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Abbreviations used:
CUW Weekend – Clean Up the World Weekend
WED – World Environment Day

kgs – kilograms
m² – square metres
km – kilometres

AMERICAN SAMOA

Member(s) in American Samoa
Lost Samoan.

AUSTRALIA

Austins Ferry/ Granton Precinct Committee

Austins Ferry/Granton Precinct Committee is one of 12 community committees established by the Glenorchy City Council. On October 18, a dozen keen people met at Poimena Reserve in Austins Ferry, Tasmania. They divided

their time between a weed pull (boneseed) and litter collection. About eight bags were collected. They also cut a few brambles and removed a gorse bush. Weeds are a big problem in this reserve - boneseed, cape weed, cotoneaster and brambles are the worst.

Clean Up Railway

On September 18, Ashley Newberry collected 400 kgs of waste from 5-8 kms of railway lines between the Melbourne stations of Clifton Hill and

Alphington. He also managed to recycle plastic, glass and spray cans from the collection. Ashley is proud that he has helped to provide a cleaner local environment and a much more pleasant view for train travellers.

Frank Ford

This year Frank Ford went solo and cleaned up Brighton Beach on Clean Up Australia Day and then Semaphore Beach shoreline on September 18 for the CUW Weekend. He managed to remove 6kg of waste, which he then recycled.

Friends of Blind Creek Billabong

To celebrate the CUW Weekend, Friends of Blind Creek Billabong held a clean up. Their dream is to see water running again in Blind Creek as well as seeing it revegetated from the interface to where it runs into Dandenong Creek. This Victorian group runs 13 activities throughout the year in coordination with Melbourne Water and Knox City Council's Conservation and Environment Department. On this occasion, volunteers collected 14 bags and 5 shopping trolleys worth of waste. Items removed included: plastic, glass, paper, trolleys, bikes, car tyres and syringes. Volunteers have noticed the amount of dumping in the area has reduced significantly.

Friends of the Children Foundation

The Friends of the Children Foundation organised a clean up along Scotchman Creek

and around Melbourne Waters retarding Basin, between Huntingdale Road and Stanley St, Mount Waverly, Victoria. This retarding basin works as a filtration unit for rain and stormwater and the Friends of the Children Foundation is concerned that there is a large amount of waste clogging overflow holes. 30 volunteers collected 112 kgs of waste from the above mentioned areas.

Gecko's Adventures

The adventure travel company and CUW Corporate Friend, Gecko's Adventures ran three 'Clean Up' trips to coincide with the CUW Weekend in 2005. These occurred in Cambodia (near Angkor Wat), Tanzania (Engaruka) and in Egypt (the River Nile). A few kilometres outside the town of Siem Reap, Cambodia, Gecko's travellers met up with local primary school children, their teachers and some local monks. The group made their way from the market through the village, back to the school and collected at least 40 bags of

waste. 14 Gecko's travellers visited Engaruka on their CUW East Africa Safari. For an entire day the group worked to repair and brighten classrooms. In Egypt, a group of Egyptians joined with travellers to collect 69 bags of waste from the river Nile.

Harbour Dive

9 ground crew and 26 divers cleaned up Mornington Pier in Victoria on September 18. The group focused on the removal of marine debris and marine pests. 1,827 kgs of inappropriate material was removed from the ocean including aluminium cans, glass bottles and an introduced pest "Seastars".
Local support provided by: Mornington Peninsula Shire Council.



Australia –
Gecko's Adventures



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Mowbray Public School

Mowbray Public School is a small public school with an involved and committed staff supported by an active and well-informed parent community. The school has a park-like environment. This year the school concentrated on raising awareness of correct waste disposal. The whole school participated in events held on Clean Up Australia Day and National Tree Day. They also held a clean up in celebration of the CUW Weekend. In October, Kindergarten Class 3, participated in workshops with the theme "Keep Australia Beautiful".

National Parks Association NSW – HarbourKeepers

During the CUW Weekend, HarbourKeepers were at various locations around Sydney Harbour participating in a selection of activities to help make Sydney Harbour a cleaner and more beautiful place. NSW Scouts took to the water in kayaks along Parramatta River to clear waste from the water and its surrounding mangroves and beaches. Venturers, Scouts and Cubs also cleaned Putney Park. A group of divers removed 10 bags of waste from the seafloor at Little Manly. Waste from this dive included a fire extinguisher, watering can and a full bottle of champagne! Volunteers also helped to remove weeds from the Harbour's bushland near the water's edge.

TEN YEARS

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PARTICIPATION

North Rocks Community Church

On Saturday September 17, a group of 5 people removed weeds from the Lake Parramatta Flora & Fauna Reserve. An area of 100m² was cleared and 28 bags removed by Parramatta City Council. Blackberries and Asparagus Fern were some of the weeds targeted. North Rocks Community Church is trying to organise additional working days to continue the task of eradicating weeds from the area.

Other Member(s) in Australia

Artarmon Public School, Austral Fisheries Pty Ltd, BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance (BMA) - Hay Point Services, Broomehill Community Liaison Committee, Central City Medical P/L, Cozy Consultancy Pty Ltd, Department of Treasury & Finance - Melbourne, Lions Club of Wantirna Inc, Lismore Community Health, Scenic World, Special Education Class, Surfrider Foundation Capricorn.

BANGLADESH

Association for Social Development & Distressed Welfare (ASDDW)

A number of initiatives were held by Association for Social Development & Distressed Welfare for World Environment Day and the CUW Weekend. Clean ups and meetings to discuss local environmental issues were held with students, staff and parents. Organisers hope the number of plastic bags found will highlight the illegal trade in these items which are banned by law in Bangladesh. Tree planting and related conservation efforts took place in an attempt to offset the impacts of salinity caused by shrimp farming in the area. Rainwater harvesting initiatives also took place. The department of Forest and Environment assisted with the tree planting efforts donating 5,000 trees.

International University of Business Agriculture & Technology

This student group organised a clean up campaign at Tongi Bridge in Dhaka to remove waste and raise awareness about the negative effects of littering and dumping waste.

Youth Educational and Listeners' Club

On June 7, the Youth Educational and Listeners' Club held a tree planting and distribution program. Plants were distributed to local people, students and schools. 35 volunteers cleaned roads and a pond and held a quiz for students on September 17. 78 kgs of mainly paper and plastic were collected and recycled.

Local support provided by: Mr Jahangir Alam – General Secretary of the National Boxing Federation, Mr. Roton Chowdhury – Comilla Municipality legal Advisor.

Other Member(s) in Bangladesh

Deepti Bhuban, Dip Unnayan Society (DUS), Environmental Social Development Organisation (ESDO),

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PARTICIPATION

Grameen View

Paricchannya Bangladesh, Sonali Young Organisation.

CAMBODIA

Member(s) in Cambodia

TEN YEARS

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PARTICIPATION

Ministry of Environment

CHINA

China Association of Urban Environmental Sanitation (CAUES)

CAUES held a comprehensive national clean up campaign in September with more than 600 cities and towns getting involved. Residents were encouraged to clean up around their homes and streets and to recycle waste whenever possible.

Other Member(s) in China
Rosalind Chaffey, Shanghai Industry & Commerce Foreign Languages College.

FIJI

Clean Up Fiji

An estimated 30,000 people participated in the Clean Up Fiji campaign during the CUW Weekend. Across the country the most frequent items of waste collected were cigarette butts, plastic bags, snack food packs, bottles and cans. 100,000 cubic feet of waste was collected. Honourable Minister Kenneth Zinck said, "Today is a step in the right direction towards a bigger solution". Minister Zinck made a personal visit to the Clean Up Fiji Secretariat to congratulate the organisers and to ask what government could do to facilitate these campaigns in future.

Other Member(s) in Fiji
Mortdale Youth Fiji Travel Group.



HONG KONG

TEN YEARS

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Green
PARTICIPATION Power

The theme of the campaign launched by Green Power during the Mid-Autumn Festival in September was "Green Cities - Plan for the Planet". Volunteers removed large amounts of waste left by festival goers in Aberdeen Country Park. The clean up was well publicised by media drawing the public's attention to the issue. A "Reduce Waste on Campus" campaign was held with 40 schools taking part in practical environmental activities. Students utilised an online teaching kit, took part in a waste reduction competition and were encouraged to apply what they had learnt in the family home.

INDIA

Australian High Commission, India

Ten schools in Delhi held clean up campaigns during September. They adopted local parks and other public areas, and ran poster and slogan writing competitions to help raise awareness of waste issues. School representatives then made a presentation on their clean up activities at a ceremony attended by the Australian High Commissioner to India, Mr John McCarthy AO. The schools campaign is in its fifth year and is a collaborative effort

between the High Commission and the Teachers' Association for Children.

East Coast Research and Development

Students were shown videos on CUW and coral reef environments in August to introduce them to environmental issues in their area. In September, posters were displayed in schools and public places to raise awareness and attract volunteers from the Thoothukud and Tirunelveli communities. 300 volunteers attended a clean up at Thoothukudi Beach which is threatened by pollutants from a nearby power plant. Students from each of the schools also took part in a marine conservation workshop later in the year. The campaign was supported by local authorities and the media promoting the need for action to the broader community.

Local support provided by: Mr. Hartmann - St. Judes Freight System.

Friendship Foundation

Three children representing the Friendship Foundation launched the CUW Weekend, speaking at a press conference focusing on pollution issues and the need for youth and community-led initiatives. The conference was followed by a clean up at Peddapur Creek. Residents of Peddapur Village joined the clean up collecting large amounts of plastic, newspapers and cigarette packaging. 500 native seedlings were planted following the clean up. The

children then spoke to village elders about the importance of keeping the creek in good condition in the future. The villagers promised to look after the creek and will work with the Friendship Foundation on future initiatives.

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PARTICIPATION (INSONA)

INSONA held a number of initiatives throughout the year culminating in an event held in September for Biosphere Day. Their initiatives included a workshop for teachers to share their experience and ideas regarding environmental education, a month long schools campaign where over 7,500 students prepared environmentally themed posters, plays and songs, and a clean up campaign engaging students from three university hostels. INSONA also launched a project to restore Vadodara wetlands and are working with local children on a campaign to reduce plastic bag use.

Muthamil Education and Rural Development Society (MERDS)

MERDS focused their efforts on tree planting and clearing waste from around water sources in 2005. Working with 17 primary schools, 340 seedlings were planted during June and July. 116 pumps in 29 villages were the sites for clean up activities throughout the year. A post-

tsunami clean up was also held at a beach in Cuddalore. MERDS work with the Panchayat Institution and the Health Department on ongoing environmental and health awareness initiatives.

Local support provided by: Panchayat Institution in Natham.

Prithvi Innovations

More than 7,000 people took part in a range of activities held in Lucknow. Earth Day celebrations included a signature campaign, the launch of a Science and Environment Network and an exhibition featuring posters, eco-games and performances. In May, a week-long workshop for children included sessions on environmental health, natural resource management and pollution. During September, a Clean Schools Program was launched which aims to improve waste management systems. The ongoing program has resulted in changed consumption patterns, reduced water use in schools and homes and a reduction in the amount of waste being burnt.

Local support provided by: State Bank of India-Behta Sobli Branch, Vikas Nagar, Jaipuria Institute of Management, Gomtinagar, ICWAI-Lucknow Chapter, INTACH Lucknow Chapter.

SET-WIN Society

On September 30, the SET-WIN Society held a clean up and tree planting activities in Nilakottai. Awareness-raising activities on the day included an environmental

song performance and the distribution of information materials at the Nilakottai daily market. 120 bags of waste were collected consisting of mainly organic waste and plastic bags. Nearly 100 volunteers took part in the activities which were also well supported by local authorities and media. *Local support provided by: VKV Motors, Batlagundu, Jothi Super Market.*

SSCUWIC Porbandar

SSCUWIC worked in collaboration with Bulbul Trust and ICCWIC Porbandar on a number of initiatives including tree planting and clean ups. The need for proper waste management was promoted throughout the region resulting in a number of communities holding their own clean up campaigns with local authorities and schools getting involved. The awareness campaign also resulted in an increased amount of waste being separated and sent for recycling.

Other Member(s) in India

AISSNMM, Association For Promotion Of Educational And Socio-Cultural Activities (APESCA), AV Clean Up Group, Balmunkund Charitable Trust, C.A. Vania - Advocate - Secretary, Clean Enviro Committee (NCCI-URM), Clean Up Dhrangdhra, Clean Up Hyderabad, Clean Up Soil, Geeta Joseph, Global Information Network for NGOs, Govindprasad Nandlal Jaju, Graduate Council, Gram Vikas, Grama Pengal

