

# TASMANIA RUBBISH REPORT 2022

Clean Up



The 2022 Rubbish Report is a snapshot of rubbish removed by Clean Up Australia volunteers. Across TAS, the Report is based on the count of 15,408 rubbish items from 46 surveyed locations (9,559 items from 30 locations in 2021).

## SITES REGISTERED

**358**  
(340 in 2021)

## ESTIMATED VOLUNTEERS

**21,886**  
(16,352 in 2021)

## VOLUNTEER HOURS

**43,772**  
(32,704 in 2021)

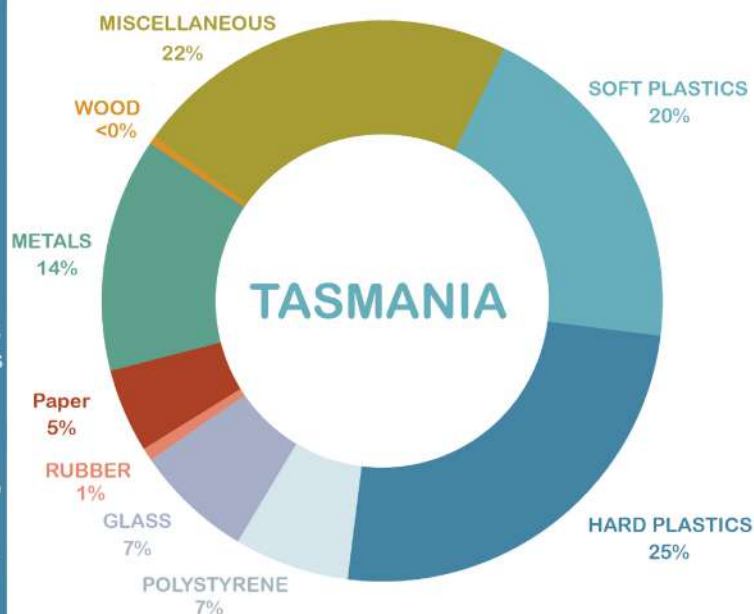
## NOTABLE CHANGES FROM 2021



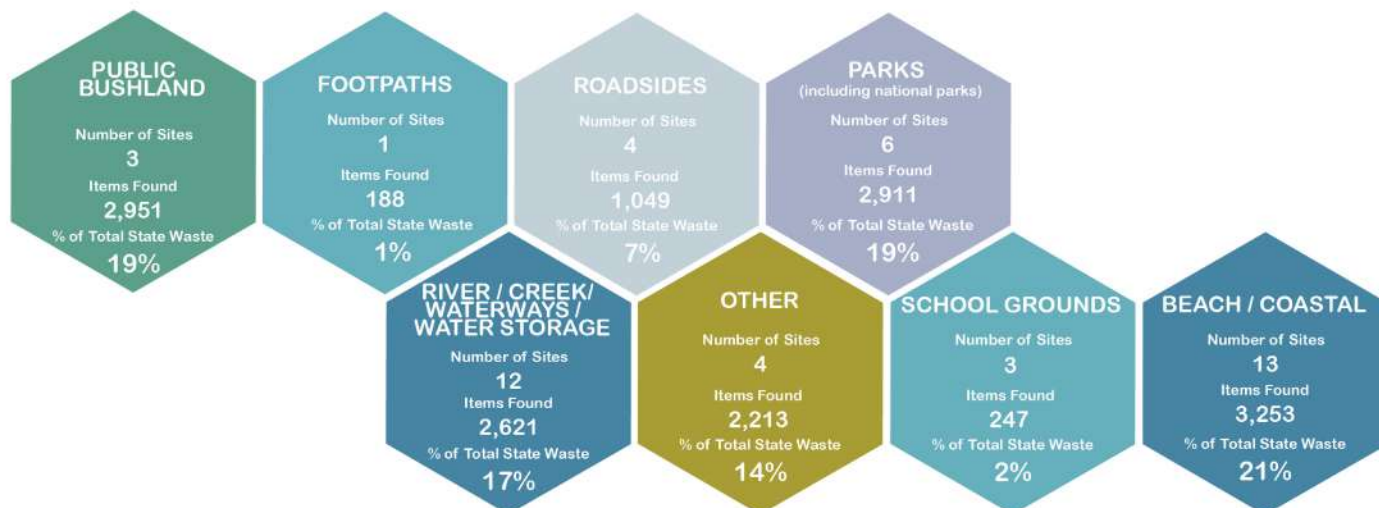
Reflecting volunteer feedback about the impact of recently introduced single-use items such as face masks, 2022 data included a number of new items and groupings such as e-waste.

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	Beverage Containers	Soft Plastics	Food Packaging	Beverage Rubbish	Household Items	Construction Materials	Sanitary Items	Motor Vehicle Parts	Clothing
	29.0%	26.2%	20.1%	8.8%	4.0%	3.9%	3.0%	2.1%	0.8%	0.7%

While items within the Top 10 groupings remain relatively consistent with 2021, we saw sanitary items re-join at #8 and toys/sporting equipment drop off the list, this year coming in at #12.

Increases were noted across non-food packaging [up 5.2%], beverage containers [up 4.6%], household items [up 2.1%], and construction materials [up 0.8%].

The good news is soft plastics decreased by 9.1%, beverage related rubbish by 2.8%, motor vehicle parts by 0.9%, food packaging by 0.6% and clothing by 0.5%.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	#10
	Cigarette Butts	Quick Count Soft Plastics	Single Use Plastic Bottles	Aluminium Beverage Cans	Glass Pieces	Fast Food / Take Away Containers	Straws	Coffee Cups	Small Paper Items	Plastic Packaging Pieces
	20.2%	17.7%	10.9%	8.3%	4.2%	3.0%	2.6%	2.5%	2.5%	2.2%

We noted considerable movement within the Top 10 individual items counts in 2022, with single use bottles, glass pieces, fast food/takeaway containers, straws, coffee cups and small pieces of paper all entering the list.

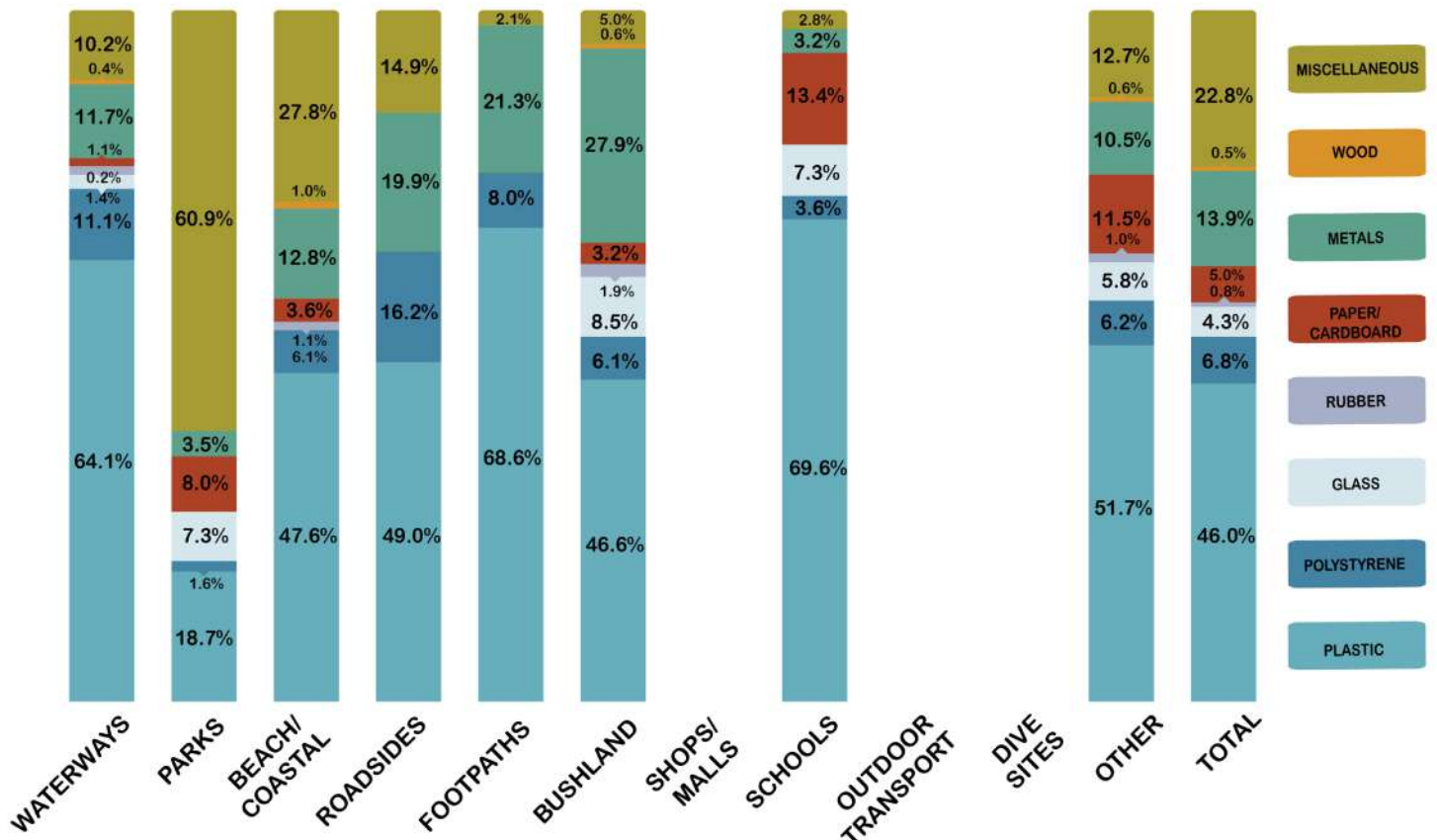
Cigarette butts rose a staggering 12.5%, quick count soft plastics contributed to a 11.1% rise of these items, and aluminium beverage cans rose by 4.1%.

In addition to quick count soft plastics, face masks, single use bottles and coffee cups were also new 'quick count' category items this year.

The good news is plastic chip and confectionery wrappers reduced their count to the point they dropped from the #1 item in 2021 to not appear in the Top 10. Plastic packaging pieces also reduced their % presence by 2.1%, dropping from #7 to #10 on the list.

Food bags, soft drink bottles, alcoholic beverage bottles, plastic bottle caps & lids and fruit juice bottles all fell off the Top 10 this year.

## RUBBISH TYPE BY LOCATION



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