

Clean Up Australia Day

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2018 RUBBISH REPORT- NEW SOUTH WALES

Sites Registered: 2,964 [2,822 in 2017]

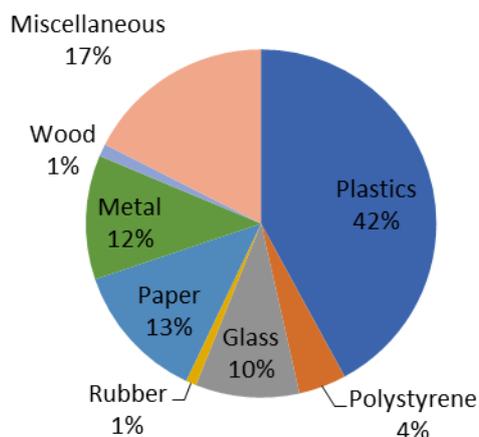
Estimated Volunteers: 298,071 [266,831 in 2017]

Estimated Rubbish Removed: 6,520.8 ute loads [6,215 2017]

Volunteer hours: 596,142 [533,662 in 2017]

The 2018 Rubbish Report is a snapshot of rubbish removed by Clean Up Australia Day volunteers. Across NSW, the Report is based on rubbish surveyed from 338 locations [336 in 2017]

Major Sources of Rubbish



NOTABLE CHANGES FROM 2017

- Plastics and paper increased by 4%, glass and wood by 1%
- Miscellaneous items decreased by 10%
- Polystyrene, metals and rubber each remained consistent

THE TOP 10 RUBBISH ITEMS AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL RUBBISH SURVEYED

	GROUPED DATA	%
1	Food packaging	24.1
2	Non-food packaging	21.5
3	Beverage containers	17.3
4	Beverage rubbish	14.3
5	Chip & Confectionery wrappers	6.0
6	Plastic bags	4.8
7	Other [non-identified] items	4.2
8	Sanitary items	2.1
9	Toys, sporting equip, straps & ropes	2.0
10	Household items	1.0

	INDIVIDUAL ITEM COUNT	%
1	Cigarette butts	15.7
2	Straws	6.4
3	Small pieces of paper	5.0
4	Cutlery/cups/utensils	5.0
5	Chip & confectionery wrappers	4.7
6	PET drink bottles	4.4
7	Plastic bottle caps & lids	3.2
8	Alcoholic beverage bottles	3.7
9	Metal bottle caps	3.2
10	Garbage/rubbish bags	3.0

Grouped Top 10 data made up 97.3% [97.7% in 2017] of reported rubbish.

Individual Item Count Top 10 data = 55.4% [59.5% in 2017]

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Within grouped data:

- Food packaging as a percentage of all rubbish reported increased by 7%
- Beverage containers increased by 7.9%
- Beverage related rubbish increased by 2.4%
- Other [non-identified] item counts increased by 3% and Plastic bag counts by 1.4%
- Toys, sports equipment, straps and ropes increased by 0.7%
- Chip & confectionary wrappers remained static @ 6%
- The good news is beverage containers decreased their representation by 11.7%, non-food containers by 2.3%; and household items by 1.9%
- Construction materials came off this list

Within Individual item data:

- Cigarette butts again came in as the single most counted item this year, but with a welcome count decrease of 3.1%
- Straws increased their representation by 2% of all counted rubbish and 3.1% of plastics - now representing 6.4% of all reported rubbish and 15.3% of plastics
- Confectionery wrappers increased their presence by 1.5%
- Disappointingly, small pieces of paper, cutlery, cups and utensils, metal bottle caps + garbage bags are back on the list
- PET drink bottle counts decreased by 4.4%, alcoholic beverage bottles by 1.6%
- Plastic bottles caps and lids decreased by 1.9%
- Beverage containers represented 8.1% – a 17.3% decrease over 2017 [25.4%]. Missing off the list in 2018 are soft drink cans, soft drink bottles, and alcoholic beverage cans
- Further good news – food wrappers dropped off the list

FAVOURITE CLEAN UP SITES

	# of sites surveyed	Number of items found	% of states total waste	Average number of items
Waterways	49	26,200	13%	535
Parks	64	3,6029	18%	563
Beach/Coastal	48	26,942	14%	561
Roadway	66	26,847	14%	407
Bushland	52	22,283	11%	429
School Grounds	32	14,468	7%	452
Outdoor Transport	1	5,198	3%	5,198
Shops/malls	6	2,669	1%	445
Dive Site	4	6,314	3%	1,578
Other	16	29,574	15%	1,848

While municipal roadways were the most popular site surveyed in 2018, parks recorded the highest percentage of total waste and the outdoor transport site yielded the highest average number of items across the state.

Notable changes over 2017:

- The outdoor transport site which was surveyed returned a staggering 5,198 items
- The average number of items reported by dive sites increased nearly 7-fold to 1,578
- Other [non-identified locations] reported an average of 1,848 – versus 679 last year
- Waterway average counts decreased by 146, roadways by 117, bushland by 3 and shop/malls by 146
- Park average counts increased by 95, beach/coastal area average counts by 69 and school grounds by 337

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