

Clean army clears foreshore

■ Glenn Cordingley

An army of volunteers on a quest to clean up an eyesore part of Chinatown collected half a tonne of rubbish within metres of the famous pearl jewellery boutique shopping strip recently.

Forty-five bags of rubbish consisting mainly alcohol containers and two rusty shopping trolleys were amassed in just two hours from the foreshore that weaves between mangroves behind Dampier Terrace.

Teams armed with gloves and bin liners were exhausted by the sheer amount of rubbish collected from Streeter's Jetty to Pearl Luggers, about 100m away.

The area has an embarrassing history of accumulating mountains of litter over several months, including empty beer cans and cartons along with glass and plastic drink bottles.

The collection was jointly organised by the Broome Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and local conservation group Environs Kimberley, after a similar event in the same place last year.

The amount of litter shocked the community and both groups vowed to do their bit by holding an annual clean-up.

The two-hour operation involved 15 volunteers weighing and documenting the junk, which consisted of about 45 per cent cans, 39 per cent glass, and 16 per cent plastic.



Some of the clean-up volunteers alongside the rapidly filling skip bin in Chinatown. Picture: Broome Chamber of Commerce and Industry

BCCI chief executive Jael Napper said local company Tox Free made a huge difference by providing a skip bin for free.

"Our beautiful coastline is a national treasure and maybe because I'm new to Broome I just can't accept that we might turn our back on the water," she said.

"There's certainly a swell of support growing from the business community in this effort."

Ms Napper said the BCCI wanted community groups and individuals to enlist for the clean-ups to make them a regular event and "keep up momentum".

Environs Kimberley director Martin Pritchard said the problem showed that litter in Roebuck Bay mangroves was an ongoing problem that needed to be addressed by the entire community.

"Not only is the litter harmful to

sea life but it's also bad for business given that Broome relies on a clean and green image," he said.

Mr Pritchard called on the State Government to fast-track its cash for containers scheme in the Kimberley.

"We need it to start now instead of mid 2018 as it would take out nearly half of the rubbish picked up along the Roebuck Bay foreshore," he said.

Seven die on roads at weekend

■ Tayissa Barone

Seven people were killed on WA roads last weekend, the most recent crash in the Pilbara on Sunday morning.

Two people died when two cars collided on Paraburdoo Road in Paraburdoo about 10.15am.

It's unclear whether the deceased were in the one vehicle.

Earlier that morning a male driver died when his car hit a tree on Tyndall Road near Bebakine Road in Jennacubbine about 8.40am.

Late Saturday night a 37-year-old Boyanup woman suffered fatal injuries when she was thrown from her Honda CR-V on Boyanup Picton Road near Paod Road in Boyanup.

The horrific 24-hour period began on Saturday when a crash about 140km east of Fitzroy Crossing killed the 16-year-old male driver and his two rear passengers, a 15-year-old boy and a 28-year-old man. A 16-year-old received only minor injuries and was taken to Broome Hospital for treatment.

A motorcycle rider was being airlifted to Royal Perth Hospital after a crash in Wokalup Sunday afternoon.

The man was taken to RPH by the RAC Rescue helicopter.



Tehani Savu with Shire of Broome's youth and community development officer Amy Andison. Picture: Shire of Broome

Hong Kong exchange for Broome pair

■ Nicola Kalmar

Two young Broome women will pack their bags for an overseas adventure when they travel to Hong Kong on a cultural exchange trip next year.

Tehani Savu and Emma-Lee Foy were selected along with five other West Australians aged between 18-24 to take part in an international exchange program run by the State Government and the Home Affairs Bureau of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government.

It aims to provide delegates with the opportunity to develop self-confidence, international

friendships and networks, understanding of a different culture and a base for future education and career goals.

Ms Savu, a member of the Shire of Broome's Youth Advisory Council, said she was thrilled to have been accepted for the program and was proud to be representing the town with Ms Foy.

"I felt it would be a great opportunity for me to step outside of what I would normally do and also I feel that as an older sister, I need to show my brothers that opportunities are meant to be taken and that anything is possible," she said.

"We have so many young pro-

professionals here in Broome so I feel as if this is a victory for all of us. I look forward to not only meeting Emma-Lee but sharing this experience with someone from home."

As well as learning more about Chinese culture, Ms Savu said the experience would also be beneficial from a career perspective.

"I am interested in becoming an international human rights lawyer so I feel this will be a great opportunity to see first hand."

The representatives will travel to Perth next week for a three-day introduction to prepare for the week-long exchange next year.

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