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Boomerang Alliance Supports Clean Up Australia Day and our Changing Plastic Habits

The Boomerang Alliance is encouraging Queenslanders to get involved in local clean ups on Clean Up Australia Day (Sunday 4 March 2018). Volunteers can register and find out about local clean ups from the Clean Up Australia website:

<https://www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au/>

‘Whilst drinks containers and plastic packaging remain a significant part of litter (over 40% of total QLD litter collected in 2017 during Clean Up Australia Day), this is the last year before the introduction of a plastic bag ban (July 2018) and Container Refund Scheme (November 2018).’ said Toby Hutcheon, Queensland Manager of Boomerang Alliance

Clean Up Australia and its volunteers have been at the forefront of campaigns to get these schemes introduced, and deserve huge congratulations for making these happen.

‘On plastic bags, if the public switch habits and use only genuinely reusable bags and not thicker bags, this will make a real difference to litter and protecting wildlife.’

‘Our next targets are the other plastic takeaway items (coffee cups/lids, plastic cutlery, straws and takeaway containers) that make up the much of the rest of the plastic litter usually collected.’

Anyone concerned about these plastic litter items can find out more and about this and alternatives at <http://www.plasticfreenoosa.org/>

The Plastic Free Noosa Project is the first pilot community project aimed at eliminating single use, non-biodegradable plastic items that cause harm to our environment.

‘We make a big difference when we clean up litter and participate in Clean Up Australia Day and we make a big difference when we change our habits and avoid single use plastics in the first place.’

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