



Waste Authority

MEDIA STATEMENT

Car Clean Up in East Kimberley

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A massive clean-up of old car bodies in the East Kimberley has proved a huge success. Workers from the East Kimberley Community Development Employment Projects (EKCDEP) group, comprising of staff and local indigenous people coordinated the clean-up effort.

Beginning earlier this year, the massive effort extended to more than 200 kilometres out of Kununurra and involved more than 60 car wrecks being removed from just one small community.

EKCDEP General Manager John Vos said there were at least 200 old vehicles around the shire, many of them wrecks leaking dangerous chemicals including oil, petrol and brake fluid into natural waterways.

“There were significant community concerns around the old car bodies and of course dangers for local children,” Mr Vos said.

The clean-up effort was made possible due to grant funding from the waste levy paid on all waste that goes to landfill.

Most of the car bodies were taken to landfill sites then collected by metal recyclers. The scrap metal is used to make other useful metal products.

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