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## **Please lend a hand to help Clean Up Australia**

It took just one man to inspire millions of people to pick up rubbish. Every year since 1989 Ian Kiernan has demonstrated that individuals around the world can make their own contribution to cleaning up the planet.

The *Clean Up Australia* movement, begun by the Sydney builder and yachtsman with a clean-up of Sydney Harbour by 40,000 Sydneysiders, is an annual event around Australia and, since 1993 and the foundation of *Clean Up the World*, the driving force that brings out 30 million people in 80 countries to clean up their own little bit of the planet.

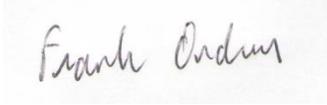
In the Toowoomba region, community-based organisation Householders' Options to Protect the Environment (HOPE) is once again calling for volunteers to play their part in keeping their neighbourhood free of litter and possible contamination.

HOPE's president Frank Ondrus is keen to have individuals, groups, businesses, schools and church congregations sign up for one of the three days planned for this year's clean-up:

According to Mr. Ondrus, Clean Up Australia Day, is not only an opportunity to reduce pollution, but it's also a chance to encourage community spirit in your local area.

To register your interest in helping to clean up your neighbourhood / school / business precinct, visit Clean Up Australia's website <http://www.cleanup.org.au/au/> .

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank Ondrus". The signature is written in a cursive style and is centered within a light gray rectangular box.

Frank Ondrus, President – HOPE Inc., ph 07 4639 2135

### [Business Clean Up Day – 27 February 2018](#)

Put yourself into the picture for 2018 by registering your Business Clean Up site - registrations for [2018 Business Clean Up Day](#) are now open. Business Clean Up sites can vary greatly; some businesses use the day to Clean Up a local area, park, beach or creek whereas others use it to Clean Up their own office space or kick start environmental programs.

### [Schools Clean Up Day – 2 March 2018](#)

Since 1992, school communities across Australia have demonstrated their support for caring for the environment through participating in [Schools Clean Up Day](#). Registrations for 2018 are now open.

### [Clean Up Australia Day – 4 March 2018](#)

[Clean Up Australia Day](#) is a simple way you can take action to clean up, fix up and conserve the prized Australian environment. The latest CUAD report estimated that 562,697 volunteers (contributing 1,125,394 hours) across 6,795 registered sites, removed some 15,312.28 tonnes of rubbish.

Surely, we can do better in 2018! Get involved by registering your own Clean Up Site or by volunteering at a site near you.