



## WILBINGA SHACKS 4X4 CREW

7<sup>th</sup> annual Conservation Park clean-up – Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> of May 2018

The Wilbinga Shacks 4x4 Crew hosted its 7<sup>th</sup> annual clean-up of the Conservation Park on a day that defied the odds with perfect weather, it was simply glorious.

With around a 100 volunteers initially signing up for this event and the following clubs, social media groups, organisations and departments engaging it was shaping up to be another successful turn out.

- Air Down 4x4 Adventures;
- Coastal Clean-up Crew;
- Parks and Wildlife Swan Coastal;
- Keep Australia Beautiful Council;
- The 4wd Club of WA;
- The WA 4wd Association;
- All Tracks 4wd Club;
- TeamW4 (a Land Rover Club);
- Rise Above 4x4;
- Full On 4x4 Adventures;
- Commit 4x4;
- Where's Wally Adventures;
- Ultimate 4wd Training;
- Track Care WA;
- Mitsubishi 4wd Club of WA;
- West Coast Wheelers Alliance;
- Western Off Roding Mates (W.O.R.M);
- Over the Edge 4x4;
- 4wding Responsibly;
- Full Flex 4x4;
- Unite E 4wd.

47 volunteers ended up signing off on the DBCA 205 and 208 forms but looking at the numbers of people on the ground, there were many more than that.

The issue with not signing off means no volunteer insurance for those that didn't and the volunteer hours could have been a lot higher, those hours equate to future Government funding for Wilbinga.

High tide was at 11:00am and with that came a lot of bogging's north of the Shacks of those people recreating in the Park. To the best of our knowledge, no Wilbinga volunteer got bogged. All the recoveries performed on the day were our volunteers recovering random people bogged up to the eye balls. Callem Pallet with the 200 did everyone proud – apparently ;-).

Even with all the bogging's and vehicle recoveries, a fair amount of rubbish was taken out but not to the extent that was removed in previous years. This means this project after 7 years is really starting to show some very healthy positive results.



Above photo is showing Flat Rocks Beach – just perfect conditions even on a high tide and its spotless.

A few stragglers going in at the wrong entry point to meet up with their own club got grabbed up by other groups or clubs, no one was left behind.

There were even some treasures to be found with Adrian from Subaru finding some dosh;



And yes, Subaru's are good too ;-).

The YUK truck was a little late getting in but it all worked out for the best in the end. Boys had a bit on trying to negotiate Parks and Wildlife limited staff to attend a fire and other events they had on that morning. It happens.

Still, everyone mostly got a feed after the noon day sun. Check out that ocean, just beautiful...



Even the dump truck went a little further than it needed to but hey?! Most were happy to unload not far from the Shacks anyway. Some room for improvement next year no doubt.





Seven years and a perfect safety record with this event, so good and its something everyone can be very proud of, with or without the red tape. It's just unfortunate these days but that red tape is necessary for ongoing funding for the Park.

Not going to bore everyone with a huge report this year as we've been running this event for 7 years and most know what the deal is. All we ask is if we the caring ones could continue to spread the word that the Wilbinga Conservation Park is not an off-road park.

Our vehicles are not off-road licenced, they are in fact on-road licenced that so happens to have the ability to traverse very, very loose surfaces safely if driven responsibly and in a sustainable manner.

If we continue to promote that we are not all 'off-road maniacs' these beautiful places we can get to and love to go to, to go and have a fish or a swim, take the dog for walk even, we can collectively keep Wilbinga open for generations to come.

Thank you for all your continued unselfish support, all the volunteers offered resources and labour.

We look forward to seeing some of you over the coming months where ever and whenever we bump into each other again. You volunteers are the very, very best. Thank you.

Please consider offering some feedback... <http://www.wilbingashackscrew.com.au/photos/2018-cleanup-feedback>

If anyone hasn't seen the drone video taken on the day, it's just BRILLIANT, thanks again Gareth.

<https://youtu.be/OzbYr6loDW8>

