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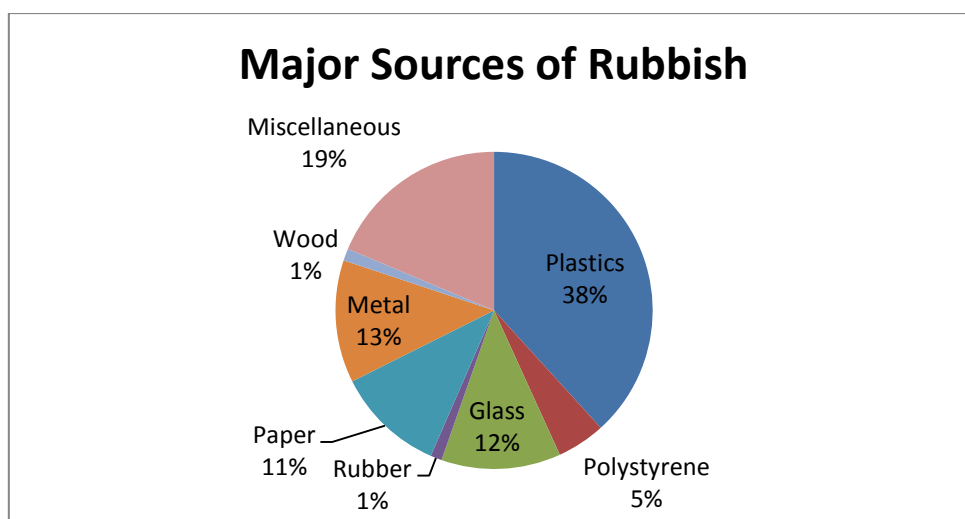
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2016 RUBBISH REPORT- VICTORIA

Sites Registered: 1,377 [1,425 in 2015]
Estimated Volunteers: 85,401 [91,899 in 2015]
Estimated Rubbish Removed: 3,029.4 tonnes [3,135 in 2015]
Volunteer hours: 170,802 [183,798 in 2015]

The 2016 Rubbish Report is a snapshot of rubbish removed by Clean Up Australia Day volunteers. In Victoria, the Report is based on rubbish surveyed from 159 locations.



NOTABLE CHANGES FROM 2015

- Miscellaneous items increased by 4%, plastics by 2%
- Polystyrene, glass and rubber all remained consistent
- Paper decreased by 2%, metals by 3%, glass by 5% and wood by 1%

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

GROUPED DATA

	Item Description	%
1	Beverage Containers	26.6
2	Food packaging	17.5
3	Non-food packaging	16.5
4	Plastic bags	13.0
5	Household items	10.3
6	Chip & confectionery wrappers	5.4
7	Beverage rubbish	3.6
8	Non-identified items	1.7
9	Construction materials	1.7
10	Clothing	1.5

INDIVIDUAL ITEM COUNT

	Item Description	%
1	Garbage/rubbish bags	11.7
2	Ceramics	10.0
3	Cigarette butts	7.5
4	Soft drink cans	5.3
5	Soft drink bottles	5.2
6	Plastic fruit juice bottles	5.1
7	Alcoholic beverage bottles	4.1
8	Plastic bottle caps & lids	2.7
9	PET bottles	3.2
10	Pieces of polystyrene	3.2

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INTERESTING FACTS

- Grouped Top 10 data made up 97.8% [97.1% in 2015] of reported rubbish. Individual Item Top 10 data = 58.8% [51.7% in 2014]
- Within grouped data, beverage containers represented 26.6% of the whole rubbish count [26.9% in 2015] and 25.6% of the Top 10 individual items [23.8% in 2015]. Within individual counts non-alcoholic bottles and cans increased by 5.8% and PET by 0.5%. Alcoholic beverage bottles reduced in count by 4.5% and associated beverage related rubbish dropped by 4.7% with metal bottle caps dropping off the list completely.
- Cigarette butt counts reduced by 6.7%
- Rubbish/garbage bags was a surprising #1 individual item in 2016, representing 11.7% of the individual count. In 2015 these bags came in @#15 reflecting 1.8% of rubbish that year
- Another surprise addition to the individual item count was ceramics with a count of 3,122 items – representing 10% of the total rubbish count. In 2015 ceramics were ranked #27 reflecting only 1% of that year's count.

THE MOST POLLUTED SITE

Site Type	Number of site	Number of items found	% of states total waste	Average number of items per site
Waterways	22	11,297	29%	514
Parks	35	8,604	22%	246
Beach/Coastal	43	3,822	10%	89
Roadway	24	4,746	12%	198
Bushland	11	3,470	9%	315
School Grounds	33	1,316	3%	40
Outdoor Transport	6	2,231	6%	372
Shops/malls	4	1,958	5%	490
Other	11	1,393	4%	127

While Parks were again the most popular site surveyed, waterways recorded the highest average number of rubbish items per site of 514 [339 in 2015].

Two additional location types reported increased average rubbish counts in 2016:

- Bushland areas increased their count to 315 across 11 locations [301 over 13 sites last year]
- Shops/Malls increased average counts to 490 across 4 locations [339 across 23 in 2015]

Remaining locations reduced their average count in 2016:

- Roadways more than halved their average count coming in at 198 per location this year [451 across 26 locations last year]
- Outdoor transport sites also reported a dramatic reduction in rubbish counts [372 across 6 locations this year versus 604 across 3 sites in 2015]
- Beach/coastal areas nearly halved their average count to 89 over 43 locations [390 across 15 sites in 2015]
- School grounds dropped to 40 across 33 sites [205 across 17 sites in 2015]
- Parks' average reduced by more than 50% to 246 from 35 locations [478 from 37 sites last year]
- Other [non specified] sites average count reduced to 127 from 11 locations this year, versus 219 from 7 sites in 2015.

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