

# Many hands needed

## Help to make a difference

A TEAM from Punchbowl's Australian Islamic Mission (AIM) has registered to clean up Wiley Park reserve on Clean Up Australia Day - Sunday, March 2.

The team will join more than 7000 groups and hundreds of thousands of volunteers nationwide working to remove rubbish from Australia's precious environment.

Funding for the AIM Clean Up Australia Day event was provided by Canterbury City Council through its annual Financial Assistance Program.

Site coordinator and AIM secretary, Siddiq Buckley, encouraged more local residents to spare a few hours to lend a hand on the day.

"Australians are among the highest producers of waste, per person, in the world," he said.

"We need volunteers to remove rubbish from a local park where many of us frequently enjoy picnics and barbecues with family and friends.

"This is an opportunity for members of our local community to show how much they care for the environment."

Volunteers will meet at the AIM Centre, 25-33 Matthews Street, Punchbowl, from 9am, before travelling to Wiley Park reserve, on the corner of Canterbury and King Georges Roads.

A barbecue is planned back at the centre following the event in appreciation of the volunteers.

Participants must bring a hat, sunscreen and, in case of rain, an umbrella.

Those interested in joining the AIM's Clean Up Australia team can register in person at the Matthews Street centre, by phone on 9758 1215, or by email: [info@aim.org.au](mailto:info@aim.org.au).

To find out more about other Clean Up Australia Day sites and teams in the local area, go to the website: [cleanup.org.au](http://cleanup.org.au) or phone 9552 6177/ 1800 282 329.



Siddiq Buckley from the Australian Islamic Mission is co-ordinating a team of volunteers this Clean Up Australia Day, Sunday, March 2.

## Free workshops for young mums

YOUNG mums are being encouraged to meet at Riverwood Community Centre on Tuesday mornings.

The Young Mothers' Group is now in its second year, giving participants an opportunity to speak to professionals in an informal environment and make new friends.

Each session is led by a guest speaker and runs from 10.30am-noon.

hour program is adjacent to the centre, starting from 9.30am.

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The eight-week program is free and free childcare is available for all participants. details: Monique Simons, 9533 0100.