

Community cleans up

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THE slight overcast weather might have deterred some participants from Springfield Lakes' annual Clean Up Australia Day activities but that didn't deter residents and members of several community groups, who donned their gloves in search of litter.

SLNC members and volunteers tackled several areas including bushland reserves in Bellbird Park and litter along Jones Rd.

It was wonderful to see so many clubs getting involved in CUA Day and their small contribution has made a big difference.

SLNC is the only Land and Water Care group in our catchment and we need the support of others to help clean up our suburb, which has grown in area and population since we first started doing CUA Day in 2015.

President of Centenary Rowing Club, whose members play water polo on Spring Lake West, Peter Cooke said he regularly fished out bread bags, plastic bottles, and other litter from inside the lake.

The Redbank Plains Scouts cruised Regatta Lake



Adam, Elvis, Gypsy and Jasper Drummond with certificates after cleaning up Spring Lake East PICTURES: LU

in eight canoes, looking for litter.

Several residents paddled around Discovery Lake in kayaks, finding plastic water bottles, food packaging, straws and polystyrene.

They also found rubbish dumped into the lake, like vacuum cleaners, plastic chairs, tyres and lots of tennis balls. The strangest thing was half a kayak.

SNAPSHOT

Taken from a sample of litter bags filled

Plastic shopping bags: 22 (up from 7)

Take away food bags: 2 (down from 14)

Plastic picnic items: 11 (down from 19)

PET bottles: 46 (up from 37, attributed to more kayakers cleaning Discovery Lake)



Barbara Broughton and David Manning



A skip was filled by volunteers at the Springfield Clean Up Australia Day event.



Rose and Ajay Kelly got to work cleaning up the ment.