

Clean Up Australia Day

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2018 RUBBISH REPORT- SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Sites Registered: 482 [447 in 2017]

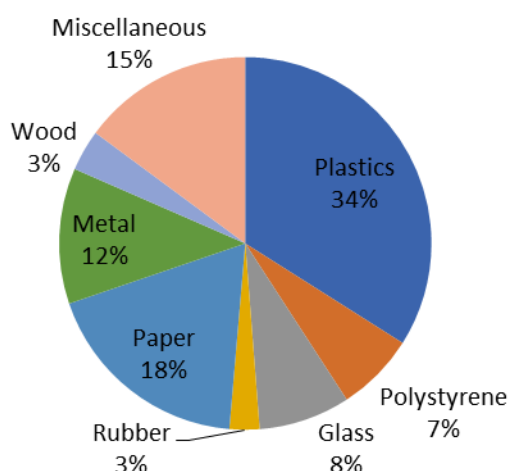
Estimated Volunteers: 43,278 [40,268 in 2017]

Estimated Rubbish Removed: 1,060.4 ute loads [983.4 in 2017]

Volunteer hours: 86,556 [70,722 in 2017]

The 2018 Rubbish Report is a snapshot of rubbish removed by Clean Up Australia Day volunteers. Across SA, the Report is based on rubbish surveyed from 58 locations [71 in 2017]

Major Sources of Rubbish



NOTABLE CHANGES FROM 2017

- Glass increased by 2%, wood by 2%, polystyrene and rubber each by 1%
- Miscellaneous items decreased by 6%, metals by 2%, paper and plastics by 1%

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

	GROUPED DATA	%
1	Food packaging	28.2
2	Non-food packaging	19.4
3	Beverage containers	10.5
4	Beverage rubbish	10.2
5	Chips & confectionery	9.7
6	Other [non-identified] items	5.4
7	Plastic bags	4.2
8	Construction materials	3.3
9	Sanitary items	2.0
10	Household items	2.0

	INDIVIDUAL ITEM COUNT	%
1	Cigarette butts	12.3
2	Plastic Chip & confectionery wrappers	6.8
3	Small pieces of paper	5.5
4	Plastic bottle caps & lids	5.0
5	Broken glass	3.7
6	Pieces of polystyrene	3.2
7	Foil confectionery wrappers	2.9
8	Metal bottle caps	2.8
9	Pieces of plastic	2.8
10	Fast food packaging	2.7

Grouped Top 10 data made up 96% [96% in 2017] of reported rubbish.

Individual Item Count Top 10 data = 47.9% [60.1% in 2017]

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Within grouped data:

- Food packaging as a percentage of all rubbish reported increased by 5%
- Chips & confectionery wrappers increased by 3.3%
- Construction materials increased by 0.4%
- The good news is non-food packaging decreased their representation by 6.4%, sanitary items by 1.7%, plastic bags by 1.3%, beverage rubbish by 1.2%; beverage containers reported a welcome decrease of 0.8% and household items by 0.4%
- Plastic toys, sports equipment, ropes and straps dropped off the 2018 list, to be replaced by other [non-identified] items @ 5.4% of reported rubbish

Within Individual item data:

- Cigarette butts again came in as the single most counted item this year, but with a welcome count decrease of 9.2%
- Plastic confectionery wrappers increased their presence by 1.2% and were joined by foil wrappers at 2.9%
- Small pieces of paper increased by 1.4%
- Disappointingly, broken glass, pieces of polystyrene, pieces of plastic and fast food wrappers are all back in the Top Ten
- The good news is garbage/rubbish bags, napkins & tissues, alcoholic beverage bottles, straws and plastic cutlery, cups and utensils have all dropped off
- Plastic bottle caps & lids decreased their counts by 2.1%, metal versions by 0.4%.

FAVOURITE CLEAN UP SITES

	# of sites surveyed	Number of items found	% of states total waste	Average number of items
Waterways	4	666	4%	167
Parks	18	8,546	46%	475
Beach/Coastal	10	1,215	7%	122
Roadway	13	5,132	28%	395
Bushland	4	1,086	6%	272
School Grounds	5	1,183	6%	237
Outdoor Transport	0	0	0%	0
Shops/malls	3	653	4%	218
Dive Site	0	0	0%	0
Other	1	166	1%	166

Parks were the most popular site surveyed in 2018, also recording the highest percentage of total waste and highest average number of items across the state.

Notable changes over 2017:

- Three locations recorded increased average item counts this year:
 - Waterways increased by 11 items
 - Parks more than trebled their average item count to 475 [144 last year]
 - Municipal roadways recorded 395 items versus 236 in 2017
- Four locations recorded decreased average counts:
 - Beach/coastal areas nearly halved to 122 [236 in 2017]
 - Bushland areas reduced their count by 178
 - Shops/Malls dropped nearly 50% to 218 [426 in 2017]
 - Other [non-identified] locations reduced their average count to 166 from 279
- School grounds remained consistent, only recording an increase of 1 item = 237
- We did not receive any surveys from outdoor transport areas this year.

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