

Clean Up



THE 2019 RUBBISH REPORT

VICTORIA

In Victoria, the Report is based on the count of 102,193 rubbish items from 176 surveyed locations [80,649 items from 153 locations in 2018].

Sites registered:

1,531

(1,462 in 2018)

Estimated Volunteers:

111,677



(110,151 in 2018)

Estimated Rubbish Removed:

3,362.2

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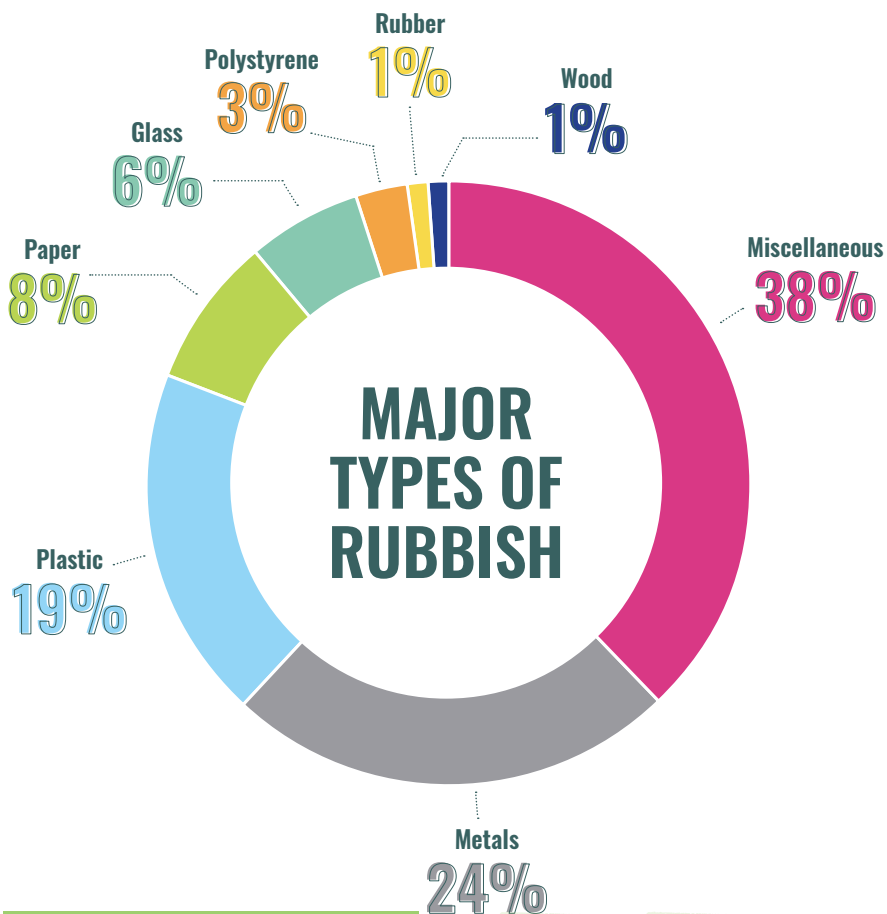


(3,216 in 2018)

Volunteer hours:

223,354

(220,302 in 2018)













NOTABLE CHANGES FROM 2018

- Miscellaneous items increased by 21%, and metals by 11%
- Plastics decreased by 18%, paper and glass by 5%, and polystyrene by 4%
- Wood and rubber remained consistent.

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





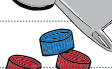




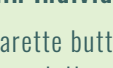
GROUPED DATA

*Grouped Data made up 99.4% [97.8% in 2018] of surveyed rubbish.

1		NON-FOOD PACKAGING - 44.1%
2		BEVERAGE RELATED RUBBISH - 22.0%
3		BEVERAGE CONTAINERS - 13.1%
4		FOOD PACKAGING - 9.6%
5		PLASTIC BAGS - 3.6%
6		HOUSEHOLD ITEMS - 3.2%
7		CHIP & CONFECTIONERY WRAPPERS - 1.7%
8		TOYS, SPORTING EQUIP, ROPES AND STRAPS - 0.9%
9		CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS - 0.7%
10		CLOTHING - 0.5%

INDIVIDUAL ITEM COUNT

*Individual Item Count Top 10 data = 71.8% [51.6% in 2018]

1		CIGARETTE BUTTS - 36.0%
2		METAL BOTTLE CAPS - 17.5%
3		ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE BOTTLES - 2.5%
4		PIECES OF GLASS - 2.4%
5		SOFT DRINK CANS - 2.4%
6		SUPERMARKET/RETAIL PLASTIC BAGS - 2.3%
7		PLASTIC BOTTLE CAPS & LIDS - 2.2%
8		PET DRINK CONTAINERS - 2.2%
9		PIECES OF POLYSTYRENE - 2.2%
10		STRAWS - 2.0%

NOTABLE CHANGES FROM 2018

Within grouped data:

- Non-food packaging items increased by 19.9 %, beverage related rubbish by 11.9% and plastic bags by 2.2%
- Decreases were recorded in counts of beverage containers [-17%], food packaging [-12.2%], chip & confectionery wrappers [-4.9%] construction materials [-1.3%] and clothing [-1.1%]
- Toys and illegally dumped household goods replaced non-identifiable and sanitary items within the grouped Top 10.

Within Individual item counts:

- Cigarette butt counts topped the list in 2019 at 36% - a disappointing 20.8% increase from 2018 – the highest increase in Australia
- Alcoholic beverage bottles increased their count by 12.5%
- Decreased counts were recorded for plastic bottle caps & lids [-2.5%], alcoholic beverage cans [-1.8%], pieces of polystyrene [-1.3%], soft drink cans [-0.8%], pieces of glass [-0.7%] and PET containers [-0.7%]
- Additions to the 2019 list were metal bottle caps and retail bags– replacing chip & confectionery wrappers and plastic packaging.

FAVOURITE CLEAN UP SITES

Parks were the most popular sites surveyed in 2019. Other [mixed] locations recorded the highest average rubbish counts.

Site Type	Number of sites	Number of items found	% of total waste	Average number of items per site
Rivers/Creeks	35	11,476	11%	328
Parks	45	32,708	32%	727
Beach/Coastal	21	14,294	14%	681
Roadway	33	16,221	16%	492
Bushland	15	6,530	6%	435
School Grounds	10	4,748	5%	475
Shops/malls	1	159	0%	159
Dive	1	43	0%	43
Other	15	16,014	16%	1,068
Totals	176	102,193	100%	4,407

NOTABLE CHANGES FROM 2018

This is the first year we have received data from Victorian dive sites – noting an average of 43 items from one location.

Four additional location types recorded increases in average counts in 2019:

- Other [mixed] locations nearly trebled their average counts to 1,068 [394 in 2018]
- Parks nearly doubled their average counts to 727 [370 in 2018]
- Roadways recorded an increase of 88
- Bushland areas recorded an increase of 38

All other location types reported reduced average counts:

- School grounds reduced their average counts by two-thirds, recording 475 in 2019 compared to 1,485 the previous year
- Rivers/creeks reduced their average count by 42% to 328 [574 in 2018]
- Beach/coastal areas reported an average of 58 fewer items
- Shops/Mall counts were reduced by 485 to 159 [644 in 2018]