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Allow your company to provide support to clean up our environment.

Corporate Volunteering with BeachPatrol and Love Our Street

BeachPatrol can offer an array of options for performing a Beach or Street clean with a volunteer corporate group.

Equipment

BeachPatrol volunteers will provide all the collection bags for the clean and the location and instructions for the clean. The corporate volunteers are to provide adequate clothing to suit the weather, jackets or sun hats, sunscreen and gloves if they want to use them (preferably reusable 'garden' gloves, not single use ones). Also we ask them to bring reusable water bottles, if they feel they need them, not single use disposable water bottles.

Time

The clean generally last approximately 1-2 hours.

Beach Clean or Street Clean?

With a beach clean we walk along a section of beach covering from the top which may include car parks or nature strips, down to the water's edge to collect what has washed in by the recent tides. Then we walk to meet back at the start point. Beach conditions vary with seasons. In cooler and drier months (when people are not outside as much) there may not be much rubbish on the beaches. A recent rainstorm to purge the city or neighbourhood storm water drains of any rubbish can change that drastically, but only for a few days.

With a street clean it is more common to find littered items all year round. Depending on the suburb population density, some areas are more littered than others. With a street clean we meet at a central location then spread out to clean streets for perhaps a km or two in any street direction then meet back at the start point.

Clean & Survey or Just Clean

We like to get the groups to perform a survey of the plastic litter collected if time permits. This has a much higher awareness and educational aspect for the participants. BeachPatrol strives to help people understand the consequences of litter and the overuse of single use plastic items. Seeing it firsthand is a very good tool to show this.

There are a few cleaning and survey options.

- 1) A simple clean involves picking up rubbish and dumping it in appropriate bins (rubbish and recycle.) This takes the least amount of time; however, less is learned about the problem this way.
- 2) A more detailed clean involves seeking to find and count a few specific items. These might be items such as straws, bottle tops, bottles and cans, or coffee cups and lids

Growing community litter awareness and keeping our environment clean

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etc. Our collection bags have a partition in them to allow these targeted items to be separated as we pick them up along with other rubbish. All the other general rubbish is put in the main partition. Then at the end we can count these items to get a tally for the whole group.

- 3) A full detailed clean involves an audit for a wide range up to 32 types of rubbish. For this clean, when all the bags are brought back to the meeting point, we tip their contents on a tarpaulin and audit and count all the items collected into these 32 categories. This can add up to another hour to the clean time, but it provides the most detailed info. This may not be possible if it is too windy. The alternative is to have the items recorded as collected, using printed copies of the LitterStopper categories on clipboards.

For all options the litter data is entered into the BeachPatrol [LitterStopper](#) app. The more detail we have the better quality the data is and hence the better evidence we have for submissions to government and other agencies.

Following the clean a Certificate will be emailed to the group stating their participation and some of the statistics from the clean.

These cleans by corporate volunteers are all supervised by volunteers of BeachPatrol and any donations to BeachPatrol are appreciated to help cover our organisation's operating expenses. We would suggest \$200 per hour if possible. Donations are not tax deductible.

For more questions on Corporate Volunteer Cleans, please contact us on admin@beachpatrol.com.au

Thank you!

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