

Clean Up Australia Day

March 2nd | Victoria, Australia

<https://www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au/>

Overview

- WFWP Australia Victoria Chapter, and UPF Victoria volunteers joined together for Clean Up Australia Day to address environmental problems, while also promoting education and community connection.
- Supporting Sustainable Development Goals
 - Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production
 - Goal 15: Life On Land
 - Goal 17: Partnerships For The Goals

The WFWP Victoria and UPF Victoria volunteers, family and friends came together on Wellington Road, Lysterfield to help keep our community clean and promote sustainability. Not only was Clean Up Australia Day a chance for WFWP volunteers to participate in helping the environment, but it was also a great activity to bring the community together and foster meaningful relationships.



Twelve enthusiastic souls gathered on the major arterial road at Lysterfield Park leading towards Rowville in one direction and Emerald in the opposite direction. Couples paralleled the road to collect the overly large amount of roadside litter.

This year we partnered with Clean Away transfer station in Lysterfield who received the collected bags of garbage at no charge.



Sadly, there are many single use plastic water bottles, soft-drink cans, fast food containers, and plastic wrapping that are thrown out of car windows as people drive by. Garbage bags falling off utility trucks, and people using 'pull in' spaces to dump their garbage is also a problem on these fast-paced and busy arterial roads.



As the day carried on, it was very inspiring to see everyone stepping up and getting involved to make a difference.

Participants came back for a break and enjoyed a BBQ lunch. A rewarding day for a great outcome!

Reflection from Participants



“What a fun, great day to get the community involved in keeping our streets clean!”

“Great day with lovely people.”

“It’s so great to see the community get together for such a good cause.”

PARTNERS and SUPPORTERS

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In Partnership With:



Clean Up Australia is a not-for-profit Australian organisation promoting environmental conservation. Clean Up Australia Day empowers communities to address environmental problems and supports local action to make a difference in the world. <https://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/>



Clean Away – Lysterfield transfer station
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