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Ocean Crusaders with 300kg of rubbish found in Caboolture River.

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## Ocean Crusaders remove 300kg of rubbish from Caboolture River at Paddle Against Plastic event

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TROLLEYS, a photocopier and dog poo bags were just some of the things fished out of a southeast Queensland river by volunteers.

The Caboolture Paddle Against Plastic, which was run by Ocean Crusaders and sponsored by Unitywater, used kayaks and other water crafts to clean the Caboolture River near Norfolk Pde, Caboolture South on Sunday.

Ocean Crusader founder and managing director Ian Thomson said 18 volunteers collected 300kg of rubbish.

“We fished out three trolleys and a photocopier, but the majority of the rubbish was plastic bottles,” he said.

“We also found lots of dog poo bags some people had thrown into the bush, but we also had new bags which had obviously blown off a dispenser.”

Mr Thomson said it was vital the river stayed clean.

“We’ve done a number of these events, but this was definitely one of the most beautiful spots we’ve been to,” he said.

“It’s important we keep it clean, there’s freshwater turtles and lots of bird life.”

Mr Thomson said the group planned to return to the region.

“There is definitely more work that needs to be done,” he said. “We hope to be able to get to the river mouth at Burpengary.”



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