



2026 Wilbinga Conservation Park Annual Cleanup

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Venue: The Wilbinga Conservation Park.

The Wilbinga Conservation Park annual cleanup event was held on Saturday the 2nd of May 2026 as a community involvement project to engage with many likeminded volunteers, clubs, groups and individuals.

The event saw a total attendance of approx. 100 volunteers, exceeding the target of 50.

Key highlight was to bring many likeminded volunteers together that share a common interest.

Overall, the community event was considered a success, and it did meet its objectives.

The objectives were based on environmental, social and personal safety concerns.

The target audiences included all outdoor recreational volunteers such as fishing groups, 4wd clubs, 4wd accessory business, social media groups, 4wd training outfits, 4wd recovery crews and individual volunteers that were not attached to any organisation.

Key partners and sponsors can be visited from this page... <http://wilbingashackscrew.com.au/other-information>.

Demographically, volunteers came from all corners of the State in Western Australia to participate, ranging from young children to those that have retired and all ages in-between.

Key activities:

1. Ranged from collecting cans, glass bottles, plastic bottles that will be exchanged for cash by utilising the services of "Containers for Change", the proceeds will be directed to replenishing 1st aid gear at the Wilbinga Shack on behalf of the visitors to Wilbinga.
2. West Coast 4x4 Recoveries in removing two vehicle wrecks.
3. The WA 4wd Club members picking up general waste and dumping at the dump point in skip bins provided by Parks and Wildlife Services Swan Coastal District.
4. The Toyota LandCruiser club doing the same things as the 4wd Club of WA.
5. The Isuzu 4x4 Club of WA, performing 4wd track maintenance and general waste removal.
6. A member of the Subaru club guiding in a bunch of individual volunteers with another well experienced 4wdriver. This being Adiran Longwood and Callum Pellatt.

7. A vehicle recovery crew was selected, namely Julian Matthews, Paul Robertson, Stu Wilson and his brother Richard Wilson. Fortunately, there were no vehicle recoveries required on the day.
8. The Wilbinga Shacks Crew handling the logistics for the day such as traffic management and handling the DBCA red tape related to injury insurance, inductions, code of conduct and making available the DBCA handbook. Also handling the sponsor give away gifts.
9. Parks and Wildlife Services Swan Coastal District of the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions arranged and made available two skip bins, two portable toilets and their BBQ trailer as well as a BBQ for all the volunteers for a lunchtime finish.
10. Marketing has been achieved via the events sponsors, social media, both websites of the Wilbinga Shacks Crew and the Friends of Wilbinga. Social media had the greatest impact in engagement.
11. And finally, to encourage all visitors to Wilbinga to be a friend to Wilbinga.

Event survey submission are still being collected and collated by Parks and Wildlife Services, which is still live for everyone to participate.

<http://friendsofwilbinga.com.au/event-survey>

Results of the survey yet to come.

Challenges in terms of room for improvements dedicated to ongoing annual Wilbinga cleanup event projects have been identified and are being discussed via the processed set within the Wilbinga Adoptions Agreement.

http://www.wilbingashackscrew.com.au/images/pdf/140225_S_W_A_A-s.pdf

Next year this event project will be back on and scheduled for the first Saturday in May, that being the 1st of May 2027.

The majority of volunteers present on the day are members of the “Australian Recreational Motoristes Association” (ARMA) via their respective clubs.

ARMA is the key stakeholder “peak body” for motorised recreation Australia wide and Western Australia.



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