



## Sandy Foreshores Fact Sheet 2

### *Dealing with Waste*

### **Carry it in... Carry it out!**

Many of our favourite coastal destinations are too difficult or costly for regular rubbish collection services. Users should consider how they will deal with any waste which they create during their visit.

### **Plan to carry less!**

When shopping and packing for your trip, actively reduce packaging and other wasteful products. Pack goods into reusable, sealable containers which also act to secure your supplies from inquisitive wildlife.

### **Reducing the effects of waste.**

#### *Innovative Ideas*

Noone wants to deal with messy and smelly food scraps and empty tins.

A 'wheelie bin' which attaches to a rear mounted spare wheel is a great idea for keeping waste in a secure location, away from animals and out of the way of people.



#### *Pack lightly*

Avoiding excess packaging makes good sense, both for the environment and for your pocket.

- Every excess piece of packaging adds more weight to your payload, more weight needs more fuel to move it around.
- Heavy items like glass are a burden in terms of weight, but also in terms of leaving a potentially dangerous object behind where it may harm animals, or fellow campers.
- Aluminium cans, or recyclable plastic products can be crushed, are lightweight and lead to overall space and weight savings for the traveller.



Our practices on our Sandy Foreshores have a direct link to the health and beauty of the ecosystems that we have chosen to spend our recreation time in.

Spending some time, and giving consideration to how we leave the areas we visit will serve to ensure that our children and grand children can enjoy these places as much as we do.

## Human waste

Wherever possible you should plan to camp where there are serviced facilities available. However some locations require visitors to 'enjoy' bush toileting.

The following steps will help to ensure that what you leave behind does not cause problems for the environment or your fellow campers.

- Always toilet at least 100 meters from any streams or creeks.
- Ensure that all waste and paper is buried at least 45 cms deep in sand. 15-20 cms in harder soils.
- If your stay is more than a quick one, you should consider using a chemical toilet, make yourself familiar with the locations of the free dumping locations.
- Human waste attracts animals, and is harmful to them, ensure that all waste is disposed of with the local fauna in mind.
- Carry a shovel or trowel and ensure that any holes are refilled and packed down.



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