

Clean Up Australia Day

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2018 RUBBISH REPORT- NATIONAL

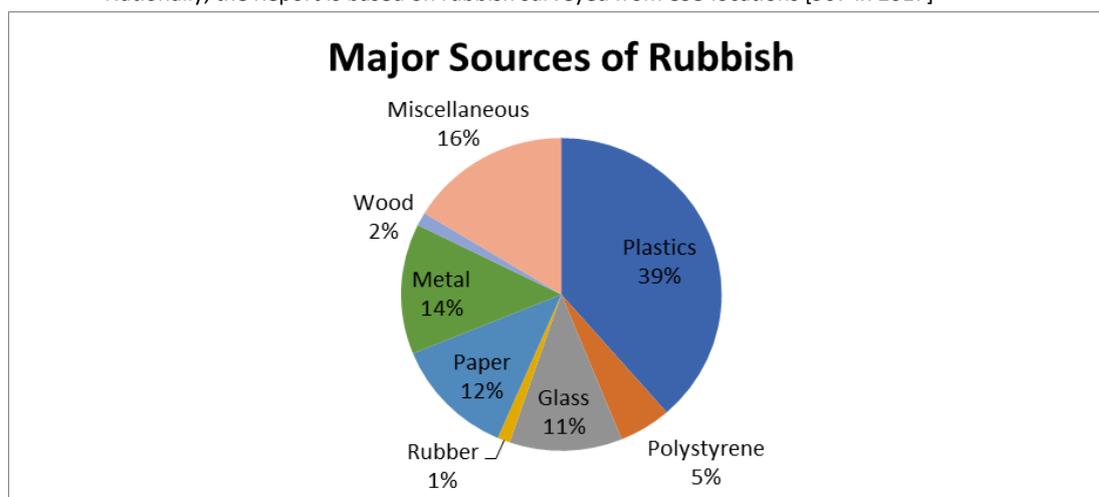
Sites Registered: 8,304 [7,066 in 2017]

Estimated Volunteers: 708,258 [590,354 in 2017]

Estimated Rubbish Removed: 16,942.2 ute loads [15,551.8 in 2017]

Volunteer hours: 1,416,516 [1,180,708 in 2017]

The 2018 Rubbish Report is a snapshot of rubbish removed by Clean Up Australia Day volunteers. Nationally, the Report is based on rubbish surveyed from 895 locations [907 in 2017]



NOTABLE CHANGES FROM 2017

- Plastics increased by 4%, paper, wood and metals each by 1%
- Glass decreased by 1%, miscellaneous by 6%
- Rubber and Polystyrene remained consistent

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

	GROUPED DATA	%
1	Non - Food packaging	26.1
2	Food packaging	18.9
3	Beverage containers	18.3
4	Beverage rubbish	11.8
5	Chip & Confectionery wrappers	6.7
6	Other [non-identified] items	5.1
7	Plastic bags	4.5
8	Sanitary items	2.0
9	Household items	2.0
10	Toys, sporting equip, ropes & straps	1.8

	INDIVIDUAL ITEM COUNT	%
1	Cigarette butts	14.2
2	Chip & Confectionery wrappers	4.9
3	Plastic bottle caps & lids	4.5
4	Pieces of glass	4.3
5	Straws	4.1
6	Glass alcoholic beverage bottles	3.9
7	Small pieces of paper	3.7
8	PET drink bottles	3.5
9	Glass soft drink bottles	3.4
10	Alcoholic beverage cans	3.4

Grouped Top 10 data made up 97.2% [97.1% in 2017] of reported rubbish.

Individual Item Count Top 10 data = 50% [55.1% in 2017]

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Within grouped data:

- Food packaging as a percentage of all rubbish reported increased by 4.1%
- Non-identifiable items nearly doubled to 5.1% [2.3% in 2017]
- Beverage related rubbish increased by 1.9%
- Chip & confectionery wrappers increased their count by 1.2%
- Household items increased by 0.3%
- Sanitary items made an unwelcome return at 2.0%
- The good news is beverage containers reduced their count to by 3.6% to 18.3% of the whole rubbish count [21.9% in 2017]
- Plastic bags represented 4.5% [5.9% in 2017]. Garbage/rubbish bags represented 2.9% [4.1% in 2017], a welcome 1.2% decrease; supermarket/retail bags represented 1.7% [4.2% in 2017]
- Construction materials dropped off the Top 10 grouping.

Within Individual item data:

- Cigarette butts again came in as the single most counted item this year, representing 14.2% of all rubbish reported by volunteers. This is a welcome decrease of 5.6% over 2017
- Straws made an unwelcome return at 4.1% of all counted rubbish and 10.7% of plastic items
- Beverage containers represented 14.2% – a 1% increase over 2017 [13.2%]. Alcoholic beverage cans increased their count by 0.4%. All other beverage containers in the Individual Top 10 reduced their counts: PET – 1.3%; Alcoholic beverage bottles -0.7%; and soft drink bottles – 0.4%
- Plastic bottle caps and their lids remained static at 4.5% of counted rubbish
- Pieces of glass, glass soft drink bottles and small pieces of paper all made unwelcome returns
- On the good news front – garbage bags, cigarette lighters, soft drink cans and food wrappers all fell of this list.

FAVOURITE CLEAN UP SITES

	# of sites surveyed	Number of items found	% of states total waste	Average number of items
Waterways	144	62,327	15%	433
Parks	208	86,278	21%	415
Beach/Coastal	140	69,170	16%	494
Roadway	152	5,7469	14%	378
Bushland	113	45,858	11%	406
School Grounds	67	35,356	8%	528
Outdoor Transport	5	7,512	2%	1,502
Shops/malls	18	7,436	2%	413
Dive Site	4	6,314	2%	1,578
Other	44	42,545	10%	967

Parks were the most popular site surveyed in 2018, also recording the highest percentage of total waste across the country. Dive sites just pipped Outdoor transport areas, recorded the highest average count per site type with 1,578 items

Notable changes over 2017:

- Waterway average counts decreased by 108
- Park average counts decreased by 83
- Beach and coastal areas increased their average counts by 137
- Roadway locations yielded an average of 89 less items
- Bushland area counts reduced by 15
- School grounds, outdoor transport and dive site counts each more than doubled – schools and transport locations increasing by 121% and dive sites by 118%
- Shops/Malls nearly halved their average yield, falling by 399 items
- The average item count from other [non-identified locations] increased by 62%

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