



McQuillan Hoosan, 15, from Kormilda College, and Tyrone Parriman, 16, from Casuarina Senior College, don't mind getting their hands dirty helping to pick up rubbish from around the Rapid Creek and Casuarina area on Clean Up Australia Day

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Youth spirit of community built on tidy environment

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A DEDICATED group of locals skipped their Sunday sleep-in to pick up every bit of rubbish in the Rapid Creek area - including a kitchen sink.

The annual Clean Up Australia Day event at Rapid Creek saw more than 100 green thumbs collect rubbish from the creek, mangroves and the Casuarina coastal reserve.

Young men participating in the Clontarf Foundation pro-

gram also lent a hand to pick up rubbish. Clontarf Foundation general manager Central Region, Shaun Cusack, said about 50 students aged 13-18 volunteered to help clean up the Rapid Creek area.

"It went really well; it's part of a program we do to get them volunteering in the community," Mr Cusack said.

He said not only was it important for the students to volunteer but it also made them understand the import-

ance of being involved in the community.

Clontarf volunteer Tyrone Parriman said he enjoyed collecting rubbish with other students and volunteers knowing it was all for a good cause.

Almost 100 bags of rubbish were collected by volunteers.

Rapid Creek Landcare secretary Lesley Alford said the clean-up was a resounding success and that some unusual items were found, including a kitchen sink.