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Media Statement

Foreshore gets clean-up for World Environment Day

The State's litter watchdog is gearing up to target Canning River Foreshore as part of World Environment Day on Sunday.

The clean-up operation at the Shelley Beach Park, run by Keep Australia Beautiful WA and the Department of Parks and Wildlife's (Parks and Wildlife) River Guardians, aims to revitalise the area and protect wildlife.

Keep Australia Beautiful Council WA Chairman Michael Aspinall said the clean-up operation mirrored the aims of World Environment Day, encouraging awareness and action in order to protect the environment.

"While clean-up events like this are important, and the contributions of volunteers highly valued, it would be fantastic if people disposed of litter correctly in the first instance – so we didn't need to have these kinds of events at all," Mr Aspinall said.

"Shelley Beach Park is very popular with families and children but unfortunately not everyone does the right thing.

"Not only is litter an eyesore, but it can also be an environment and health hazard."

Volunteers at the clean-up, which runs from 8.30am to 11am, will be provided with bags, gloves, clean-up equipment and morning tea.

There is still time to get involved and people can register their interest via the online form at www.kabc.wa.gov.au.

Parks and Wildlife's River Guardians are friends of the Swan and Canning Rivers and help keep the rivers healthy by getting involved with the protection and restoration of the Swan Canning Riverpark.

Run by the United Nations, World Environment Day is celebrated in more than 100 countries.

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