

MEDIA RELEASE

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Beach Litter Program Working

Volunteers from Tangaroa Blue and Westpac Group collected 20kg of litter in a beach litter clean-up around Cook Park and the beach area on Tuesday 2 July 2019.

This is down on last year when volunteers from Tangaroa Blue, American Express and the U.S Organisation Ocean Conservancy removed 361kg of litter at a similar area of the beach.

“I would like to thank the 33 volunteers who took part in this clean-up. The reduction in litter being picked up is good news too. It means Council’s current anti-littering campaign, as well as new bins in the area, is working. We are keeping waste out of our waterways and off our beach,” said Mayor Bills Saravinovski.

Since February 2019, Bayside has introduced an additional 6,300L of fixed bin capacity along the beach and throughout Cook Park.

This include 50 custom beach bins along the 8km beach to coincide with an upgrade of existing bins and an extensive education program that included the NSW EPA’s ‘Don’t Be a Tosser’ campaign.

Beachgoers have responsibly disposed about 3,815kg of waste material in these 50 beach bins alone since they were installed 18 weeks ago. This is equivalent to keeping 212kg of waste per week out of our waterways or beach area.

Tangaroa Blue is conducting another clean-up on Friday 19 July 2019 starting from 9:30am at the corner of Solander Street & The Grand Parade, Monterey through to Brighton-Le-Sands beach. Approximately 120 volunteers are expected to participate.

For more information see <https://www.tangaroablue.org/>.

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