



Migaloo spotted in Moreton Bay

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Volunteers cart tonnes of rubbish from bay island

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MORE than two tonne of rubbish, including vessels that had been washed out of the Brisbane River during the 2011 floods, were removed from Mud Island during an Ocean Crusaders clean-up last week.

A team of 14 volunteers gathered 2.4 tonne of debris, which Ocean Crusaders founder Ian Thomson said was choking the small Moreton Bay island.



A team of 14 volunteers gathered 2.4 tonne of debris on a recent clean-up of Mud Island.

Included in the rubbish were bottles and cans dating back to the 1960s.

"It was way too much debris for a little island so close to dolphin breeding and feeding grounds," Mr Thomson said.

"Whilst the debris removed was staggering we believe we are about 10% done with the job as the mangroves are full of debris."



Mud Island in Moreton Bay. Picture: Google Maps

The clean-up was part of a three-island clean-up campaign which moves onto Green Island on August 26 as Ocean Crusaders members fight to save Moreton Bay from being choked with garbage.

More than 200 volunteers and staff will gather at Manly's Bayside Park at 7am on August 26 and head out to Green Island, where they will be joined by Energy and the Environment Minister Josh Frydenberg and Senator Amanda Stoker.



Search

 Ocean Crusaders volunteers cut up a wreck.

Once on the island, participants will be supplied protective gear and equipment before beginning the clean-up along the island's shoreline.

All debris collected will sorted and weighed and the data is recorded in The Marine Debris Data Base.

Ocean Crusaders Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation established in 2010 by Mr Thomson to make a positive change to the mounting plastic problem affecting oceans and waterways.



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It provides free online educational programs as well as running community clean-up events along the Queensland coastline and its islands.

"We will not rest until our waterways are clean and safe for marine life to do what they do best — enjoy the waters rather than eating plastic," Mr Thomson said.

"We ask everyone to do their part by using less plastic and the plastic they do use, to dispose of correctly and safely."

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