

# Town of Port Hedland & Care for Hedland Sustainability News

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## Help make Hedland shine!

Clean Up Australia Day is one of the country’s most recognised community-driven environmental initiatives, empowering individuals, schools, businesses, and local groups to take action and keep our natural spaces clean and thriving.

This annual event, founded in 1989, continues to inspire Australians to roll up their sleeves and make a tangible difference in their communities, and this year marks the 35th anniversary.



Every year, tonnes of rubbish are removed from parks, beaches, streets, and bushland, preventing harmful waste from polluting our environment and impacting local wildlife. Beyond cleaning up, the event raises awareness about the growing waste problem and encourages long-term sustainable habits.

So why should you get involved? Participating in Clean Up Australia Day is a simple yet powerful way to contribute to a healthier environment. It’s an opportunity to connect with like-minded community members, teach younger generations about environmental responsibility, and take pride in making a visible difference in your local area.

We’d love for you to join us this year for our annual Clean Up Australia Day event with Care for Hedland!

**Date:** Sunday 2 March | **Time:** 7:00am - 9:00am  
**Sites:** Pretty Pool Beach, Cemetery Beach and Scadden Road South Hedland

Please wear a hat, sunscreen and enclosed shoes. Care for Hedland will provide gloves, bags and bottled water.

For more information, please contact Care for Hedland Environmental Association’s Operations Manager, Kelly Howlett:  
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## Protecting our flatback turtles through sustainable lighting solutions

The Town of Port Hedland is taking proactive steps to protect its local Flatback turtle population by reducing light pollution along the foreshore. From October to March, these iconic turtles return to nest, but artificial lighting can disorient hatchlings, impacting their survival.

To address this, the Town is replacing lighting at Cemetery Beach Park and Civic Centre Gardens with solutions that will minimise light spill into nesting areas. A sustainable lighting trial will also be introduced along McGregor Street near the Town Civic Centre, balancing pedestrian safety with turtle conservation.

Mining Electrical Contracting Pty Ltd has been awarded the project, with work set to begin in the first half of 2025.

This initiative highlights the Town’s commitment to sustainability, ensuring urban development supports our unique environment.

By embracing turtle-friendly lighting, we’re protecting one of Port Hedland’s natural wonders while maintaining safe, welcoming spaces for our community.

Stay tuned for updates!



### MONTHLY REPORTING METRICS JAN 2025

**50.18**  
tonnes  
kerbside recycling

**458.96**  
tonnes  
waste to landfill

**2178**  
kilolitres  
recycled water usage

**267**  
children  
engaged in SI

**1243**  
adults  
engaged in SI

**3.32**  
tonnes  
litter collected

SI = Sustainability Initiatives  
\*Eligible containers



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