

**Clean Up Australia Day**  
2 March 2014  
**Schools Clean Up Day**  
25 February 2014  
**Business Clean Up Day**  
28 February 2014



MAJOR SPONSOR



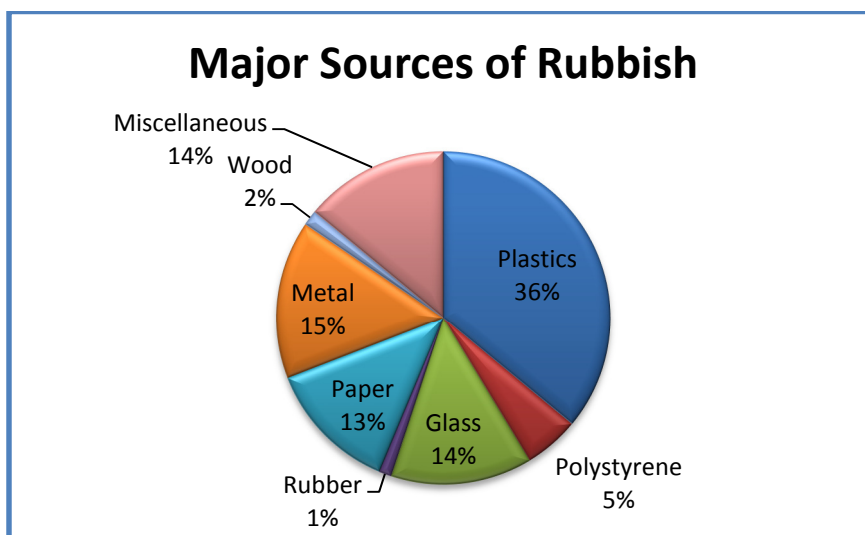
## 2013 RUBBISH REPORT- NATIONAL

**Sites Registered:** 8,254 [7,430 in 2012]

**Estimated Volunteers:** 604,994

**Estimated Rubbish Removed:** 18,129 tonnes

The 2013 Rubbish Report is a snap-shot of rubbish removed by Clean Up Australia Day volunteers. Nationally, the Report is based on rubbish surveyed from 929 sites.



### NOTABLE CHANGES FROM 2012

- Plastics decreased by 2% to 36%
- Paper increased by 2%
- Glass, and wood each increased by 1%
- Metals and rubber both decreased by 1%
- Miscellaneous items and polystyrene remained consistent

SPONSORS



COMMUNITY SPONSOR



SUPPLIERS



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

Top 10	Item Description	Percentage
1	Cigarette butts	11%
2	Alcoholic beverage containers	10%
3	Non-alcoholic beverage containers	10%
4	Bottle caps & lids	9%
5	Chips and confectionary wrappers	7%
6	PET beverage containers	5%
7	Glass pieces	3%
8	Plastic food bags	3%
9	Straws	3%
10	Small pieces of paper	2%

### INTERESTING FACTS

- For the first time in 20 years beverage containers and their associated rubbish have outstripped cigarette butts as the most removed items within the National Top 10. Increasing by 12% in 2013, beverage containers and their associated rubbish make up 36% of all rubbish counted [23% in 2012]. Within the Top 10 beverage rubbish represented 59% of the count [49% in 2012]
- Non-alcoholic beverage bottles and cans increased by 3%; alcohol beverage containers by 6%, PET beverage containers by 1%, bottle caps and lids increased by 3%. Straws remained consistent
- Cigarette butts increased by 2%
- Chips/confectionary wrappers decreased by 0.5%
- Glass reduced its count within surveys by 1% in 2013
- After a year of absence in 2012, small pieces of paper and straws are back in the Top 10

### THE MOST POLLUTED SITES

AUSTRALIA				
Site type	Number of Sites	Number of items found	% of National total waste	Average number of items per site
Parks	246	52,021	15	211
Roadway	204	88,953	26	436
River/Creek	148	42,717	13	289
Beach/Coastal	105	68,903	20	656
Public Bushland	109	37,134	11	341
Shops/malls	28	12,881	4	460
School Grounds	41	9,445	3	230
Outdoor Transport	14	13,903	4	993
Other	33	2,015	1	61
Dive Site	1	8,751	3	8,751

- While parks were the most popular site surveyed in 2013, the 1 dive site surveyed recorded the highest average number of rubbish items @ 8,751. This was a dramatic increase of 8,435 over 2012 when the average count was 316 across 43 sites.
- Three site types recorded increases in their average rubbish item count for 2013:
  - Outdoor transport sites rose from 163 across 3 sites to 993 across 14 sites
  - Beach/coastal increased their average item count to 656 across 105 locations [295 across 157 in 2012]
  - Rivers/creeks recorded a modest increase to 289 items across 148 sites versus 280 across 201 sites
- All other site types recorded a reduced average item count this year:
  - Shops & mall recorded an average decrease of 123 across 28 sites @ 460 items. Count in 2012 was 583 across 20 sites
  - 'Other' sites decreased their average count to 61 across 33 sites in 2013; last year the count was 129 items across 6 sites
  - School grounds average count decreased to 230 across 41 surveyed sites [349 across 99 sites in 2012]
  - Roadways recorded an average of 436 across 204 sites versus 505 across 117 sites last year
  - Parks count decreased from 281 across 207 sites to 211 across 246 sites.