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Council cracks down on illegal dumping

Melton City Council is cracking down on illegal dumpers and litter bugs in a bid to clean up the City.

In 2017, the number of litter notices issued increased by 66 per cent. Council officers issued 748 litter notices, up from 451 in the previous year.

Council issued 105 litter infringements, up from 84 in 2016.

Officers also issued a total of 45 EPA 45ZI Notices – which Council sends to those suspected of being involved in dumping or littering - since July 2017.

In December 2017, Council conducted eight litter blitzes across two weekends.

As a result, officers have tracked down, and are investigating 30 individuals and companies. Fines will be issued, and Council will proceed with prosecution in the Magistrates Court.

City of Melton Mayor, Cr Bob Turner, said litter and illegal dumping would not be tolerated, and offenders would be prosecuted when caught.

“It’s disgusting to think that some people believe they can use our beautiful City as a personal dumping ground,” Cr Turner said.

“You can be fined more than $9000 for dumping rubbish.

“If you are caught illegally dumping, you will be caught and you will be fined; It’s as simple as that.”

Residents can report illegal dumping at melton.vic.gov.au/dumped-rubbish

City of Melton residents are reminded they receive two free tip passes a year to drop off unwanted hard waste at the Melton Transfer Station. This includes both homeowners, and tenants.

Residents can also organise a hard waste collection from their home.

“There is absolutely no excuse for illegal dumping,” Cr Turner said.

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