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Cairns has a problem that's endangering our greatest asset – the Great Barrier Reef.

Every piece of litter we leave on the ground can make its way into the sea, putting the reef's marine life and delicate ecosystem at risk.

One innocent chip packet or cigarette butt is no big deal, but the truth is thousands of marine mammals die every year, due to plastic pollution.

*Whether it's a shopping bag, plastic cup, or straw **a little litter can be a big problem** for our marine life.*

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Care for land and sea, attend a Clean Up Cairns event this September:

- *Sunday 1 September, 9:30am – 11:30am: Meet at Centenary Lakes Nature Play Space, Greenslopes Street*
- *Saturday 7 September, 9:30am – 11:30am: Meet at Giangurra Esplanade Park, Pine Creek, Yarrabah Road*
- *Sunday 15 September, 9:30am – 11:30am: Meet at Bana Gindarja Creek, Sinclair Miller Bridge, Ravizza Drive*
- *Friday 20 September, 9:30am – 11:30am: Meet at Cairns Central Taxi Rank, McLeod Street*
- *Saturday 28 September, 9:30am – 11:30am: Meet at Rotary Park, Howard Kennedy Drive, Babinda*

No registration necessary. Please visit <https://www.cairns.qld.gov.au/cleanup> to find out more information