



River Guardians Clean Up Australia Day event on Sunday 23 February 2020

Event partners:

DBCA, Clean Up Australia Ltd, Keep Australia Beautiful Council (WA), City of Perth, Perth NRM, Native Animal Rescue, Swan River Sailing, Royal Perth Yacht Club and Recfish West.

Event Schedule

Land based clean-up

- 08:00 – Set up registration desk and educational displays at Home Base
- 09:00 – Participant sign in, event brief and equipment given out
- 09:00 – 9.30 – Minister for Environment, Hon. Stephen Dawson MLC will arrive
- 09:00 – 12.00 – Land based clean up at all sites
- 11.00 – fire up BBQ and start sausage sizzle
- 12.00pm – End of land based clean- up – Sign out and weigh rubbish

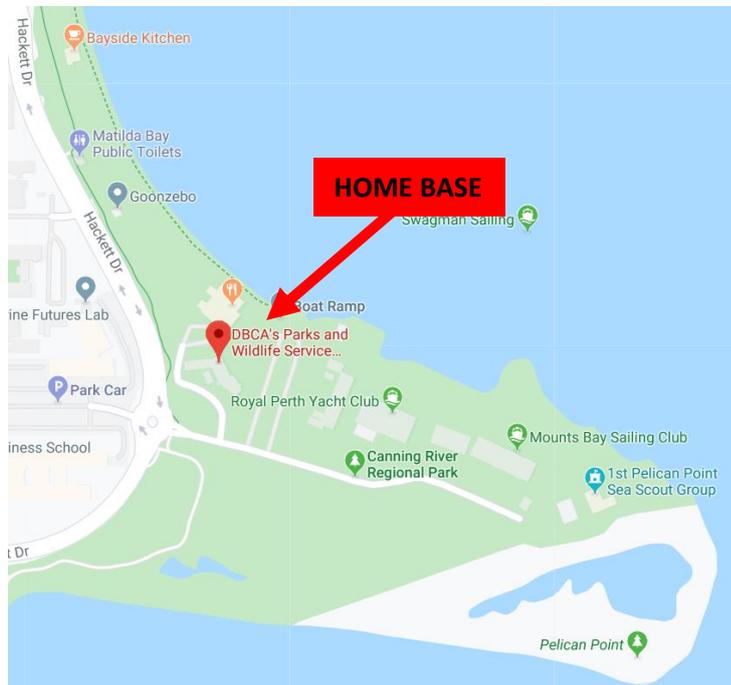
Home Base:

Registration, briefings, equipment and first aid station will be set up at at the DBCA Offices in Matilda Bay Reserve, Crawley. There is plenty of parking available on-site.

Once participants have been briefed and signed-on, they will be encouraged to go out in small groups. Each group will be given rubbish bags, sharps container (and gloves if they didn't bring their own). All participants will be instructed to return to Home Base to sign-off, weigh and dispose of the rubbish they collected.

KAB staff will sort through some of the rubbish bags on a tarp back at the Home Base to educate attendees and identify the most common items of litter that are being found. Attendees will be encouraged to sign-up as a Litter Reporter and consider joining the Adopt-a-Spot program.

Attendees will then enjoy a free sausage sizzle and cold drink while perusing displays and talking to event stallholders.



Land based clean-up sites

Clean-up Area 1:

The land-based clean up will target the areas highlighted in yellow, including Matilda Bay Reserve, Royal Perth Yacht Club, Pelican Point, JH Abrahams Reserve, Charles Court Reserve, Paul Hasluck Reserve, Birdwood Parade Reserve, Moffline Reserve and Beaton Park.

Areas to be targeted during clean up event:





Participants are also encouraged to go to other areas within the Swan Canning Riverpark and adjacent reserves where they know there is a lot of waste and/or popular fishing spots.

There is plenty of parking available on-site and a spot for kayakers and boaters to launch their vessels.

There are toilets facilities at the DBCA offices and on the Matilda Bay foreshore.

Waste Disposal

DBCA's Regional Parks Unit (Swan Region) will help dispose of the waste collected on the day. Two 1100L bins will be situated at the Home Base for the event, at the rear of the Crawley office.

All waste will be weighed before disposal to allow for data to be provided to Tangaroa Blue and entered in the Australian Marine Debris database.

Sausage Sizzle for volunteers

DBCA will provide volunteers with a free sausage sizzle and cold drink to thank them for their efforts on the day. One of the local fundraising groups will be engaged to help with this (e.g. the local Lions or Rotary Club).

WHAT DO PARTICIPANTS NEED TO KNOW?

Participants are responsible for their own safety. They will be covered by the Department's insurance policy while actively volunteering as part of this clean-up event. To ensure a safe clean-up, participants will be instructed to follow the procedures and rules below:

1. [Sign in and out](#) of the event.
2. Bring a buddy, anyone without will be assigned another participant as a buddy. Stay close to your buddy throughout the clean-up and look after each-other, alert organisers if you cannot find your buddy.
3. Lift and bend safely, we are targeting fishing line and small litter only. Please notify the organisers of any larger items and unsafe litter such as sharp objects (if you don't have a sharps container in your group).
4. Bring a tool to reach low litter, such as a small stool or reaching aid
5. Ensure you are hydrated and well rested, do not push yourself outside of your usual limits. Consult your doctor in advance on any matters specific to your health.
6. Bring Personal Protective Equipment including gloves, enclosed footwear and exposure protection such as long shirts and pants, hats and sunscreen.
8. Be aware of your surroundings, always check for traffic on land and in the water.
9. Take a couple of minutes before starting at a new spot to consider risks and safety. Is there a safe way in and out? Are there trip and slip hazards? If you find a risk or hazard report it to the people around you and the organisers to help everyone enjoy a safe clean up.
10. Carefully remove litter only when safe to do so with personal protective equipment and dispose of it safely in a litter collection bag. All litter will be weighed and safely disposed of back at the Home Base (Area 1).