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# HEY TOSSER!

*You know it's wrong*



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bushland and wildlife.

**Don't be a tosser,  
take your rubbish with you.**



# What is litter?

The people of Port Stephens value a clean, green environment around them. We love spending time in the outdoors, visiting beaches, parks and bushland, and we want our environment to be clean and safe. Not only that, we don't want litter to affect the beauty of these places or damage our precious wildlife, vegetation and water quality. Responsibility for litter rests with all of us, starting with our own individual behaviour.

## What is 'depositing litter' according to the law?

The definition of 'depositing litter' under the POEO Act 1997 is:

'Depositing litter in or on a place includes:

- ▮ dropping or throwing litter in, on, into or onto the place.
- ▮ leaving litter in or on the place.
- ▮ putting litter in such a location that it falls, descends, blows, is washed, percolates or otherwise escapes or is likely to fall, descend, blow, be washed, percolate or otherwise escape into or onto the place.
- ▮ causing, permitting or allowing litter to fall, descend, blow, be washed, percolate or otherwise escape into or onto the place.'

## What is Council doing?

Council is partnering with the EPA/NSW Government in Litter Prevention Programs.

The NSW Government has committed considerable funding to revitalise litter programs as part of the broader Waste Less, Recycle More initiative.

The EPA is coordinating litter prevention programs, including grants to deliver on the Government's commitment to reduce litter and increase opportunities for people to look after their own environments.

Penalties Notices for litter offences range from \$80 to \$900 depending on the item and the circumstances.

# What can you do?

## It's easy to prevent litter every day:

- ▮ put your rubbish in a bin
- ▮ take your rubbish with you if no bin is available
- ▮ keep a bag in the car to collect rubbish
- ▮ put your cigarette butt in a butt bin, or ordinary litter bin when extinguished
- ▮ keep a container in the car to collect cigarette butts.

## You can also:

- ▮ pick up the litter of others, and ask others to pick up their litter
- ▮ contact your local council and local community groups about litter prevention projects
- ▮ report litter from vehicles
- ▮ get involved in a local litter prevention project.



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