

QLD RUBBISH REPORT



The 2020 Rubbish Report is a snapshot of rubbish removed by Clean Up Australia volunteers. Across Queensland, the Report is based on the count of 123,363 rubbish items from 331 surveyed locations (126,358 items from 232 locations in 2019).

ESTIMATED VOLUNTEERS:

141,229

165,483 in 2019



3,633.6

ESTIMATED UTE LOADS
3,488.8 in 2019 REMOVED



VOLUNTEER HOURS:

282,458

330,966 in 2019



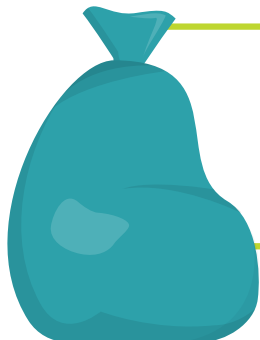
SITES REGISTERED:

1,617



1,570 in 2019

NOTABLE CHANGES FROM 2019



% INCREASE

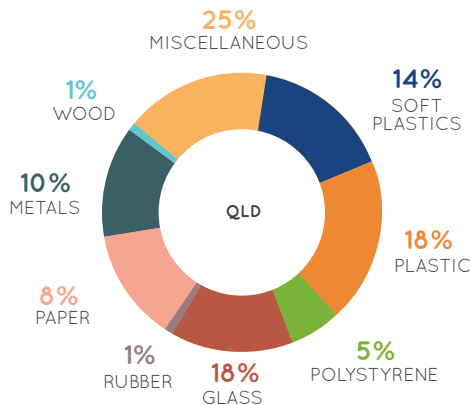
As a percentage of types of rubbish reported, **glass increased by 9%** - making glass as a proportion of reported rubbish **4.38% higher than the national average**

PLASTICS

Plastics reduced by **4%**, polystyrene by **3%**, paper by **2%** and metals by **1%**. **Soft plastics** reflected **14%** of the plastics count - in line with national averages

Wood remained consistent as a percentage of counted rubbish. Miscellaneous items increased by **2%** and rubber by **1%**

MAJOR TYPES OF RUBBISH REPORTED



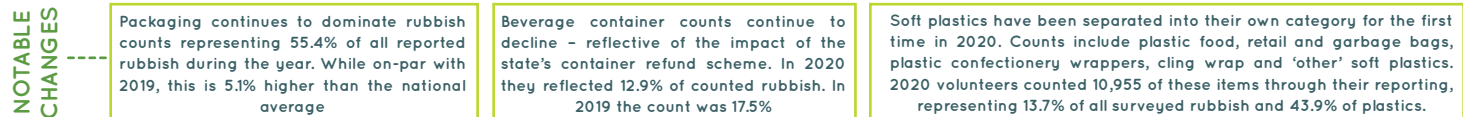
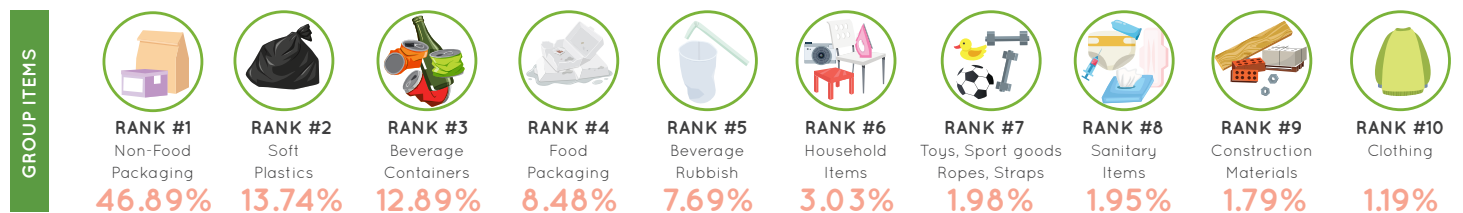
2020 participation reflects the impact of COVID-19 on volunteer capacity to join with their neighbours and friends to clean up their favourite locations.

Despite local lockdowns and restrictions, QLD volunteers continued to Step Up to Clean Up with a **3% increase** in the number of registered activities across the state.

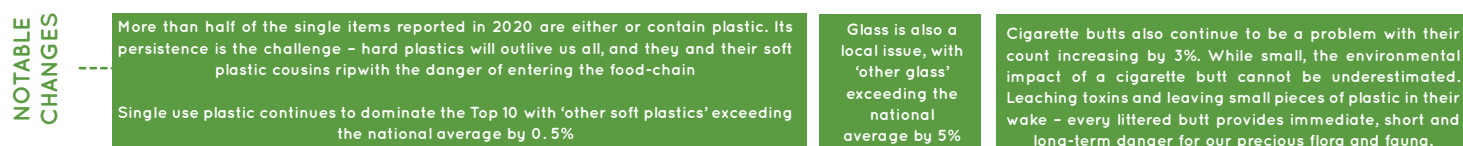
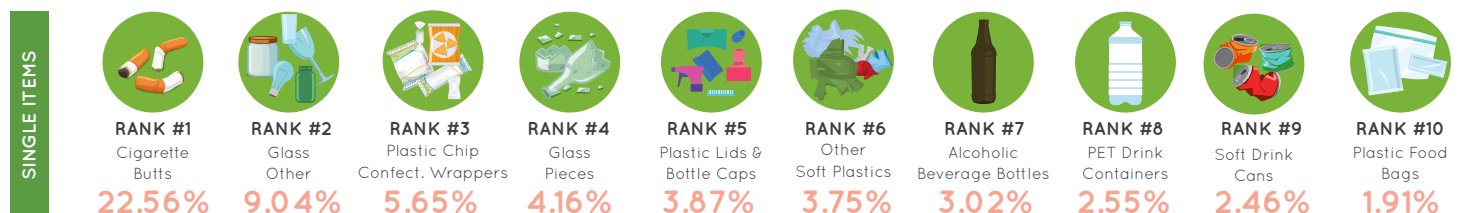


This clearly demonstrates the importance volunteers place on local parks, streets, waterways and bushland and we applaud the estimated 141,229 volunteers who donned a mask and gloves during 2020.

TOP TEN RUBBISH ITEMS AS A % OF THE TOTAL RUBBISH SURVEYED



*Grouped Data made up 99.6% (99.2% in 2019) of surveyed rubbish



*Individual Item Count Top 10 data = 58.9% (51% in 2019)

FAVOURITE CLEAN UP SITES



Across QLD, municipal roadsides, which include footpaths and verges, were the most popular site surveyed by volunteers, increasing from 39 locations in 2019 to 93 locations this year and accounting for 31% of all reported rubbish

While parks are always a popular clean up location, volunteers reported that these and their local streets were more easily accessible during COVID-19 lockdowns, when activity was restricted to short periods of socially distanced outdoor exercise

Parks doubled their number as a popular location this year, accounting for 23% of all reported rubbish



Across all locations, plastics were the rubbish type most commonly reported, representing 28.6% of the total rubbish counted. These were closely followed by miscellaneous items, representing 25.8% of all counted rubbish. Plastic items were the dominant rubbish type reported at park sites - representing 34.2% of rubbish reported in parks and 24.4% of that counted along roadsides



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