



Let's **SAVE** **THE WORLD**

GLOBAL WARNING

Millions of volunteers
in 150 countries
around the globe
will unite for World
Cleanup Day on
September 15, 2018.
Meanwhile, in Fiji,
Rotary has joined a
host of international
conservation
organisations to help
protect the island's
mangrove forests and
fight climate change.



PROTECTING, PREVENTING AND PROMOTING THE ENVIRONMENT IN FIJI

ON Saturday, July 29, the four Rotary clubs of Suva, Fiji, undertook a combined project as part of a natural conservation and restoration of mangroves project at My Suva Park, a famous picnic landmark located in Suva.

The project was part of the launch of the Global Mangrove Alliance, a partnership with Conservation International, International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Wetlands International, World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) and the Rotary clubs of Fiji. The Protect, Prevent, Promote campaign was launched at My Suva Park.



The event included planting new mangrove and mangrove associates forests, including native coastal trees to complement the current species, protecting mangrove and mangrove associates forests in My Suva Park area, preventing and removing invasive plant species from the area and promoting awareness on the critical roles mangroves associated forests play in climate change adaptation and mitigation.

The Plant a Tree event included a guided tour by students of the

University of the South Pacific (USP) herbarium team, with speakers from the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and other environmental associations around Fiji talking about the importance of the natural conservation of mangroves in Fiji, together with the fight against climate change.

More than 200 mangroves were also planted around the park, which was attended by corporate business, students and Rotarians, together with their families and friends and the general public.

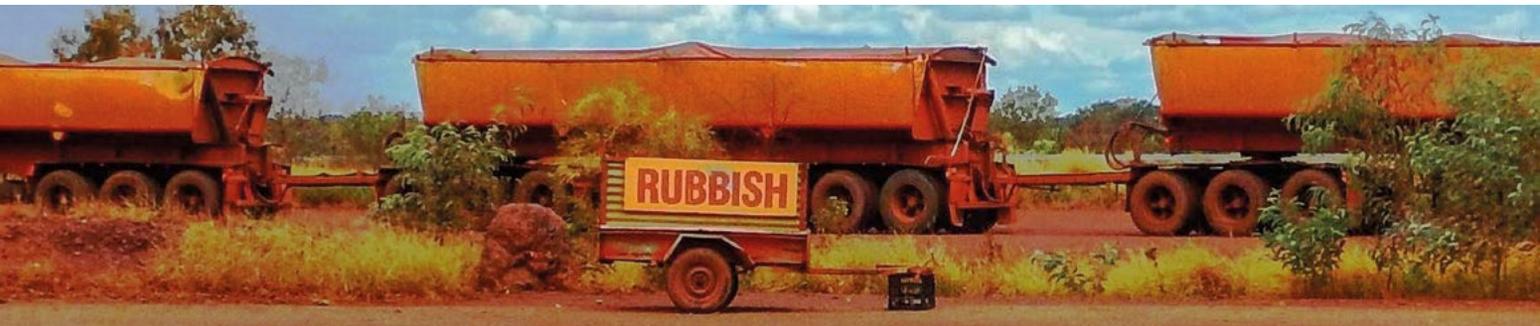
Everybody was given a tree to plant, which constituted the support for environmental initiatives of the Protect, Prevent, Promote campaign. In essence, mangroves provide natural adaptation to the effects of climate change, serve as natural insurance against climate change and contribute towards the global reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and protection of the vital ecosystems.

Rotary clubs around Suva plan to host similar events in future for sustainability of our natural reserves in the bid to fight against climate change. ●





WORLD CLEAN-UP DAY COMES DOWN UNDER



OVER 80 days, Jaz Stephens OAM, of the Rotary Club of North Sydney Sunrise, NSW, drove 17,522km around Australia in her mission as a World Clean-Up Day roving ambassador.

World Clean-Up Day is aimed at combating the global solid waste and marine debris problems. The movement has grown to cover 150 countries and over 14.5 million people

have participated in the movement's activities. The World Clean-Up Day event mobilises people around the world to help tidy up our planet over one day.

In order to spread word of this fantastic opportunity Down Under and engage with a wide section of the community to sign-up to improve our environment, Jaz resolved to

drive around Australia at her own expense early in 2018. Her goal was to encourage local community groups of all kinds, shapes and sizes, including Rotary clubs, to consider how they might become involved on World Clean-Up Day at locations in their vicinity.

Jaz, her Honda Civic nicknamed "BB" and trusted mascot Charlie





Bear, faced everything from the Cyclone Kelvin floods to 60-metre-long, four-trailer truck trains in the outback. Since the timing of her progress was uncertain, nothing was booked. Consequently, Jaz's overnight accommodation included hammocks, hotels and everything in between.

On the way, Jaz met a remarkable range of Australians, many of who

were happy to lend her a hand in her journey.

"The resilience and kindness of the local folk is amazing," Jaz said.

She encouraged everyone she met to seize the opportunity to improve their local environment.

"Everyone can play a part in cleaning up our world."

Global World Clean-Up Day is

September 15, 2018. Participating is simple: pick an area in your region in need of tidying up, whether that be a park, bushland, a river or beach, and arrange some of your club's members, friends and family to come along.

To find out more on World Clean-Up Day, email Jaz at jazisoze@idoud.com or visit www.letsdoitworld.org. •

