



Four Wheel Drive Queensland - Fraser Island Clean Up (FICU) 2022 held 20-22 May 2022
Chairperson Post-Event Report

Four Wheel Drive Queensland (4WD QLD) in collaboration with our partners in this venture, Queensland Department of Environment and Science (DES), Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS), the Butchulla Aboriginal Corporation (BAC); hosted another very successful beach clean-up this year.

Thanks to QPWS and the DES for the contribution of free camping and vehicle passes. Thanks also to Manta Ray Fraser Island Barges and Kingfisher Bay Ferry for their reduced pricing.

Sponsorship this year was a record level for the event. The list of companies that assisted us is on the FICU website. I would like to make a particular mention of our new major sponsor for this year, CAOS, who have not only been generous in their financial support, but also assistance with merchandising and marketing for the event.

Toyo Tires came on board to sponsor 4wd Qld for 2022. They strongly supported the K'gari/Fraser Island Clean Up. Thank you to them for their support

To all our sponsors, please know that your donations and prizes to support the event are very much appreciated.

Mostly – thanks to the 4WD QLD affiliated club members who have dedicated their time to assist in cleaning the island's beaches since 2001.

From the 20th to 23rd May this year, a total of 23 affiliated clubs made the journey to the island from all over Queensland, for what was the twenty-first Fraser Island Clean Up. This included 350 vehicles with a total of 751 volunteers. Our sponsors were again more than happy to assist in the clean-up.

Unfortunately, the weather was not kind to us this year, with rain setting in from the Friday night before the event and continuing for most of the weekend and much of the following week for those that stayed. This, however, did not dampen our spirits and it turned out to be the most successful year yet as far as the volume of rubbish that was removed from the beach.

We cleaned on both days of the weekend, working north from Indian Head to Sandy Cape on Saturday and Hook Point to Indian Head on Sunday.

The 2022 beach clean netted just under 8300kg of debris. This was due in part to the large amount of flood related debris from the recent flooding in Southern Qld

Plastic pollution is the most widespread problem affecting the marine environment. It also threatens marine creature health, food safety and quality, human health, coastal tourism. We are proud to be a small part in the action for environmental cleaning here at this iconic location.

The collected rubbish was deposited in 3 x15m³ bins provided to us under a sponsorship agreement with Fraser Coast Regional Council. All waste data was recorded and collated by our partners, Tangaroa Blue Foundation. This is an Australia-wide not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the removal and prevention of marine debris. We look forward to a long and happy collaboration with them.

This year we had the unfortunate situation of the discovery of a couple of container fumigation canisters which are highly dangerous. This shut down the Orchard Beach sorting station on the Saturday afternoon while Tangaroa Blue handled the situation before the cannisters were passed on to the relevant authorities.

Although the Sunday night "Thank You" dinner was marred by some periods of heavy rain, those that made it had an



enjoyable time and were thanked for their efforts with some generous prizes by sponsors. As in previous years, QPWS Community Liaison Officer, Jenna Tappley, brought along another excellent display of artefacts, and skeletons. We were also supported by the local on duty Qld Police Service constable and the Qld Ambulance Service across the weekend.

Despite some challenges this year, the committee has delivered another successful event that was not only a great event for the affiliated clubs and sponsors, but once again has helped in keeping this heritage listed island in pristine condition.

We have achieved previous planned improvements, which included having our event plastic free, developing a comprehensive event guide to be issued to all participants, mandatory PPE requirements, supply of sharps kits and information sheet provided to all trip leaders. We are also in the process of moving to a new website platform, which will help to streamline the registration process in future clean-up events.

As always, the Fraser Island Clean Up has provided a great opportunity for all those involved including 4wd clubs and sponsors, to contribute to a wonderful cause whilst having fun at the same time. The majority of committee members have expressed their desire to continue within a similar framework as a committee and we all hope for an even better event in 2023.

With our regards,

David Evans

CARE Officer 4WD QLD on behalf of the 2022 FICU Committee



Description	Count
Plastic bits & pieces hard & solid	9440
Lids & tops, pump spray, flow restrictor & similar	8385
Plastic film remnants (bits of plastic bag, wrap etc)	3290
Plastic packaging food (wrap, packets, containers)	1250
Foam insulation & packaging (whole and remnants)	1215
Rope & net scraps less than 1 metre	995
Straws, confection sticks, cups, plates & cutlery	780
Rope (estimated length in metres)	765
Plastic drink bottles (water, juice, milk, soft drink)	735
Foil wrappers, packets, bladders & alfoil	685
Aluminium cans	600
Personal care & pharmaceutical packaging	445
Plastic wrap non food (bubble wrap etc)	430
Bleach & cleaner bottles	315
Strapping band scraps	315
Sanitary (tissues, nappies, condoms, cotton buds)	305
Fishing line in metres (Recreation)	290
Plastic containers non food (oil, sealant, chemical)	275
Metal bottle caps, lids & pull tabs	250
Rubber footwear & thongs	235
Processed timber, pallets & other wood	225
Glass or ceramic broken	215
Rubber balloons, balls & toys, elastic straps & bands	180
Glass beer stubbies & pre-mixed alcohol bottles	175
Toothbrushes, brushes & combs, hair ties etc	175
Chemical glow sticks	160
Packaging accessories (seals, reels, spools, handles)	150
Plastic housewares, tablewares, house fittings	140
Cigarette lighters	135
Toys, party poppers, ribbons, clips & similar	135
Plastic gardening items, implements & fittings	130
Paper & cardboard packaging	120
Plastic bags supermarket, garbage, dog poo, ice	120
Cable ties & plastic fasteners	90
Tape adhesive, electrical, duct, hazard marker & rolls	90
Rubber remnants	75
Metal Fishing Items (Sinkers, lures, hooks, traps, pots)	70
Fluorescent light tubes and bulbs	65
Commercial fishing remnants (float, pot, crate bits)	65
Shoes leather & fabric	60
Recreation & outdoor equipment	60
Glass wine, spirit and similar bottles	60
Bleach bottle KKK type	55
Recreation fishing items (lures, floats, rods, reels)	50
Remnants burnt plastic	50
Foam buoys	45



Plastic bottles, drums, jerrycans & buckets over 4 litres	45
Strapping band whole (record as single item)	40
Glass jars & sauce bottles	35
Occupational health & safety items	35
Cigarette butts & filters	35
Pens, markers & other plastic stationary	35
Metal outdoor equipment, implements, furniture	30
Plastic pipe PVC, irrigation & reticulation	25
Plastic tubes & hoses	25
Bait & tackle bags & packaging	25
Binding, thread, string & cord (natural fibre)	25
Commercial fishing traps, pots & intact parts	25
Municipal activities (tree guard, barrier fence etc)	25
Aerosol cans	20
Food scraps	20
Cloth, clothing, hats & towels	20
Plastic first aid materials & equipment (band aids)	20
Rubber buffers, tyres, seals & similar	20
Plastic sheeting (tarpaulin, woven bags, pallet wrap)	20
Plastic vehicle parts	20
Metal scrap & remnants	20
Plastic buoys and floats	15
Foam cups, food packs & trays	10
Metal marine engine & boat parts & fittings	10
Dangerous & very hazardous items	10
Tetra packs & drink cartons	10
Canvas, sailcloth & hessian materials	10
Weather balloon parts	10
Building & trades materials, fixings & fittings	10
Foam sponge sheeting (mattress & similar)	5
Wooden confection sticks, pencils, matches etc	5
Tins under 4 litres (food, drink tins and similar)	5
Drug paraphernalia	5
Metal building & trades materials, fixings & fittings	5
Plastic furniture outdoor & camping	5
Metal motor vehicle parts & batteries	5
Personal effects (wallets, money, keys, jewellery)	5
Appliances, electronics & batteries	5
Brooms, brushes & paint brushes	5
Rubber sheeting	5
Synthetic cardboard (corflute) signs & packaging	5
Syringes medical	5
Baskets, crates & trays	5
Grand Total	34615