

Clean Up Australia Day
3 March 2019
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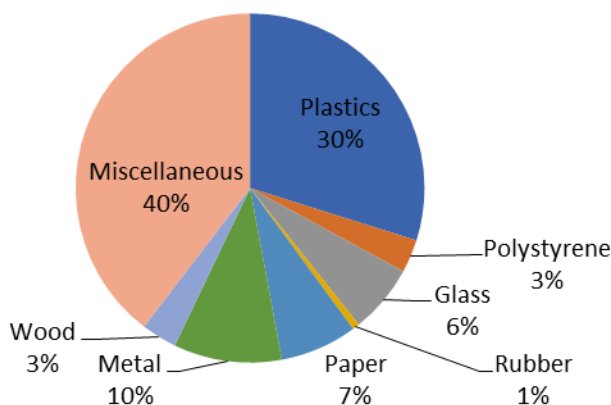


2018 RUBBISH REPORT- AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Sites Registered: 161 [132 in 2017]
Estimated Volunteers: 16,105 [12,361 in 2017]
Estimated Rubbish Removed: 354.2 ute loads [290.4 2017]
Volunteer hours: 32,210 [24,722 in 2017]

The 2018 Rubbish Report is a snapshot of rubbish removed by Clean Up Australia Day volunteers. Across the Territory, the Report is based on rubbish surveyed from 26 locations [23 in 2017]

Major Sources of Rubbish



NOTABLE CHANGES FROM 2017

- Plastics increased by 3%, miscellaneous items and wood by 2% and polystyrene by 1%
- Paper decreased by 4%, glass by 3% and metals by 1%
- Rubber remained consistent

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

	GROUPED DATA	%
1	Non - Food packaging	40.8
2	Beverage containers	18.5
3	Beverage rubbish	15.9
4	Food containers	12.9
5	Chip & Confectionery wrappers	3.1
6	Plastic bags	2.0
7	Toys, sporting equip, ropes & straps	1.7
8	Construction materials	1.3
9	Other [non-identified items]	1.2
10	Sanitary items	0.9

	INDIVIDUAL ITEM COUNT	%
1	Cigarette butts	38.1
2	Plastic bottle caps & lids	8.9
3	PET drink bottles	6.9
4	Metal bottle caps	3.5
5	Glass Alcoholic bottles	3.5
6	Straws	3.3
7	Ice cream sticks	2.9
8	Soft drink cans	2.7
9	Glass soft drink bottles	2.3
10	Chip & confectionery wrappers	2.2

Grouped Top 10 data made up 98% [99% in 2017] of reported rubbish.

Individual Item Count Top 10 data = 74.3% [70.3% in 2017]

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Within grouped data:

- Food packaging as a percentage of all rubbish reported increased by 0.5%
- Beverage containers increased by 7.9%
- Beverage related rubbish increased by 3.1%
- Toys, sports equipment, straps and ropes increased by 0.4%; construction materials by 0.1%
- The good news is food containers decreased their representation by 7.8%; chip and confectionery wrappers by 0.8% and plastic bags by 1.9%; other [non-identified items] by 1.7% and sanitary items by 0.4%

Within Individual item data:

- Cigarette butts again came in as the single most counted item this year, with a disappointing of 1.5% increase

- PET drink bottle counts increased by 4.4%
- Plastic bottles caps and lids increased by 1.9%
- Straws made an unwelcome return at 3.3% of all counted rubbish and 11.1% of plastic items
- Beverage containers represented 15.4% – a 10.1% increase over 2017 [5.3%]. Alcoholic beverage cans increased their count by 0.7% and PET by 4.4%, soft drink cans and bottles made unwelcome returns
- Ice-cream sticks were also back on the list
- On the good news front – metal bottle caps and chip + confectionery wrappers each reduced their representation by 4%. Food wrappers and small pieces of paper, garbage bags and non-identified items all dropped off the list

FAVOURITE CLEAN UP SITES

	# of sites surveyed	Number of items found	% of states total waste	Average number of items
Waterways	9	1,829	34%	203
Parks	10	2,553	48%	255
Roadway	3	293	5%	98
Bushland	3	592	11%	197
School Grounds	0	0	0%	0
Outdoor Transport	0	0	0%	0
Shops/malls	1	83	2%	83
Dive Site	0	0	0%	0
Other	0	0	0%	0

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

Notable changes over 2017:

- Waterway average counts decreased by 63
- Park average counts decreased by 165
- Roadways plus shops & malls sites were included this year due to the receipt of volunteer surveys
- Bushland area counts reduced by 95
- We did not receive any completed surveys from schools, outdoor transport, dive or other [non-identified] sites in 2018

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