates what it means to be Australian. Dumping your unwanted items and empty food and beverage containers onto road reserves, into waterways and native bush is not Australian.

At the completion of the Clean Up the volunteers adjourned for a well earned sausage sizzle and refreshments to a park on the Murray River sponsored by ALCOA, the Shire of Murray and local businesses.

Regards,
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Chairperson
Friends of Rivers, Peel