



## AUSTRALIA

### Brambles Limited

Brambles employees participated in 2 events over the CUW Weekend. One event took place in the Lane Cove National Park in Sydney while the other was conducted along the Logan River bank in Brisbane. In Sydney, 32 volunteers helped to remove waste from a section of Lane Cove National Park selected by the park authorities. The volunteers also helped park rangers with the Kitty's Creek Tide to Table Wetland Restoration Project - a bush regeneration program that has been operating for the past 7 years. In Brisbane, 53 volunteers from the Cook Islands Queensland Association held a major clean up along the banks of the Logan River and collected five trailer loads of waste.

### City of Monash

The City of Monash involved 2 community groups in their first ever CUW campaign. CUW events were held in the City of Monash across two parkland reserves. Approximately 50 volunteers took part in the activities at the 2 sites, collecting 25 bags of waste in total. The recyclables were separated into clear plastic bags and taken to the Monash recycling facility. The campaign has helped to increase the message of a cleaner, healthier community. The volunteers' participation demonstrated a strong commitment to the environment and promoted community involvement and ownership of parklands within the municipality. This involvement has now set a standard for the community that the City of Monash is committed to keeping the environment clean.

**Local support provided by: Anna Burke MP (Member of Parliament).**

### Clean Up Railway

On September 23, the area between Glen Iris and East Malvern railway stations was cleaned. A mattress, a wooden palette and plenty of rubber seals from train windows were removed. A total of 40 bags of waste comprised of more than 500 aerosol cans and large quantities of disposable coffee cups and lids were collected.

### Cook Islands Queensland Association Inc.

In Brisbane, 53 volunteers from the Cook Islands Queensland Association held a major clean up along the banks of the Logan River and collected 5 trailer loads of waste. Their efforts were celebrated with a closing barbeque.

**Local support provided by: Brambles.**

### Dubbo Tidy Towns

Dubbo Tidy Towns held a "Clean Up the Macquarie River Day" which focussed principally on the area between the 2 weirs. A group of 50 volunteers assisted in the clean up, using boats and canoes to help collect waste from the river. The SES and Dubbo Rescue Squad also brought boats. Approximately 8 tonnes of waste were removed on the day.

**Local support provided by: Dubbo City Council and Country Energy.**

### Frank Ford

On September 16, 2 bags of waste consisting of plastic, rubber, paper, cans, glass and tins from Port Adelaide Semaphore waterway were collected.

**Friends of Blind Creek Billabong, Knox**  
Friends of Blind Creek Billabong, Knox with the help of 75 volunteers joined together on National Tree Day to plant 1,600 trees. The group also carried out CUW activities in November at Blind Creek with the help of many young families and friends and the supervision of a member of the Bushland Management team. Bikes, basketball stands, trolleys and dumped building materials were removed by the volunteers. The volunteers relaxed after their hard work with a barbecue.

### Friends of the Children Foundation

On September 16, The Friends of the Children Foundation organised a working bee in the Mount Waverley and Chadstone area along Scotchman's Creek path and retarding basin as part of the CUW Weekend. A large amount of waste was collected by 20 volunteers with the most common types of waste including plastic bags, glass bottles and chocolate wrappers.

### Friends of Toolern Creek

Friends of Toolern Creek worked every Monday and Thursday afternoons to clean up storm water drains and plant native plants in the reserve. To celebrate CUW Weekend, 140 plants were planted and 3 bags of waste collected along the creek by a Scout group. A walking group, "Harkness" also removed 2 bags of waste.

**Local support provided by: Melton Council, CFA, Lions and Melbourne Water.**

### National Parks Association of NSW

A group of 10 divers removed fishing line and other fishing tackle including rods, reels, sinkers and floats from Illawong Bay in the Ku-ring-gai chase National Park. This was the third visit for the group to the site this year and there was still plenty of fishing tackle to be removed from under the water. There has since been an installation of a Tangler Bin for the disposal of fishing line in the area. The underwater clean up attracted local media coverage.

### North Rocks Community Church

On September 15, 12 volunteers collected 41 bags of noxious weeds which they removed from Lake Parramatta Nature Reserve between North Rocks Road and Hunts Creek. In particular they removed blackberry bushes and lantana however they also targeted other specific weeds such as: cassia shrubs, privet broad leaf, privet small leaf, kapok vine, morning glory, turkey rhubarb, asparagus fern, ochna and balloon vine.

### OceanWatch Australia

Many net recycling collection points were established at a number of ports in NSW and Qld over the CUW Weekend with the assistance of the Australian fishing industry. These collections are on-going. The clean up held over the CUW Weekend helped identify what the commercial fishing industry is able to do to reduce its environmental footprint, and to assist with waste management at ports. Approximately 10 tonnes of waste were collected from the events. OceanWatch Australia aims to have fishing net/lines recycling collection points throughout coastal Australia.



St Andrew's Socioreligious Justice/Fraternity & Brethren In Truth Inc  
 On September 15, 48 volunteers accepted an invitation from St Andrew's Socioreligious Justice/Fraternity & Brethren In Truth Inc to take part in the CUW Weekend. They gathered at 9am at Lane Cove National Park and worked until 1.30pm managing to collect 60 bags of waste and removing many car tires. Andrew Duffy, Manager of Lane Cove National Park gave an educational briefing about the Park and its Bush Regeneration Project. Through the group's involvement with CUW, they were able to promote the campaign widely amongst the local Korean Socio-religious Communities.

Other Member(s) in AUSTRALIA: Boronia Primary School, Harbour Dive Club - Woodleigh Secondary College, Isis District State High School, Liverpool Youth Council, Operation Bill Poster and Clean Up Launceston, Paterson Family, Scenic World, St. Teresa's Catholic College, Ulverstone Four Wheel Drive Club Inc., Whiteman Park.

### BANGLADESH

Member(s) in BANGLADESH: Grameen View, Stamford University Bangladesh.

### CAMBODIA

Member(s) in CAMBODIA: Australian Embassy Phnom Penh, British Embassy Phnom Penh, Kouprey Express Project of Wildlife Alliance.

### CHINA

Member(s) in CHINA: Beijing Sunbelt Consulting Corporation, Green Camel Bell (GCB), Institute of Marine Mammals.

### COOK ISLANDS

Cook Islands National Environment Service  
 Cook Islands National Environment Service launched its 4 month CUW campaign on September 14. A total of 2,272 students from 10 schools participated from the Main Island and 800 students from the Outer Islands. Mitiaro School students were involved in cleaning along the foreshore to the main village then inland to farm areas. Aitutaki School students cleaned along the main roads to the township and also the foreshore. They also planted fruit trees, including avocados and mangos at the end of November. Schools on the main island collected waste and planted flowering plants. The primary schools were involved in the aluminium can collection competition. Waste collected totalled 1 tonne. Students also assisted in the planting of Mahogany trees during the annual Cook Islands Vaka Eiva Canoeing event.

### EAST TIMOR

Member(s) in EAST TIMOR: Australian Aid International, Dili International School East Timor.

### HONG KONG\*

Member(s) in HONG KONG\*: Green Power.

### INDIA

Australian High Commission, India  
 The Australian High Commission, India involved a group of students, NGOs and volunteers in the CUW campaign in Delhi on September 25. Volunteers and students from 15 schools, representatives from NGOs, and Australians from the Australian High Commission gathered in a community park in Vasant Vihar where they carried a clean up activity. More than 500 volunteers took part in a symbolic procession from Guru Harkrishan Public School to the nearby park with the aim of creating awareness of how voluntary effort can help improve the environment. Participating NGOs included: STOP (work for human

trafficking), Asha Special School and ARMAAN. The campaign was launched by the Deputy High Commissioner, Mr David Holly. It was covered by a leading newspaper, The Hindu and ANI.

Nainital Development Trust  
 Nainital Development Trust organised "Clean Up Nainital Day" as part of CUW Weekend. On September 18, community leaders, industry and community associations, the police and 5,000 school children, took an oath to protect the environment. School students asked some community members to sign contracts, vowing to stop littering and respect the environment. Nainital Development Trust volunteers organised for a car-free day in town and asked occupants to exchange plastic bags for paper bags. Other volunteers conducted a clean up of open spaces. A schools' poster competition attracted more than 600 entrants with the posters used to create banners. As a result of the community's efforts, there is a greater sense of responsibility towards waste and plastics and the local administration has called for the introduction of a waste management program.

National Forum for Environmental Studies and Conservation (NESCO)  
 NESCO conducted activities for students to raise awareness of local environmental issues on key environmental dates including WED, World Ozone Day, Earth Day and CUW Weekend. The NGO held lectures on these issues as well as organising a bike rally around Allahabad city.

*Local support provided by: Ewing Christian College.*

### Nisarg Community Science Centre

As part of the CUW Weekend, a teacher training workshop was held on September 14 with 230 teachers of school Eco-Clubs participating. Teachers were trained and informed on the CUW campaign. Nisarg Community Centre also conducted a clean up of the Public Entertainment Park and boating lake on September 16, with 100 volunteers and teachers participating. About 700-

\*Geographically significant area.



800 kgs of algae and plastics waste were collected from the pond. As a result, the lake has been re-opened for boating after an extended closure. This community centre's activities have led to an increased awareness of plastic use and management of non-recyclable waste.

**Local support provided by: Gujarat Pollution Control Board.**

Other Member(s) in INDIA:  
Action for Environment Conservation, Advocacy and Solutions (AECAS), AFPRO, Balmukund Charitable Trust, Bharathy Youth and Social Welfare Association (BYASWA), C.A. Vania - Advocate - Secretary, Child Trust, Clean Enviro Committee (NCCI-URM), Clean Up Hyderabad, Clean Up Soil, Debapriya, Dhrangdhra Municipality, Dr. Debendra Kumar Sahu, East Coast Research and Development (ECDR), Education and recreation towards healthier planet (Earth), Friendship Foundation, Global Information Network for NGOs, Graduate Council, Green Planet, Health and Development Centre (HDC), International Movement for Advancement of Education Culture Social and Economic Development, International Society Of Naturalists (INSONA), Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV), Kudrat, Maitri, Mediavision Infotainment Company, Mumbai Together, Muthamil Education and Rural Development Society (MERDS), National Women's Welfare Centre (NWWC), Pahal, People Science Forum (krvp), Prithvi Innovations, Roteract Club of Chennai Phoenix, Rural Reconstruction Movement, SET-WIN Society, Snap Est Control, Social Institute for Development and Rehabilitation (SIDAR), Society for Community Development Project (SCDP), Society for Entirety Efficacious Development & Awareness (SEEDA), Sumeru Centre, Tekdi Green Foundation, The Mother Earth Movement, Womens Development Foundation (WDF), Youth Exnora.

### INDONESIA

#### Bali Hotels Association

Bali Hotels Association registered its 76 member hotels to take part in their local CUW campaign. In Bali, they organised clean up activities in many of their hotel association member's communities, beaches, rivers and scenic sites and attractions. Their aim was to bring together the many tourism industries, banjars, schools, tourists and local citizens to collect as much waste from their own communities in order for others to reconsider their waste management practices.

#### EGA Briefings

Approximately 300 volunteers, including university and school students, staff from NGOs and local authorities, joined in activities carried out on November 18 at the Pesanggrahan River. Trees were planted and ecotourism games were held. A total of 11 boats were taken along the river to observe the condition of the river environment. On November 25 in Jalan Pagi Peduli Lingkungan starting at 6am, a clean up activity and march was held with 300 participants carrying a CUW banner and collecting waste. Participants covered 4km of the city. On the same day, an open discussion was held with speakers from Trisakti University, a representative from the Sangga Buana farmers group, and Parni Hadi, President of the Radio Republic of Indonesia, guided by Elizabeth Goenawan Ananto, the Founder and Director of EGA briefings. There were also quizzes, games and clean ups carried out with the participation of 1,000 volunteers.

**Local support provided by: ExxonMobil Oil Indonesia, PT Direct Vision (Astro), PT Sumber Alfaria Trijaya (Alfamart), Bank Indonesia, Garudafood, PT Mobile-8 Telecom Tbk (Fren), Universitas Trisakti, Jakarta Post, Magazine B & B, Bisnis Indonesia, Maven.**

#### Komunitas Hijau Biru (Blue Green Society)

Blue Green Society held 2 clean up events. The first was held on February 11 with 300 community members and students participating. Participants collected waste along the beach, most

of which was inorganic or plastics. The second clean up on June 9 brought together 5,000 participants including government leaders and public servants, community members, students and the Mataram Mayor, Mr.H.Ruslan. This clean up activity focussed not just on the beach but also on the river flowing to the beach. In conjunction with the clean up program, there was also an art project day on June 5, including a film screening which was attended by 750 students across three districts in Mataram City, and a drawing competition.

**Local support provided by: Local government (PEMDA Kota Mataram, Bagian Lingkungan Hidup), PT Newmont Nusa Tenggara, Lombok Post.**

#### Ubud Community Waste Reduction Campaign

A clean up event to mark the launch of Ubud's community plastic carry bag reduction campaign was held on the weekend of WED. Approximately 1,500 people across Ubud took part, including four local primary and secondary schools. More than 150 large bags of waste were collected by the Ubud community, which filled four pick-up trucks. The collected waste was then transported to a recycling facility to be sorted and processed. A short interactive presentation on plastic in the environment was made to the students of Ubud 1 Public School. More than 150 reusable cloth bags were distributed on the day. In December, the campaign team undertook a survey in the local market and Delta Dewata, the largest supermarket in Ubud. They surveyed 300 people and compiled data on plastic bag use and community awareness over the impact of plastic bags on the environment. These results are currently being analysed and, once compiled, are expected to provide a good insight into plastic bag consumption patterns and the challenges faced to make changes in the community.

**Local support provided by: Bali Buddha, Threads of Life, Big Tree Farms, Ubud Organic Farmers Market, World on a String and KAFE as well as hotels Alila, Maya Resort & Spa and the Chedi Club.**



Other Member(s) in INDONESIA: Agapala '93 Adventure and Environment Conservation, Biotama, Development Planning Board of Sukabumi Regency, English Society of Fifty Eight (ESFE), Gereja Tiberias Indonesia - Community Services Boanerges Youth Ministry, Green Tree, Indonesia Australia Action Committee (IACT) - Indonesia Asri, Lawalata - IPB, Sahabat Alam, Sekolah Ciputra, Smapala, Sunrise School, Tanam Untuk Kehidupan (Planting for Life) (TUK), The Greenwave Initiative, Tunas Hijau Club.

### JAPAN

Japan Environmental Action Network (JEAN)

JEAN involved 37,426 volunteers in their CUW activities which included clean ups and workshops. A total of 212 sites were cleaned up removing 16,671kgs of waste. JEAN held a workshop on marine litter and co-hosted the 2007 NOWPAP ICC Campaign in Busan, South Korea in September. Participants exchanged information on solving the marine litter problem with concerned countries located around the Northwestern Pacific.

Other Member(s) in JAPAN: Amway Nature Center, Obu International Association.

### KIRIBATI

Environment and Conservation Division  
The Environment and Conservation Division commemorates several environmental days in Kiribati with the year's highlight occurring October 22-28, a week of national cleaning up. This year the week involved 500 volunteers who assisted at the 7 designated sites. Non biodegradable waste was separated and collected by the council. The clean up campaign also involved tree planting and an environmental education radio program in which locals were encouraged to separate their household waste and to use reusable bags in place of plastic.

**Local support provide by: Australian High Commission.**

### LAOS

Member(s) in LAOS:  
The Boat Landing Guest House

### MALAYSIA

Soroptimist International Club of Johor Bahru  
The Soroptimist International of Johor Bahru worked with 125 students to clean up Tmn Iskandar. They also held an afternoon clean up in Tmn Molek. A monthly recycling day for the local residents of Tmn Iskandar was also launched.

**Local support provided by: Epsom Precision, HSBC, Southern Waste Management, the Department of Education, the City Council, Local Agenda 21 unit, the Mayor and the Local Businesses Residents' Committee.**

World Youth Foundation  
The World Youth Foundation held "Clean Up Melaka" in Taman Mini Malaysia on April 22 with the participation of 150 volunteers. During the event volunteers collected recyclable items, planted trees and cleaned local areas. A total of 28,000 tonnes of waste were collected. An exhibition on environment issues and how to reduce waste was also held.

**Local support provided by: Southern Waste Management, The Body Shop, AmBank Berhad, The Fire Department, local NGOs and municipality.**

Other Member(s) in MALAYSIA:  
4B Youth Movement of Malaysia, EASY Club University Sains Malaysia (USM), Global Environment Centre, Kelab Alam Sekitar, Malaysian Nature Society, Munir's Family, WWF Malaysia, Yayasan Anak Warisan Alam (YAWA).

### MALDIVES

ProDivers Maldives, Vakarufalhi Island Resort  
In cooperation with Vakarufalhi Island Resort, ProDivers carried out a clean up event on September 15 as part of CUW Weekend. Local hotel staff, the dive school and tourists took part in cleaning up the island, the lagoon around the

island and the house reef. A group of 35 participants from 7 countries (Maldives, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Switzerland, Germany, New Zealand and United Kingdom) took part. Approximately 100kgs of waste was collected. In addition, tourists were encouraged to take the packaging from their consumables with them to minimise waste. The clean up event helped to maintain the beauty of the islands, therefore ensuring the long-term viability of tourism to the Maldives.

Other Member(s) in MALDIVES: Kuredu Prodivers.

### MICRONESIA

Member(s) in MICRONESIA:  
Kosrae Island Resource Management Authority (KIRMA), Pohnpei Environmental Protection Agency.

### NEPAL

Australian Embassy, Kathmandu

The Kathmandu based clean up events comprised of activities such as poster competitions and a rally involving several hundred students, boy scouts and girl guides; a painting competition involving 80 students and cleaning up waste along a riverbank. Distribution of waste bins and the promotional activities targeting school children have been useful in generating greater awareness and enthusiasm among students for proper waste management and environmental protection.

**Local support provided by: Nepal Australia Friendship Society, Nepal Scouts Association, members of local clubs, teachers and students.**

Other Member(s) in NEPAL:  
Engineers Without Borders - Nepal, Kapince Nepal, National Anchor Association Nepal, National Press Club Nepal, Youth Develop Nepal.



## NEW CALEDONIA\*

Association pour la Sauvegarde de la Nature Neo-Caledonienne

ASNNC organised "Operation Clean New Caledonia" for the 15th consecutive year which they carried out from August 27- October 31. Activities involved clean ups and collection of recyclables including aluminium cans, plastic bottles and for the 1st time plastic corks. More than 30,000 cans and 28,000 bottles were collected.

**Local support provided by:** *Ville de Nouméa, Province Sud, Enercal, Grande Brasserie de Nouvelle-Calédonie, Les Bois du Pacifique, EMC, Vega, Société des Services Pétroliers/Shell, Holcim, Sté Générale Calédonienne de Banque, Champion, Cocoge, TOTAL, Goodman Fielder, Calédonienne des Eaux, Super-U Michel-Ange.*

Association pour la Sauvegarde de la Nature Neo-Caledonienne

L'A.S.N.N.C a organisé pour la 15ème année consécutive, « L'Opération Nouvelle-Calédonie propre » qui s'est déroulée entre le 27 août et le 31 octobre. Les activités étaient de nettoyage et de ramassage. Il s'agissait alors de ramasser d'une part les canettes en aluminium, d'autre part les bouteilles plastiques, mais aussi, pour la 1ère année, les bouchons plastiques afin de participer à l'Opération « Un bouchon : un Sourire » en faveur des handicapés. On peut estimer à plus de 30.000 le nombre de boîtes ramassées et à environ 28.000 le nombre de bouteilles.

**Soutien local fourni par :** *Ville de Nouméa, Province Sud, Enercal, Grande Brasserie de Nouvelle-Calédonie, Les Bois du Pacifique, EMC, Vega, Société des Services Pétroliers/Shell, Holcim, Sté Générale Calédonienne de Banque, Champion, Cocoge, TOTAL, Goodman Fielder, Calédonienne des Eaux, Super-U Michel-Ange.*

Mocamana, L'Esprit Nature carried out a campaign called "Planet without cans" which involved 7,000 participants. During the 3 month campaign, 17 collection points were established

where bags and gloves were distributed and where bags, once filled, were exchanged for an entry form for the final campaign competition prize. There were 14 private and institutional partners which participated in the campaign, as well as 26 schools. Seventeen of the schools were from the Mont Dore council, 5 from Noumea and 4 from the Grande terre and the islands. A total of 8 councils participated in the campaign. These included: Nouméa, Mont Dore and St. Louis, Népoui, Canala, Païta and Dumbéa, la Foa and Tadine. A total of 5.8 tonnes of cans were collected. Money raised during the campaign was used to purchase trees for planting. Approximately 1,200 trees were planted during the year. Another part of the profit will be directed to initiate a study based on the most endangered fish in New Caledonia with the aim to develop a protection plan. Mocamana, L'Esprit Nature also carried out clean ups of the mangroves located in Kamere, the dry forest at Fort Tereka, Noumea's beach and several other areas.

Mocamana, L'Esprit Nature carried out a campaign called "Planète sans canettes" for the second time, and this time they managed to collect more than 3 million XPF (25 000). Each 240 litre bag full of cans was rewarded with a gift. During 3 months, there were 17 collection points (offices ; agencies, municipalities) who distributed bags and gloves, who received the full bags and who gave the bulletins and the gifts in exchange. This campaign managed to clean up the mangroves of Kaméré, the dry forest of Fort Téréka and the quarters of different communes who participated in all types of waste. A part of the benefits was for a tree plantation and this year they planted 1200 trees. Another part of the benefits will allow them to start a study of a species of freshwater fish most at risk in Nouvelle-Calédonie, the *Nesogalaxias neocaledonicus* to define an action plan for its protection.

## NEW ZEALAND

2Ways Company Limited  
In New Zealand 30 volunteers united to clean up Avon Riverbank between the bridges of Remembrance and Armagh Streets. Waste totalling 150kgs was collected, mainly comprising cigarette butts, plastic bags and beer bottles. The Avon Riverbank is an attractive part of Christchurch for locals and tourists and this clean up activity helped to raise public awareness of the issue of littering. The volunteers were aged between 3 and 71 years old and represented many countries including New Zealand, China, Spain, Japan and the UK. Volunteers received sweets and prizes on completion of the activity and were pleased to have contributed to the beautification of the city garden

**Local support provided by:** *Keep Christchurch Beautiful.*

Global Volunteer Network - NZ Nature Program

Global Volunteer Network - NZ Nature Program conducted clean up events along the Wellington coastline on March 22, April 18, and August 14. Clean ups were held along the Eastbourne coastline and at Makera Beach. On each of these dates, 5 bags of waste were removed. The waste removed helped to prevent injury to the local wildlife. The activities also assisted in creating awareness to the passersby about the need to conserve the local environment. The Network was also able to establish new connections with the local council which assisted them with the removal of the waste and the local East Harbour Environmental Association who helped coordinate clean ups in Eastbourne.

**Local support provided by:** *Local council and East Harbour Environmental Association.*

Other Member(s) in  
NEW ZEALAND:  
Christchurch City Council, Craig Moir Cholmondeley Home School.



## PAKISTAN

### Guardian Environment

During a 2 week period, 150 participants took part in a campaign held at the Gujranwala markets. Waste bins were placed in strategic locations as well as signs displaying environmental messages. The campaign helped to encourage students and shop owners to keep the market area clean and tidy. The group also carried out tree planting activities and efforts to reclaim local waterlogged areas.

**Local support provided by: Punjab Central Traders Organization, Beaconhouse School System, National Grammar School, Gujranwala Sanitary Association, Gujranwala Iron and Steel Traders Association and Gujranwala Bar.**

Other Member(s) in PAKISTAN: Association of the Network for Community Empowerment (ANCE), Eco Friends, Godh, Good Thinkers Organization for Human Development, Headfast, Human Resource Development Society (HRDS), National Rural Support Program, Swat Youth Front (SYF).

## PAPUA NEW GUINEA

### Australian High Commission, Papua New Guinea

The Australian High Commission, Papua New Guinea invited Mal Meninga, an Australian Rugby League legend to participate in their CUW tree planting activity. Mr Meninga attracted substantial media attention to the event as rugby league is the national sport in Papua New Guinea and Mr Meninga has iconic status in the country. The tree planting activity took place at a local school, Wardstrip Demonstration, on September 21. More than 100 pupils participated, dressed in uniform despite the heat and the fact that they were on holiday. The trees were a donation from the Australian High Commission. Ten were planted at the school and another 40 were donated to the National Capital District Commission (NCDC) for use in its city-wide annual tree planting campaign. Speeches were given by the Deputy School Principal, Rachel Muapai; the Australian High Commissioner, Mr

Chris Moraitis; Mr Meninga and NCDC Governor, Hon Powes Parkop MP. Mr Meninga urged the pupils to show the same passion for the environment as they show for rugby league and emphasised the importance of keeping both themselves and the environment fit and healthy. The High Commissioner spoke about the Australian Government's commitment to achieving the conservation, sustainable use and repair of the environment both in Australia and internationally, and the important partnership between Australia and PNG. The activity helped to raise awareness of environmental issues such as deforestation and global warming, particularly among school students. In addition to donating the trees, the Australian High Commission also provided a number of teaching packs containing educational material for lesson development on environmental issues. Protective metal tree guards and watering cans were also given to the school to help ensure the survival of the trees and to encourage the teachers and pupils to take ownership of the project.

## PHILIPPINES

### Clean Up the Philippines Movement Inc. (CUP)

A national environmental campaign was held over CUW Weekend including celebrations to mark Clean Up the Philippines Day, September 15. CUP opened the weekend with "BisiKalikasan-A Bike-A-Thon Against Climate Change" which attracted more than 100 cycling enthusiasts. Approximately 4,500 volunteers from different organisations from all over the Philippines took part in a variety of environmental activities including clean ups, recycling projects, tree planting, mangrove reforestation and educational campaigns. On December 17, a Recognition Day was held at The Podium Shopping Mall in Mandaluyong City to thank Members, volunteers and supporters of the 2007 campaign. The activities have contributed to raising environmental awareness on a national level and inspired communities and organisations to take responsibility in taking care of their own local environment.

**Local support provided by: Australian Embassy in the Philippines, The Podium Shopping Mall, Fiesta Hosting, Globe Telecom.**

### Earthguards

Earthguards began their campaign with team building events, environmental talks and, in conclusion, a 4 hour trek to Tinagong Dagat. The campaign was held in Brgy Patag, Silay City on October 19-21. A clean up was undertaken in the Pulang Tubig Waterfalls in Brgy Patag where volunteers collected 5kgs of plastic and glass bottles and food wrappings. Volunteers realised the effect the litter has on the beauty of the area and the eco tourism standards. Whilst on the trek, the volunteers held another clean up, removing 10kgs of waste.

### Hope Christian High School Boy and Girl Scout Group

Despite heavy rains, Hope Christian High School Boy and Girl Scout Group held a clean up event in the busy streets of Masangkay, Benavides, Recto, Luzon, T. Alonzo, Lope de Vega and Doroteo Jose on September 22. With a total of 111 student volunteers and 8 adult leaders, the waste collected was sorted with the plastic bottles, aluminium cans and newspapers being sent for recycling. The leaders responded to queries about the activity from bystanders with environmental information. Some of the bystanders decided to join in the activity.

### Rotary International District 3780 (Quezon City, Philippines)

Rotary International ran various school activities which addressed environmental concerns including urban sustainability and the coexistence of man made and natural habitats. Other topics focused on environmental awareness in general.

Other Member(s) in PHILIPPINES: 60th ENG Batch Bssembly, Akbayan ng mga Kabataan sa Palikpikan Inc. (AKKAP), Ang Nagkakaisang Mamamayang Kostal ng Balayan Inc. (ANAK-BALAYAN), Angeli Lucis School Foundation, Incorporated (ALSFI), Aquamarine Protection



and Preservation Alliance (APPA), Carcanmadcarlancortan Divers Association, Clean Up Dipolog!, Davao Reef Divers Club, Inc., Earth Saver Club High School of Notre Dame Siena School of Marbel, Earthsavers Movement, ECOLINK Network, Electronics and Communications Engineering Student Society, Environmental Conservation Organization-Venture Inc. (ECO-VENTURE), Freeing Resources and Environment from Exploitative and Degrading Offense of Mankind (FREEDOM) Inc., ICLEI Southeast Asia Secretariat, Integrated Christian School of Pila Inc., Kapatirang Pitong Lawa sa U.P. Los Banos (KAPWA sa UPLB), Lakas ng mga Mangingisda sa Baybaying Dagat Inc. (LAMBAT), Parish Youth Apostolate (PYA), Provincial Government of Surigao del Norte, Rotaract Club of Dipolog, Rotary Club of Paraiso Q.C. RI District 3780, Sangguniang Kabataan ng Baranagay San Piro, St Joseph School - La Salle, Sus Dev Champions, U.P Tsinelas, University of Mindanao Clean Up Society, Youth Business Education Enhancement Program (BEEP).

### SOUTH KOREA

UNEP National Committee for the Republic of KOREA CUW events were held in Yeosu, South Korea August 20-22. 60 volunteers took part in collecting waste around the coastal area of Yeosu City and participated in workshops with experts from universities and NGOs.

**Local support provided by: Yeosu City, South Sea Fisheries Research Institute.**

Other Member(s) in SOUTH KOREA: Kimnyoung International Sailing Club.

### SRI LANKA

Member(s) in SRI LANKA: Green Circle, Pleasant Surrounding - Clean Environment Organisation.

### TAIWAN\*

Member(s) in TAIWAN\*: Australian Commerce and Industry Office (ACIO) Taipei, Good Neighbor Foundation.

### THAILAND

Australian Embassy, Bangkok

The Australian Embassy, Bangkok in collaboration with the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA), took part in the Clean Up the World campaign this year by collecting waste and planting trees in the heart of Bangkok. The Deputy Head of Mission led Australian Embassy staff, diplomatic spouses and family members and staff from nearby districts on a walk from the Embassy on South Sathorn Road to collect waste on the way to Lumpini Park. Almost all of the participants wore green and gold Australian Embassy polo shirts. At the Park, the Bangkok Governor and the Australian Ambassador to Thailand marked the campaign by planting 9 pink cassia trees. Following this official launch, the Ambassador led volunteers to plant 2,000 small shrubs along North Sathorn Road.

**Local support provided by: Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA).**

British International School (BIS) Phuket

BIS Phuket involved 300 volunteers in their annual clean up on September 15. With the help of the local community, BIS Phuket held an underwater clean up "Splash for Trash" activity at Racha Yai, a small tourist island just off the coast of Phuket. Many items were retrieved, including beach umbrellas, sunglasses, bottles, cans, fishing lines and nets. On September 16, the students coordinated a beach clean up at Nai Harn Beach, Phuket. Boarding students, day students, staff and community members collected waste from the beach and the surrounding area. Local authorities then collected the waste and the recyclables.

**Local support provided by: Local businesses.**

Other Member(s) in THAILAND: Da-Laa Volunteers for Social Development, International Cultural and Educational Foundation (ICEF), Rayongwittayakom School, The Regent's School - Pattaya, The Regent's School - Bangkok.

### TONGA, KINGDOM OF

Tonga Solid Waste Management Project

The Tonga Solid Waste Management Project involved 4,000 volunteers in a clean up of roads, parks, beaches, bushland and public areas. The committee comprised of the Tonga Solid Waste Management Project, The Department of Environment, The Tonga National Youth Congress, the Ma'alahi Youth Project, the Ministry of Tourism, The Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Education, the Prime Minister's Office and the Tonga Broadcasting Commission. These groups all worked to organise 2 CUW days that took place on September 14-15. Holding events over 2 days allowed both schools and offices to get involved in the activities. The campaign enabled people to come together to contribute to the beauty of Tonga and to eliminate the health risks associated with litter and the dumping of waste.

### TUVALU

Member(s) in TUVALU: Talaofenua Development Group.



## VANUATU

Australian High  
Commission, Port Vila

Approximately 200 people in Port Vila joined together to clean up on September 14-15. The Australian High Commission co-ordinated activities organised by a local environment NGO, the Vanuatu Police Force and a dive tour operator to get school children, youth groups, police officers and members of the public working together to raise awareness of the environmental damage caused by waste and to clean up Port Vila's public areas. The first event, held on September 14 was an educational and clean up activity at a local primary school. High Commissioner John Pilbeam lent a hand to the students involved in the clean up around their school. The second event, held September 15 involved a clean up of the Port Vila Harbour, both land and sea. Local dive company, Big Blue, provided free tanks of air to divers who pulled junk from Port Vila's harbour floor. Divers were assisted by local children in masks and snorkels. On land, the Vanuatu Police Force organised a clean up of the public park and area around Port Vila Market, providing a free BBQ for volunteers and ran a fundraising raffle to aid local medical charities, with prizes donated by local business. Australian High Commission staff lent a hand and High Commissioner John Pilbeam spoke to the crowd on the Australian origin of the CUW campaign.

## VIETNAM

Member(s) in VIETNAM:  
Institute of Oceanography, Travel Indochina, Vietnam Environment Protection Agency (VEPA).