

SOUTH AUSTRALIA RUBBISH REPORT 2022

Clean Up



The 2022 Rubbish Report is a snapshot of rubbish removed by Clean Up Australia volunteers. Across South Australia, the Report is based on the count of 22,206 rubbish items from 106 surveyed locations (30,780 items from 67 locations in 2021).

SITES REGISTERED

1,114
(882 in 2021)

ESTIMATED VOLUNTEERS

79,349
(78,842 in 2021)

VOLUNTEER HOURS

158,698
(151,684 in 2021)

NOTABLE CHANGES FROM 2021

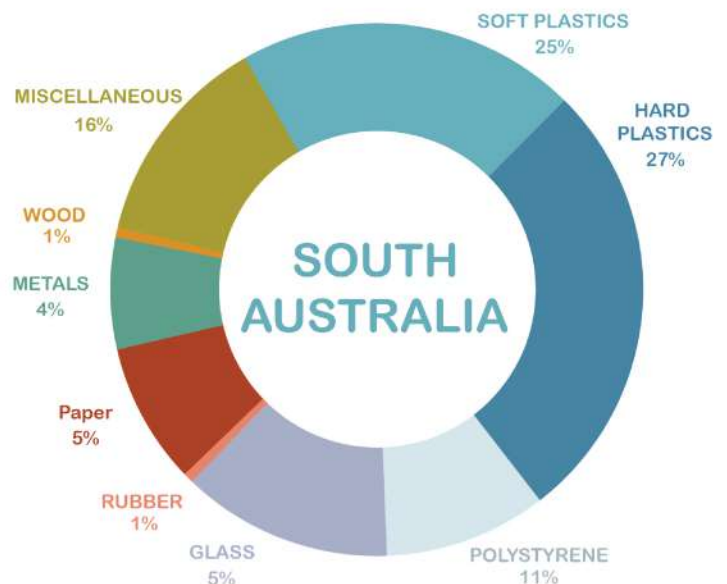
Glass by 7%
Hard plastics by 6%
Polystyrene by 6%
Misc. items by 13%
Paper by 9%
Metals by 6%
Glass by 2%

Rubber and wood maintained on-par at 1%

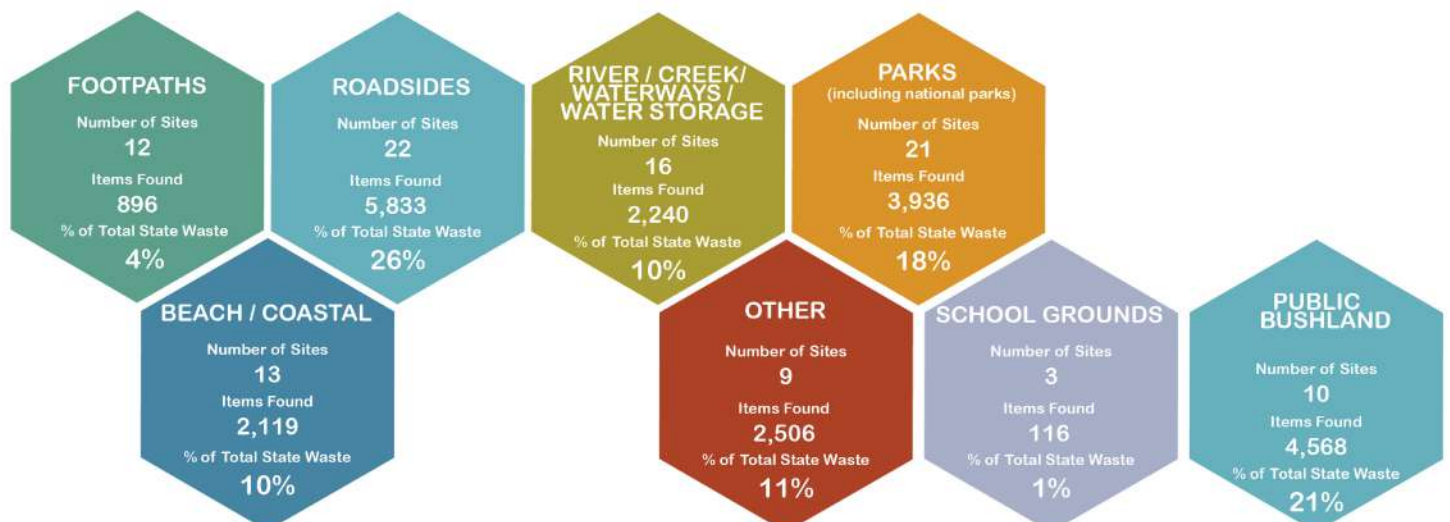
Reflecting volunteer feedback about the impact of recently introduced single-use items such as face masks, 2022 data included a number of new items and groupings such as e-waste.

This feedback reinforces volunteer engagement with Clean Up action and is a clear reminder that the desire to remove rubbish from their streets, beaches, parks, bushland and waterways remains as relevant today as it was over 33 years ago when volunteers first took action.

MAJOR TYPES OF RUBBISH REPORTED



FAVOURITE CLEAN UP SITES



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

GROUPED
ITEMS

#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	#10
Non-Food Packaging	Soft Plastics	Food Packaging	Beverage Containers	Beverage Rubbish	Sanitary Items	Household Items	Construction Material	Sporting Equipment / Toys	Clothing
32.2%	20.9%	13.3%	10.1%	8.6%	8.4%	3.6%	0.9%	0.6%	0.6%

While items within the Top 5 of Grouped items remain relatively consistent with 2021, we saw a swap of items 4 and 5, reflective of a decrease of 2.5% in beverage related rubbish.

Increases were noted across non-food packaging [up 7.4%]: sanitary items [up 4.8%] and beverage containers [up 0.7%].

The good news is household items decreased by 4.5%, soft plastics by 2.3%, beverage related rubbish by 2.5%, toys/sporting equipment by 1.4% and clothing by 0.3%.

INDIVIDUAL
ITEMS

#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	#10
Soft Plastics	Cigarette Butts	Glass Pieces	Face Masks	Plastic Packaging Pieces	Bottle Caps & Lids	Fast Food / Take Away Containers	Single Use Plastic Bottles	Aluminium Beverage Cans	Chips & Confect. Wrappers
15.0%	11.8%	9.6%	5.7%	5.1%	4.2%	3.9%	3.8%	3.7%	3.4%

Top 10 individual items counts moved a number of rankings in 2022, with face masks, fast food/takeaway containers, plastic packaging pieces, single use bottles, and aluminium beverage cans all entering the list.

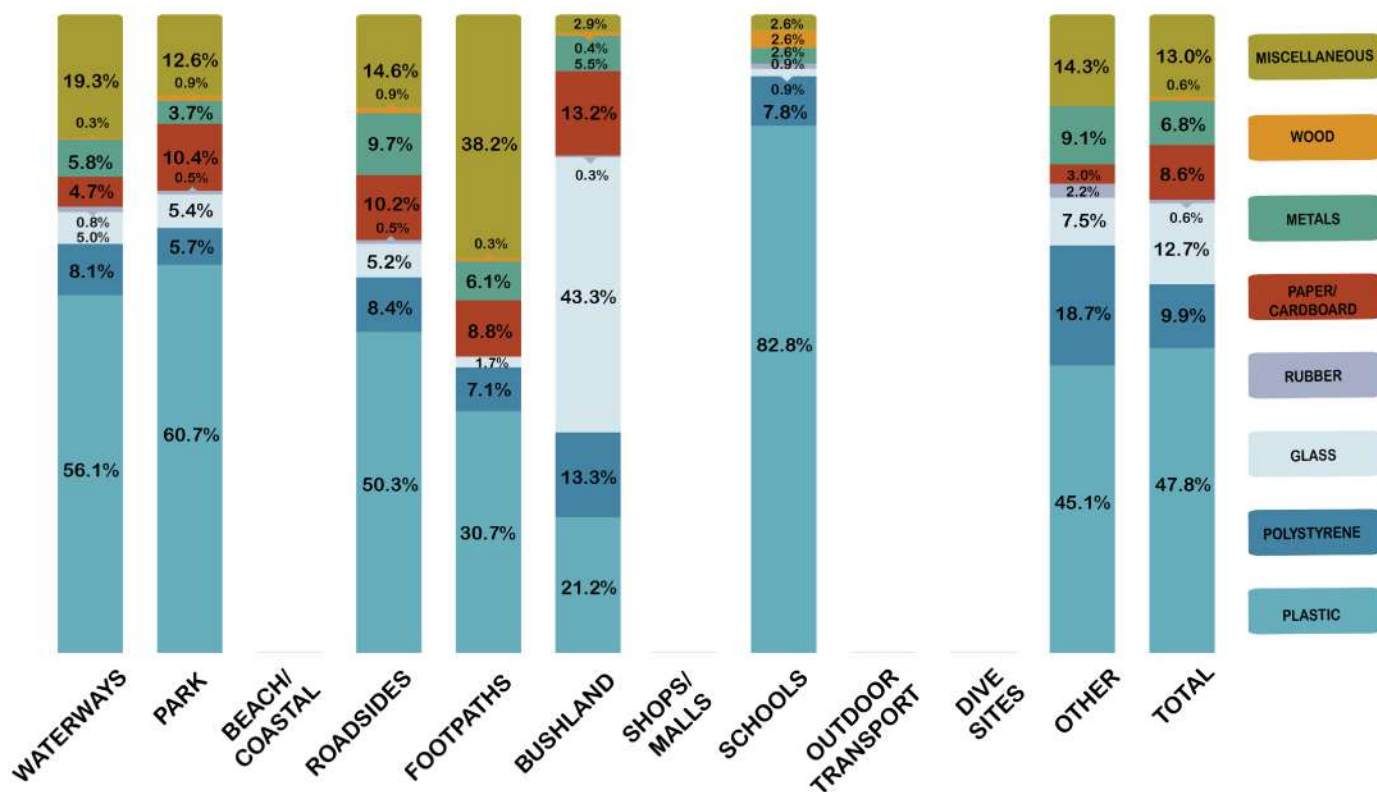
Quick count soft plastics influence a staggering rise of this item by 12.4%. Glass pieces rose by 6.4%, and cigarette butts by 2.7%.

Face masks and single use bottles were other new 'quick count' category items this year. rose by 6.4%, and cigarette butts by 2.7%.

The good news is plastic chip and confectionery items reduced their % presence by 6.6%, dropping from #1 to #10 on the list. And plastic bottle caps and lids reduced their % counts by 1.8%.

Food bags, small pieces of paper, foil confectionery wrappers, napkins & tissues and metal bottle caps all fell off the Top 10 counts this year.

RUBBISH TYPE BY LOCATION



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