Lake clean-up on the cards for small army

By Meredith Clisby

TUGGERANONG Council hopes the attention being directed on the filthy state of the lake will help convince Canberrans to do something about it this Sunday.

Council president Darryl Johnston has organised a clean-up Lake Tuggeranong event as part of national Clean-Up Australia Day.

He said he had been inspired to do this after so much attention had been focused on the disgusting condition of the lake.

''People have been complaining about the smell of the rubbish ... it's a great opportunity to do something about it,'' Mr Johnston said.

The council identified the condition of the lake as one of its priorities for 2012 in last month's meeting.

Residents are being asked to meet at the Tuggeranong Community Centre in Cowlishaw Street at 9.30am before splitting into two groups to work around the lake.

The Sea Scouts will be cleaning up in the lake itself and will provide a sausage sizzle after the event.

Mr Johnston said he had been buoyed by the amount of people who had already signed up to participate in the day.

''I think we'll end up with a small army which is great,'' he said.

More than 50 groups and organisations in Canberra have registered clean up events for this Sunday.

ACT Neighbourhood Watch members will target two locations – one southside and one northside.

The Gordon group will help clean up around the Point Hut Point near the playground, and the Aranda-Cook group plan to spruce up their neighborhood.

They will meet at Banaga Place near the Aranda playing fields for registration.

■ Canberrans are invited to visit www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au to register as part of a group.

Tuggeranong Council will host a clean-up at Lake Tuggeranong as part of Clean-Up Australia Day.
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