

Clean Up



# THE 2019 RUBBISH REPORT

## QUEENSLAND

In Queensland, the Report is based on the count of 126,358 rubbish items from 232 surveyed locations [78,940 items from 208 locations in 2018].

Sites registered:

1,570

(1,629 in 2018)

Estimated Volunteers:

165,483



(141,484 in 2018)

Estimated Rubbish Removed:

3,455.8

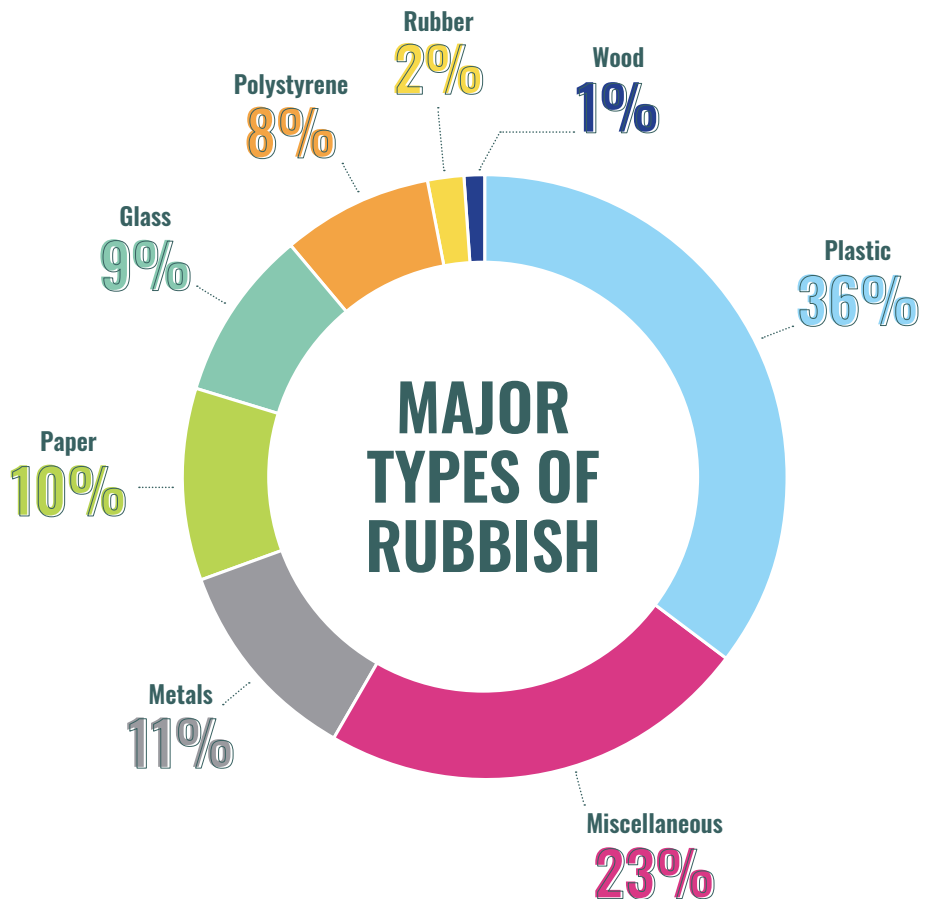


(3,583.8 in 2018)

Volunteer hours:

330,966

(282,968 in 2018)













### NOTABLE CHANGES FROM 2018

- Miscellaneous items increased by 7%, polystyrene by 3% and paper by 1%
- Glass decreased by 10% and metals by 1%
- Plastics, wood and rubber remained consistent

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





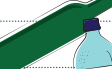





## GROUPED DATA

\*Grouped Data made up 99.2% [96.8% in 2018] of surveyed rubbish.

1		<b>NON-FOOD PACKAGING</b> - 40.8%
2		<b>BEVERAGE CONTAINERS</b> - 17.5%
3		<b>FOOD PACKAGING</b> - 14.5%
4		<b>BEVERAGE RELATED RUBBISH</b> - 9.1%
5		<b>HOUSEHOLD ITEMS</b> - 6.1%
6		<b>CHIP &amp; CONFECTIONERY WRAPPERS</b> - 2.9%
7		<b>PLASTIC BAGS</b> - 2.8%
8		<b>CLOTHING</b> - 2.6%
9		<b>TOYS, SPORTING EQUIP, ROPES AND STRAPS</b> - 1.9%
10		<b>CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS</b> - 0.9%

## INDIVIDUAL ITEM COUNT

\*Individual Item Count Top 10 data = 51% [53% in 2018]

1		<b>CIGARETTE BUTTS</b> - 19.5%
2		<b>PLASTIC BOTTLES &amp; CONTAINERS</b> - 6.6%
3		<b>PLASTIC BOTTLE CAPS &amp; LIDS</b> - 4.3%
4		<b>PIECES OF GLASS</b> - 3.2%
5		<b>PIECES OF POLYSTYRENE</b> - 3.2%
6		<b>ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE BOTTLES</b> - 3.0%
7		<b>PET DRINK CONTAINERS</b> - 2.9%
8		<b>OTHER PLASTICS</b> - 2.8%
9		<b>FOIL CONFECTIONERY WRAPPERS</b> - 2.7%
10		<b>STRAWS</b> - 2.7%

## NOTABLE CHANGES FROM 2018

### Within grouped data:

- Non-food packaging items increased by 20.1% as a percentage of all rubbish reported, and illegally dumped household items rose by 4.1%
- Less significant increased were recorded in beverage container counts [0.6%] and beverage related rubbish [1%]
- Decreases were recorded in counts of food packaging [-9.3%], chip & confectionery wrappers [-3.9%] and plastic bags [-1.3%] beverage related rubbish [-2.3%], toys and sporting equipment [-0.8%], plastic bags by 0.1% and construction waste [-1%]
- Toys, sporting equipment, straps and ropes remained consistent over the last two years
- In 2019, Clothing replaced non-identifiable items within the Top 10 groupings

### Within Individual item counts:

- Cigarette butt counts increased by 6% – marginally behind South Australia as the second highest increase in Australia
- Plastic bottle caps & lids rose by 1% and pieces of polystyrene counts increased by 0.1%
- Decreases were recorded for foil chip and confectionery wrappers [-2.1%], alcoholic beverage bottles [-0.7%] PET drink containers [-0.5%], non-identifiable plastics [-0.5%], and plastic packaging [-0.4%]
- Plastic bottles and containers and pieces of glass replaced small pieces of paper and soft drink cans in the Top 10 counts

## FAVOURITE CLEAN UP SITES

Rivers/creeks were the most popular sites surveyed in 2019. Beach and coastal areas yielded the highest volumes of rubbish. Shops/Malls reported the highest average number of items per community site at 1,709 – nearly four times the 2018 average count [459].

Site Type	Number of sites	Number of items found	% of total waste	Average number of items per site
<b>Rivers/Creeks</b>	54	23,976	19%	444
<b>Parks</b>	45	25,692	20%	571
<b>Beach/Coastal</b>	39	30,216	24%	775
<b>Roadway</b>	39	16,634	13%	427
<b>Bushland</b>	29	14,624	12%	504
<b>School Grounds</b>	12	3,915	3%	326
<b>Outdoor transport</b>	4	2,191	2%	548
<b>Shops/malls</b>	4	6,836	5%	1,709
<b>Other</b>	6	2,274	2%	379
<b>Totals</b>	232	126,358	100%	5,682

## NOTABLE CHANGES FROM 2018

### Five additional locations increased their average counts in 2019:

- Beach/coastal areas increased by 326
- Parks by 229
- Rivers/creeks by 125
- Roadways by 136
- Bushland by 19

### Average counts decreased in three locations:

- Other [mixed] locations by 361
- Outdoor transport areas by 78
- School grounds by 68