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The Paddle Against Plastic event held in Maroochydhore.

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# Paddle Against Plastic crusaders target Caboolture River in need of big clean-up

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CABOOLTURE River has been identified as the next target for the Paddle Against Plastic.

Ocean Crusaders are urging residents to bring their paddleboards to the Caboolture River clean-up site on June 3.

Sponsored by Unitywater, the two-hour Caboolture Paddle Against Plastic will be held off Norfolk Parade, Caboolture South.

“We research areas before we go, and we identified this area as one in need. We know that there is rubbish, including a few trolleys in the river in that area,” Ocean Crusader founder and managing director Ian Thomson said.

“The Caboolture River feeds Moreton Bay and any debris in the waters here could effect local wildlife as well as that in the bay.”

Mr Thomson said other Paddle Against Plastic events had been successful.

“We’ve had groups of 10 to 200 come to these events. We would love to get 20-30 people to the Caboolture event,” he said.

“Bring your paddle craft of any type. Kayaks, canoes, stand up paddle boards, inflatable boats, whatever you have come on down and help us out to clean the river.

“If you don’t have a craft, contact us as we have a few spare craft available, or you can simply clean along the banks. We just want people out there enjoying themselves.”

Mr Thomson said the event was child friendly and all the cleaning items including gloves, tongs and bags would be supplied.

“We encourage you to bring the family along to help them understand that keeping our waterways clean is essential for the wellbeing of marine life,” he said.

“You give the kids some tongs, and they’ll pick up rubbish all day. They have great fun.”

The event will take place on June 3, 9-11am at the park opposite 68 Norfolk Parade, Caboolture South. Register at [oceancrusaders.org/paddle/registration](http://oceancrusaders.org/paddle/registration)



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