

"Clean up Australia" Day in the Hawkesbury

## **Description**

Tomorrow is "Clean up Australia" day around the country, and there are many ways you can pitch in and help keep our area looking spic and span.

Sunday 4th March 2018 is the main event, and a <u>complete list of sites around the Hawkesbury where</u> you can make a difference are here.

This morning, as a curtain raiser, I was helping members of the <u>Pitt Town Progress Association</u> help clean up rubbish polluting Bardanarang Creek under the Friendship Bridge on Pitt Town Bottoms Road. I identified this site as in need of an urgent clean-up when Councillors toured Pitt Town with the Progress Association back in August, and I have worked with the Association to have Council resources assist in the cleanup. I also initiated getting the County Council out to <u>deal with an infestation</u> of Balloon Vine on the banks of the creek, which happened back in September.

Friendship Bridge is a significant historic site, as it represents the place where Governor Phillip first encountered Aboriginals from this area in 1791. A plaque commemorating the meeting lays nearby, and a piece of trivia that I love is that the bronze casting of two arms clasped in friendship includes that of our much missed and late Mayor, Dr Rex Stubbs.

Among the items we dragged out of the creek were dozens of tyres, an engine block, a 4-burner BBQ, two mattresses, a bong, ladies lingerie, and two sex toys. Yuk.





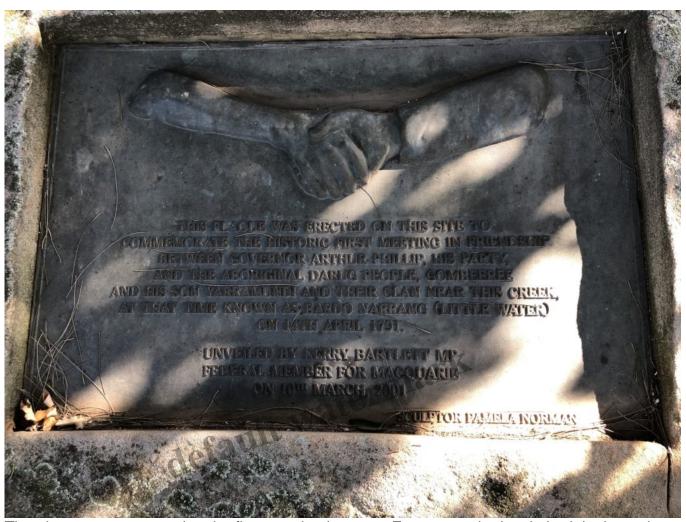
Tyres, metal and other debris polluting the creek.



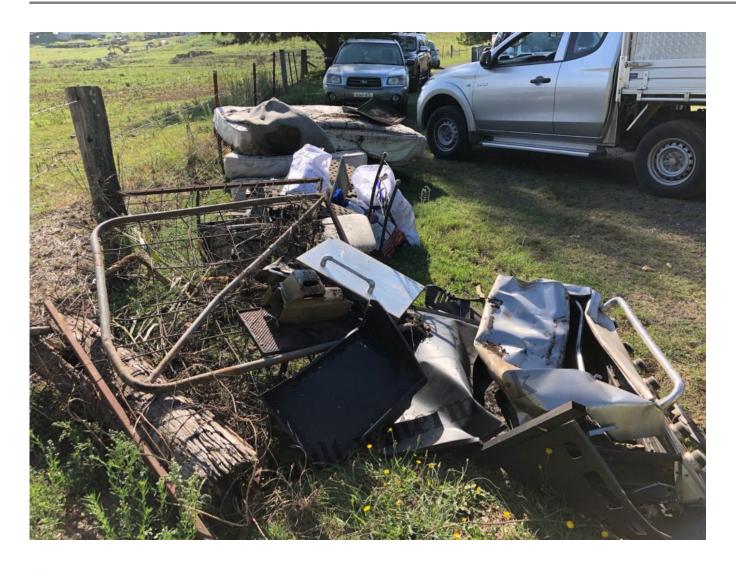
Some of the rubbish fished out of the creek



A four-burner BBQ was part of the haul. Who dumps stuff like this?



The plaque commemorating the first meeting between Europeans the local aboriginal people.



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