

Volunteers remove 350kg of rubbish from Fitzroy River Mouth | The Standard

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📷 Volunteers stand with the large amount of rubbish removed from the Fitzroy River Mouth near Tyrendarra. Picture supplied

More than 350 kilograms of rubbish was removed from the Fitzroy River Mouth near Tyrendarra on the weekend.

About 60 volunteers answered a call from Beach Patrol to remove a large amount of debris which washed up after the wild storm that lashed the region on September 1.

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Among the items collected were car tyres, chemical drums, fishing ropes, a trawler net with six deep-sea hard buoys and countless microplastics.

A Beach Patrol spokesperson said volunteers travelled from Warrnambool, Koroit, Port Fairy, Portland and Narrawong.

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"While the scale of the plastic problem can seem overwhelming, we are tackling it head-on, one clean-up at a time and we couldn't do it without our incredible volunteers and support from agencies such as the GHCMA," a Beach Patrol spokesperson said.

"The urgent need to respond to the dynamic coastline is real-this debris could easily wash back into the ocean or get buried in the sand, continuing to harm our marine ecosystems."

Beach Patrol volunteers have been kept busy since the storms.

They have conducted 17 clean-ups on Shelly Beach in Warrnambool.




A group spokesperson said volunteers had spent 104 hours removing 17,847 pieces of plastic.

"This haul includes 2271 cotton buds and 5008 nurdles, highlighting the continuing threat of microplastic pollution on our beaches," the spokesperson said.

The next clean up will be held at Discovery Bay on Sunday, October 6.

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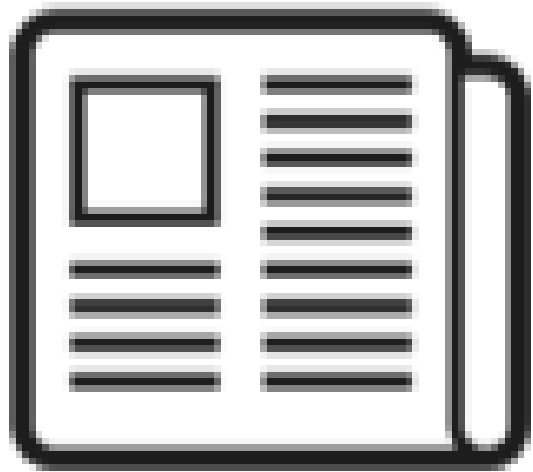
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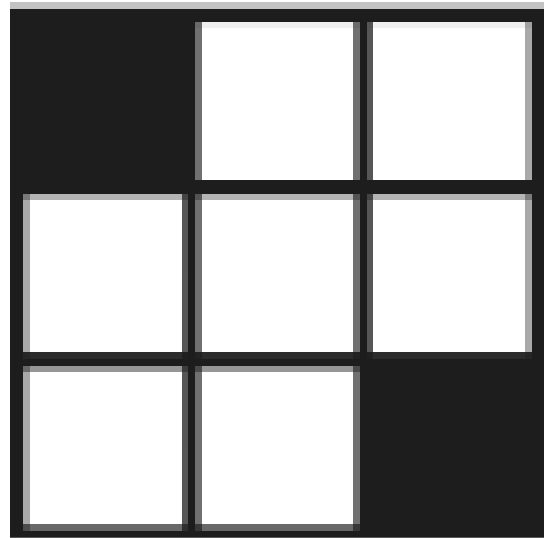
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