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**Clean Up Australia Day**  
**[90 SECONDS]**

Speaker, as you know, the first Sunday in March is **Clean Up Australia Day** and in my electorate of Forde, this was no exception.

I had the privilege to volunteer alongside Councillor Karen Murphy from **Logan City Council** at the Eagleby Wetlands helping to continue a tradition that was started more than three decades ago....

**Clean Up Australia Day** started back in 1989 when an average Aussie bloke had a simple idea to make a difference in his own backyard, helping to clean up litter that was within Sydney Harbour.

Australians have devoted more than **31 million hours** towards the environment and have collected more than **331 thousand tonnes of rubbish** which is simply an amazing achievement for our country.

In 2022, an estimated **934,433** Australians registered for a **Clean Up Australia Day** Event at over **2,474 Clean Up Sites** right around the country, donating more than **1,868,886 hours** of their own time.

Can I take this opportunity to congratulate **Eagleby Bushcare** who every single year put this fantastic initiative on for the community to get involved with, so we can continue to clean up our environment...

And secondly, can I thank **Cleanaway Australia** who went above and beyond, waiving the disposal fees for any **Clean Up Australia** bags that were delivered to their facilities across the entire weekend.

I look forward to working with our community again next year.

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