

# DON'T LET YOUR LITTER BUG OUR REEF



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Great Barrier Reef  
Marine Park Authority

## GREAT BARRIER REEF CLEAN-UP

Town Beach, Mackay

Registration at Iluka Park on Binnington Esplanade,  
at the ocean end of East Gordon Street

### SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER

Registration at 8.30am, clean-up 9am – 12.30pm

Free lunch provided for volunteers

For more information and to register visit:

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The Great Barrier Reef Clean-up is funded by the Australian Government and delivered through Reef Trust.



This October, *don't let your litter bug our Reef* – join volunteers from across Queensland in the Great Barrier Reef Clean-up and help reduce marine debris in the Great Barrier Reef lagoon.

The Great Barrier Reef Clean-up kicks off in Townsville on 17 October as part of the Celebrate the Reef community day. More clean-ups will occur the following weekend (24-25 October) in other coastal locations stretching from Cape York to Bundaberg.

## Great Barrier Reef Clean-up:

- Mackay, Town Beach, Sunday 25 October, 8.30am – 1pm

The Mackay Clean-up event will be coordinated by Tangaroa Blue Foundation in partnerships with Mackay Regional Council, Reef Catchments, Conservation Volunteers Australia and other local partners. To say thank-you for your help, volunteers will be shouted a free sausage sizzle lunch put on by the wonderful Mackay Host Lions Club.

Taking part in the Great Barrier Reef Clean-up will help reduce marine debris entering the Great Barrier Reef lagoon in your region and raise awareness about marine debris issues in your local community.

### How can I get involved?

- Visit [gbrmpa.gov.au](http://gbrmpa.gov.au)
- Follow the links to register for a designated clean-up in your area OR register your own clean-up site
- You will receive confirmation and further details once you have registered. If you have agreed to run a self-managed site, you will receive a GBR Clean-up kit.
- Participate in the GBR Clean-up.

Marine debris can harm marine life, pose a navigational hazard and smother coral. Turtles and dugongs can become entangled in marine debris like nets, or ingest marine debris such as small plastic pieces and bags when they mistake them for food. Plastic can also absorb other potentially toxic chemicals.

The data collected from the clean-ups will be analysed and entered into the Australian Marine Debris database to help create a comprehensive overview of the quantity and types of marine debris found along the Australian coastline and start to identify trends over time. It enables hot spots to be identified along the Great Barrier Reef as well as type and origin of the rubbish collected to help create source reduction plans with the local community and government.

For further information call or email:

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