



Clean Up Australia Day

Darwin Harbour Advisory Committee chair John Bailey is certainly one man who won't let rubbish become part of the scenery.

Mr Bailey is expected to be one of many eager participants who will today put on sturdy shoes and gloves to take part in the annual Clean Up Australia Day.

"The Darwin Harbour Advisory Committee is a strong supporter of Clean Up Australia Day and urge all Territorians to pick up rubbish found in public places and dispose of it properly," Mr Bailey said.

"One place in particular I would like to see cleaned up is the Darwin Harbour region, after all, it's our harbour, our life, our future.

"Many Territorians enjoy using the Darwin Harbour region and it is vital we keep it clean, not just for the present generation but for all generations.

"And people don't have to limit themselves to cleaning up rubbish on this one important day but it's something that can be done everyday, every little bit makes a difference.

"Not only does disposing of rubbish properly beautify the scenery, it eliminates the risk a particular piece of rubbish has on flora and fauna, particularly aquatic animals that can often mistake items such as plastic bags as a food source.

"Mangroves especially capture rubbish so it's important for people using water to dispose of rubbish on land rather than tossing it overboard."

Mr Bailey said he would be at Casuarina Coastal Reserve from about 9am to 11am today to help clean the area.

He said apart from sturdy gloves and shoes, participants are advised to bring a hat, sunglasses and sun protection.

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