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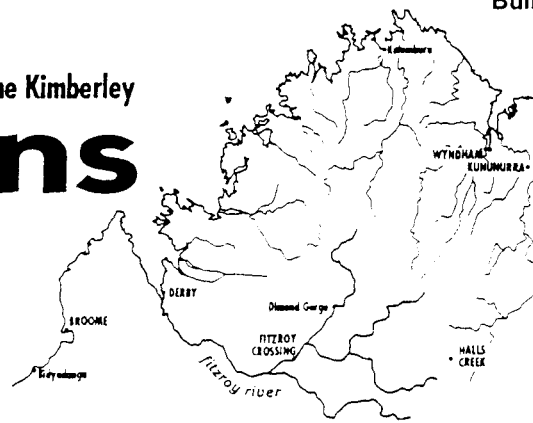
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## CLEMENTSON STREET CLEAN-UP

Call it masochism, call it civic pride or call it nuts, but something motivated EK members to turn out in force on November 15th and work like maniacs for four hours to clean up the bush reserve at the Meatworks corner of Clementson Street.

We did it because, like Everest, it was there. The rubbish, that is. Tonnes and tonnes of it, dumped in an otherwise attractive piece of town bush zoned as Public Recreation. Several of the committee members had often lamented privately about the waste of good public space, but what finally galvanised us to action was the Fire. As townspeople may remember, there was a fire in the Clementson Street Reserve earlier this year, which had the effect of clearing the undergrowth, revealing the full extent of the rubbish and making it accessible.

The cooler weather would have been the best time to clear, of course, but we at EK like to do things the hard way. Only kidding. The tourist season was a busy period for all of us, and we didn't have enough spare time or energy for clean-ups. We couldn't leave it till next year because the intervening rainy season would have brought us back to pre-Fire levels of undergrowth. We had to do it before the Wet, So, November 15th it was. And what a swelterer. Certain zealots went on long after others had called it quits, but most of us were in imminent danger of sunstroke by eleven o'clock. Lashings of lunch and an eski of ice-cold cordial revived us, thanks to the Clementson Street Deli and Town Beach Cafe.

What did we achieve? Heaps. Heaps of orange plastic bags full of rusty cans for our friendly Ranger to take away; heaps of corrugated iron, steel, asbestos, you name it; wheel-barrow loads of glass. We filled



*The Clementson Street Clean-up Gang*

two skip bins provided by the Shire Council and left the piles of miscellaneous heavy items, many of which (such as a huge hook on wheels) had Meatworks written all over them, for the Shire to deal with the following week, which they did.

We didn't finish the job, but we broke the back of it as well as our own. We cleaned up the worst half, and on a number of occasions since then one or two of our members have been spotted obsessively filling yet more plastic bags in the remaining half. Someone, who shall be nameless, was caught skulking in there with a plastic bag in one hand and a magnifying glass in the other. Isn't this going a bit far?

Prizes were awarded for the best effort and the best treasure found on the day. The former went to Dave Dureau: a new pair of boots kindly donated by Kimberley Camping & Outback Supplies (we haven't seen him in them yet: perhaps

he's waiting for the old ones to fall off first) and the latter to Marilyn Tabatznik for artistic pieces of tin.

We thank all our sponsors and the Broome Shire Council, as well as the many volunteers, with an age range of six to over sixty, who gave up their Sunday morning to help and to make Clementson Street Reserve a place worth visiting.

Even the wildlife appreciates our efforts: I spotted a frill-necked lizard in there last week for the first time. Go and have a walk there.

### VISION STATEMENT

**Environs Kimberley seeks to preserve and respect the intrinsic values and qualities of the Kimberley region.**