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Caledon River cleaned as part of World Rivers Day

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BloemWater – in partnership with the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), Mantsopa Local Municipality and Evergreen Environmental Project – embarked on a Caledon River cleanup on 02 October 2018 to celebrate World Rivers Day.

World Rivers Day is a global celebration of the world's waterways observed every last Sunday in September. The day aims to highlight the many values of rivers and strives to increase public awareness and encourage the improved stewardship of rivers around the world.

Addressing scores of community members during the clean-up, Maki Ranthimo from the Evergreen Environmental Project urged against dumping waste material at rivers.

“Refuse should be disposed of in the right manner, communities should never forget that the same resource you dump their waste in comes back to them for consumption,” said Ranthimo.

DWS officials and stakeholders in the water and sanitation sector used the day to also raise awareness about the importance of conserving rivers as a means to maintain water security.

Members of the community on the Maseru border separated by the Caledon River in Lesotho also participated in the clean-up activity.

Some of the activities to commemorate the day include riverside cleanups, habitat restoration, nature walks, paddle trips, school projects, art displays,



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music festivals, and parades. Citizens are encouraged to join an event in their area, or start one of their own

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