

Clean Up Australia Day
3 March 2019
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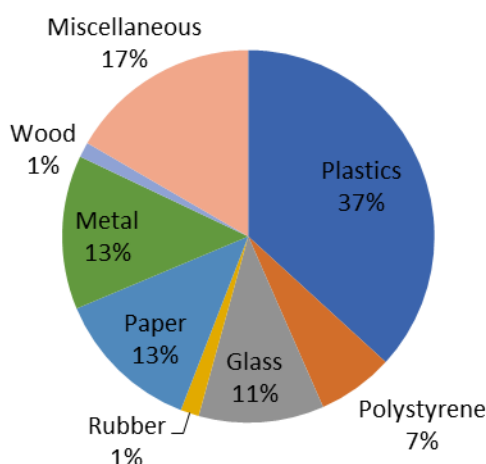


2018 RUBBISH REPORT- VICTORIA

Sites Registered: 1,462 [1,361 in 2017]
Estimated Volunteers: 25,018 [97,095 in 2017]
Estimated Rubbish Removed: 688.6 ute loads [2,994.2 in 2017]
Volunteer hours: 50,036 [194,190 in 2017]

The 2018 Rubbish Report is a snapshot of rubbish removed by Clean Up Australia Day volunteers. Across Victoria, the Report is based on rubbish surveyed from 153 locations [150 in 2017]

Major Sources of Rubbish



NOTABLE CHANGES FROM 2017

- Glass increased by 3%, polystyrene and paper by 2%, metals by 1%
- Plastics decreased by 5% and miscellaneous items by 3%
- Rubber and wood remained consistent

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

GROUPED DATA			INDIVIDUAL ITEM COUNT		
		%			%
1	Non-food packaging	24.2	1	Cigarette butts	15.2
2	Food packaging	21.8	2	Alcoholic beverage bottles	5.0
3	Beverage containers	20.1	3	Chip & confectionery wrappers	4.9
4	Beverage rubbish	10.1	4	Plastic packaging	4.8
5	Chips & confectionery	6.6	5	Plastic bottle caps & lids	4.7
6	Other [non-identified] items	5.1	6	Alcoholic beverage cans	4.3
7	Plastic bags	1.4	7	Pieces of polystyrene	3.5
8	Construction materials	2.0	8	Soft drink cans	3.2
9	Sanitary items	2.0	9	Broken glass	3.1
10	Clothing	1.6	10	PET drink containers	2.9

Grouped Top 10 data made up 97.8% [97.9% in 2017] of reported rubbish.

Individual Item Count Top 10 data = 51.6% [57.9% in 2017]

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Within grouped data:

- Beverage containers as a percentage of all rubbish reported increased by 2.2%
- Beverage container rubbish increased by 2.6%
- Other increases were reported food packaging which rose by 3%, chips & confectionery wrappers which increased by 1.3%, non-identified items which rose by 2.4%, construction waste increased by 0.4% and sanitary items by 0.1%
- The good news is plastic reduced their presence in the count by 15.1%, non-food packaging reduced by 0.5% and sanitary items by 4.5%,
- Household items dropped off the 2018 list, to be replaced by clothing @ 1.6% of reported rubbish

Within Individual item data:

- Alcoholic beverage bottles increased by 0.7%, chip & confectionery wrappers by 1.3%, plastic bottle caps & lids by 1.4% and alcoholic beverage cans by 1.3%
- The good news is cigarette butts decreased by 3.4% and soft drink cans by 0.3%
- Garbage/rubbish bags, retail bags and paper coffee cups all dropped off
- PET bottles decreased their counts by 0.5%
- Additions to the 2018 list were plastic packaging, pieces of polystyrene and broken glass.

FAVOURITE CLEAN UP SITES

	# of sites surveyed	Number of items found	% of states total waste	Average number of items
Waterways	28	16,073	20%	574
Parks	34	12,566	16%	370
Beach/Coastal	22	16,249	20%	739
Roadway	27	11,114	14%	412
Bushland	17	6,745	8%	397
School Grounds	6	8,912	11%	1,485
Outdoor Transport	3	1,688	2%	563
Shops/malls	4	2,575	3%	644
Dive	0	0	0%	0
Other	12	4,726	6%	394

Parks were the most popular site surveyed in 2018, waterways and beach/coastal areas sharing the highest percentage of total waste. School grounds recorded the highest average number of items across the state.

Notable changes over 2017:

- Three locations recorded increased average item counts this year:
 - Students across the state were very active, more than doubling their average count from 642 in 2017 to 1,485
 - Beach/coastal areas more than doubled their average count to 739 [296 in 2017]
 - Waterways recorded a slight increase of 4 items
- All other locations recorded decreased average counts:
 - Non-identified locations reduced their average count by more than 50% [855 in 2017]
 - Shops/Malls and outdoor transport areas each nearly halved their counts – shops reducing by 610 and outdoor areas recording 563 in 2018 versus 1,088 last year
 - Municipal roadways reduced by 224
 - Bushland areas dropped by 5 items
- We didn't receive any reports from dive site this year [one site in 2017 recorded 1,254 items].

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