



# Australia Clean Up Day 2007

## Report



Basava Samithi Sydney Chapter organised the Australia Clean Up Day on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2007. The clean up day was organised as part of 18<sup>th</sup> Australia Clean Up Day countrywide. The Basava Samithi and UIA jointly organised this event for the second year. This years site was Woodcroft Park and Lake at Doonside in Blacktown City Council area.

The weather was very good except for some humidity. The area was pleasant one with big park and a manmade lake in the middle. More than 50 people attended this environment preservation task. Many children from Sugama Kannada School, Blacktown also took part. Even some local residents came and joined hands with Basava Samithi in clean up. Basava Samithi members came from as far as Liverpool, Campbelltown, Strathfield, St. Marys and other places.

The clean up day was well organised with the drinking water, soft drinks, the First aid kit and sunscreen.

Mr Shivanand Mariguddi Vice President of Basava Samithi and Site co-ordinator for cleanup day welcomed all.

Mr Vijayakumar Halagali, President of Basava Samithi and co-ordinator of Sugama Kannada School, Blacktown, introduced Hon. Paul Gibson, the state MP for Blacktown. Mr Halagali said the reason for organising Clean Up Day is to create awareness of environment protection and show the right path to the children.

Mr Gibson appreciated the efforts and initiative of Basava Samithi. By organising clean up day Basava Samithi is leading the way for many others in the community, he said. Mr Gibson commended Basava Samithi for showing the right path to the younger generation. He congratulated all the children and told them to continue the good work. He also thanked Basava Samithi and UIA for giving him an opportunity to participate in this event and promised his help for Basava Samithi and UIA in the future. Local councillor and Mr. Gibson's campaign manager Mr. Stephen Bali was also present on the occasion. Mr Gibson awarded the certificates to all the children who attended the clean up.

Apart from Basava Samithi members and UIA, many other member associations were represented at the clean up day. Dr Siddalingeshwara Orekondy former President of UIA and former President of Basava Samithi was also one of the participants. Mr Rohitas Batta from Technocrats association, Mr. Raj Natarajan from India Sports Club, Mr Suresh Bangalore from Sydney Kannada Sangha, Mr Onkaraswamy Goppenahalli Co-ordinator of Asia Pacific Kannada Okkuta and Executive producer of Chandana TV and students of Sugama Kannada School Blacktown attended clean up day.

Light snacks and soft drinks were provided by Basava Samithi.

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