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CLEANING UP YAMBA

A wooden crutch, numerous golf balls and an abundance of plastic bags were collected by volunteers in Yamba on Clean Up Australia Day, March 1.

The Plastic Bag Free Committee of the Yamba District Chamber of Commerce organised a registration point for Yamba. 15 volunteers collected a total of 17 bags of rubbish.

“While it was good to see this rubbish taken off the streets and out of our waterways it’s frightening to know this is just the tip off the iceberg”, commented Marea Buist, site co-ordinator.

Despite some areas being identified as high priority, there were not enough volunteers to cover all the areas. This was the first time the Chamber has co-ordinated this activity and will seek to improve participation rates next year. The Plastic Bag Free Committee advises their plastic bag recall is ongoing and people can leave their plastic bags in a box situated at the front of Fletchers Fotographics or in a special collection bin at the entrance to Bilo at Yamba Fair. The groups asks all shoppers to consider using a reusable bag or basket when shopping.

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