



Clean Up Australia Day 2012 - Wedge Post Clean-up Report

Another fantastic rollup of volunteers for our 2012 Clean Up Australia day at Wedge. With four main zones defined for the clean-up activities, we had a good spread of people and equipment through-out the settlement. Number of volunteers caused our supply of rubbish bags to be quickly depleted, however the number proved to be sufficient.

With about 80 volunteers registered, plus several on the coordinating group and late-comers, we had around 85 people working through the settlement collecting rubbish. Again, it was encouraging to have a range of age groups amongst the volunteers, and the family groups participating was a great sight around the tracks and the beach.

We had three main objectives for this year's clean-up;

1. maintain clean-up efforts on the tracks and beach
2. separate recyclables from other rubbish
3. address the general rubbish and litter in the northern dune and bush area immediately south.

The five recycling bins funded by WIPA for the settlement were used to maximum benefit for the recyclables collected, which reduced significantly the volume of waste into landfill.

The skip bins, provided as part of our lease fees and levies, for household rubbish were also of benefit for disposal of the collected rubbish.

A sausage sizzle at the Community Centre for volunteers allowed us to thank the volunteers for a successful and productive clean-up day. At this gathering, the winners of the Wedge Waste Warriors programme were recognised and presented with prizes. All Wedge Waste Warrior registrations will be maintained as the Recycling Programme at Wedge will continue.

Feedback from the team leaders in each of the four zones identified that the:

- scrub and tracks in the settlement yielded less rubbish than the previous year
- spur road into Wedge required more time and resources than expected
- rubbish collected from the northern dune and area of bush south of the dune included a lot of car parts, burnt furniture and general rubbish.

As previously determined by the WIPA committee, the majority of the rubbish collected was not from WIPA people/shacks, but due to day visitors and campers to the settlement and around non WIPA shacks.

Volume/weight of rubbish collected (estimated):

	Volume	Weight
Recyclables	9 m3	600 kg
Waste	4 m3	300 kg
Bulky Waste	4 m3	500 kg

Some suggestions were passed to the coordinating group on improvements for next year's clean-up day, in particular the use of bins for recyclable waste and additional trailers to cope with the large items from the northern dune area.

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