



TOUR PRESENTATION

Creating Waves for Clean Waterways

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Abstract

The Field family were inspired to start Coastal Waste Warriors in December 2018 in memory of their daughter Amber Dawn, who loved nature and our ocean. Shortly after Amber's passing, a children's book was written and illustrated by her Kindergarten teachers called 'Amber Dawn Princess Warrior and the Dolphin Rescue'. The book was about a little girl, called Amber, who saved a dolphin from fishing nets. It helped turn a family's pain and the loss of their beautiful girl into taking positive action together with their community to keep our waterways clean. In doing so, they also inspired others to care for the environment we live in.

The first Coastal Waste Warriors beach clean-up was held in January 2019 and was attended by 50 volunteers. 75kg of litter was collected, which turned into the start of Amber Dawn's legacy to inspire our community to come together on a regular basis to keep the Mandurah waterways clean. Two years on, and Coastal Waste Warriors has empowered the local community to remove over 2.5 tonnes of litter from our local beaches and waterways. What started as a community gathering is now an incorporated group with a dedicated team of volunteers who participate in monthly clean-ups.

Come along and learn about the journey of Coastal Waste Warriors, and how they've inspired a community movement that turned small ripples into a wave of change.

Acknowledgement

Danny Willmott acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet and pays respects to their Elders past and present.

