

Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands

FEBRUARY COMMUNITY CLEANUP

The Shire of Cocos Keeling Islands encourages residents and local businesses to participate in a community cleanup for Home and West Islands during February 2026.

This cleanup is to help show we all care about where we live by removing and disposing of unsightly waste.

To assist, Shire transfer stations on both Islands will open for extended hours including weekends.

Island cleanup dates are as follows:

Home Island Cleanup

Commencing Monday 2 February 2026

Ending Sunday 15 February 2026

West Island Cleanup

Commencing Monday 16 February 2026

Ending Sunday 1 March 2026

Transfer station opening hours on each island during the cleanup will be as follows:

Transfer Station	Monday - Thursday	Friday	Saturday and Sunday
Home Island (2-15 Feb ONLY)	8am – 12pm 1pm - 3pm	8am-11am	8am – 12pm 1pm - 3pm
West Island (16 Feb – 1 Mar ONLY)	8am – 12pm 1pm - 3pm	8am-11am	Saturday Only 10am – 3:30pm

NO FEES AND CHARGES APPLY IF WASTE IS SEPARATED CORRECTLY AT THE TRANSFER STATION.

VEHICLES, BOATS, HEAVY PLANT, SHIPPING CONTAINERS AND OTHER LARGE ITEMS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

The attached FAQ sheet provides additional information regarding the February cleanup.

If you have any questions or issues, please contact the Shire's Infrastructure Coordinator, Luluk Sloan, on (08) 9162 6649 or via email at luluilmaknun.sloan@cocos.wa.gov.au.

Matthew Scott
Chief Executive Officer
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FAQ'S FOR FEBRUARY COMMUNITY CLEANUP

Which waste is free?

Anything you can fit into a ute or car trailer and taken to the transfer station can be accepted free of charge during the cleanup. It doesn't have to come from your yard but we encourage residents to focus first on the areas we all see. Please assist by separating the waste at the transfer station

How do I separate my waste?

If you can, bring your load to the transfer station already separated. Otherwise you will need to separate it at the transfer station as directed by staff.

Separate combustible (burnable) from non-combustible waste and place where directed at the transfer station.

Batteries – separate any batteries and place where directed.

Metals and white goods – separate and place where directed.

Vehicles and boats – will not be accepted for free disposal.

Greenwaste – is already free disposal. Place in the normal greenwaste disposal areas.

Which waste types are not included?

Vehicles (cars, buggys, 4 wheelers, motorbikes, trucks)

Boats and boat trailers

Heavy plant/equipment

Shipping containers

Are there prohibited waste types?

Yes. Our transfer stations cannot accept:

Asbestos

Other hazardous waste like chemicals, poisons

Gas bottles.

Why is green waste not included?

Greenwaste disposal is already free. Greenwaste is not the type of waste that is unsightly and this cleanup is intended to address unsightly community waste.

Are the garden plot areas on Home Island included?

Yes. We encourage plot holders to take advantage of this opportunity to clean up these areas. Prior to the clean up, the Shire will clear existing tracks in the garden plots to assist access.

Why does the Shire burn waste?

Landfill space in the Cocos Keeling Islands is limited. Burning combustible waste helps reduce the volume of waste that needs to be buried in landfill and incineration of waste is included in our waste facility licences.

Can I leave waste at the transfer station gate if it is closed?

No. Please plan your trip to the transfer station for when it is open. Transfer stations will be open for two full weeks including weekends to assist residents.