

# THIS WEEK IN "LITTERLAND"

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## Maybe the next Little Library craze?

In Angus they create "poo stations" from used plastic containers affixed to poles in parks with a bit of wire. Such a simple concept: take a plastic bag if needed, leave a bag for someone else next time. A way to spur people to clean up after their dogs and remove the well-worn excuse, 'I don't have a bag.'

## Litter from cars law applauded

If both Houses of Parliament agree to proposed legal changes for tackling litter, a cleaner day for the UK may be on its way starting in April. One MP, Bob Seely, of the Isle of Wight, says he's hopeful that the law calling to ticket the owner of a vehicle from which litter is tossed and the threat of a cash penalty will change behaviours.

## DID YOU KNOW?

North Carolina Department of Transportation just unveiled an improved litter [website](#). Billed as a user-friendly tool, the site makes it easy to see and adopt areas of highway and for volunteers to report litter collection totals and litter trouble spots.

## Western Australia tallies its rubbish

Ahead of [Clean Up Australia Day](#) on March 4, Western Australia is awash in data about its litter situation. The 2017 Rubbish Report is an analysis of litter tallies from WA's clean up last year. While beaches are a tad cleaner, cigarette butts, alcohol bottles and single use plastic items remain problematic, the report said. Plastic made up 37 percent of all the litter collected. While unacceptably high, that figure is down six points from the previous year. But it's more than double the amount of found paper (18 percent) and metal (17 percent). Litter mainly congregated in waterways and roadsides, followed by parks, beaches and bush land.

## European Commission targets plastic use

The European Commission recently wrapped up a [public consultation](#) on how to wean the world off single-use plastic goods. A report is forthcoming early next year for adoption. Plastic pollution is a concern to 87 percent of Europeans, the EC says. They worry about the impact of plastics on their health. The Commission states that 85 percent of beach litter is plastic: 61 percent of it single-use items and 20 percent related to fishing.

## HEADLINE LITTER GRABBERS (FEB 11 - 18)

Some of what made our News Reel this week

### **The perfect marriage: cycling and picking** [\(2/14\)](#)

In Whanganui, NZ cyclists are midway into a "litter-picking crusade" for February - Bike Wise Month.

### **Traffic cone head in viral video now wanted** [\(2/15\)](#)

A Singapore show off named "deanmr7" on Instagram Stories may be in serious trouble after hurling pylons off an apartment balcony in a video that went viral. The male youth is being sought on "killer litter" charges.

### **New UAE fines peg littering at \$270 and up** [\(2/15\)](#)

Following a nine-month public awareness campaign in UAE, fines have increased. For littering, it's equivalent to \$270 US or as high as \$27,000 for a major offence. Reckless driving over greenery is a \$540 fine.

### **A trap in plain clothes in Wexford Park** [\(2/17\)](#)

A stealth operation to nab irresponsible dog owners is underway in Wexford Park, Ireland, where the job of policing the poop-and-scoop law is carried out by plainclothes officers working during "dog walking hours".

### **Court orders a cleaner, neater Rose Festival** [\(2/17\)](#)

A bench court ordered the mayor and municipality to from a committee to maintain cleanliness and prevent littering at this year's Rose Festival in Chandigarh, India. Allowing eatables, ice cream and vending stalls created littering problems and harmed plants last year. There are 198 varieties of roses on display in 250 flowerbeds - 2,800 rose plants spread over 3.5 acres.