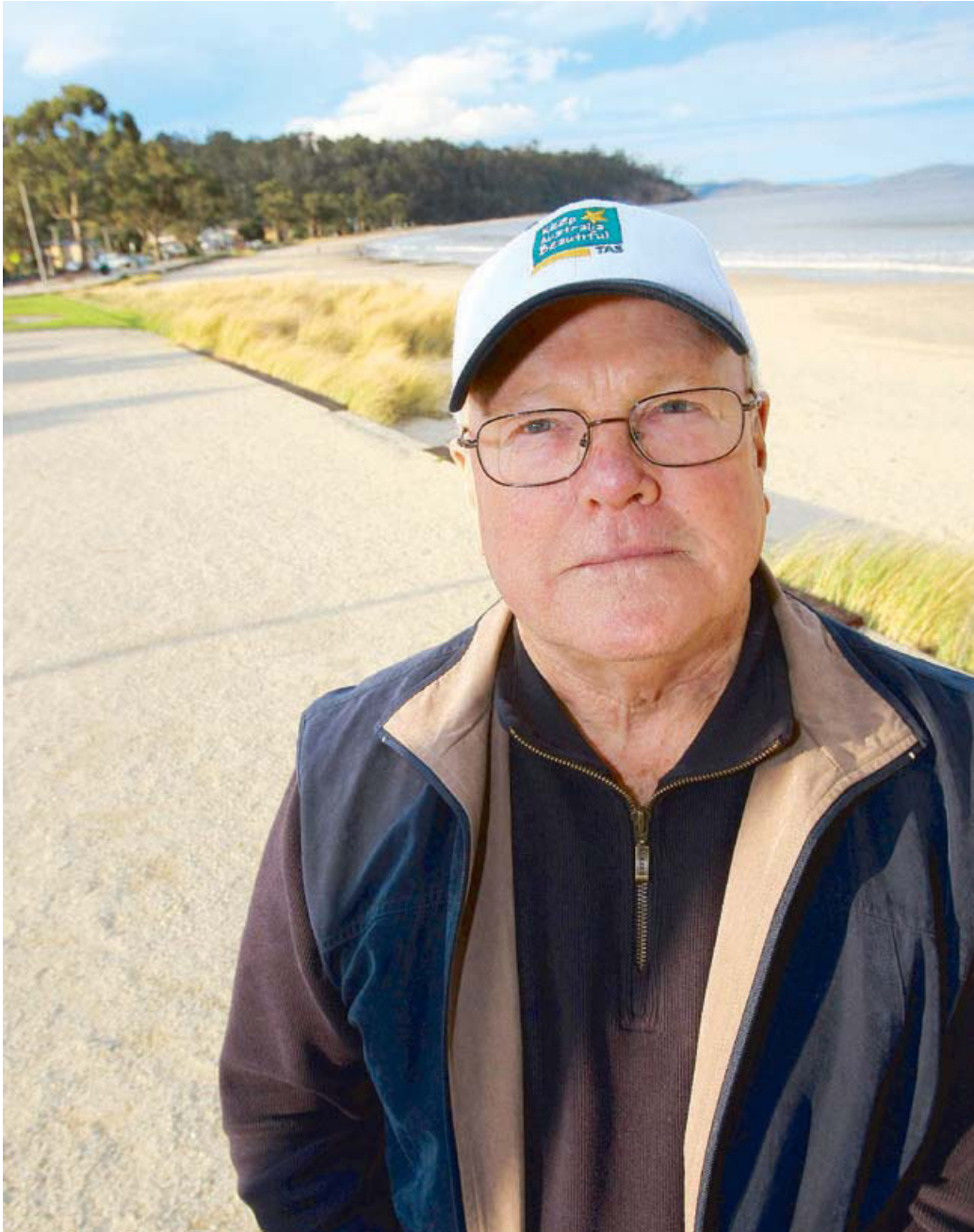


We are nation's worst litterbugs

<p>MATT SMITH YOBBOS throwing cigarette butts and beer cans out of car windows have earned Tasmanians the title of worst litterers in Australia. Keep Australia Beautiful's National Litter Index, released yesterday, found Tasmania is the No. 1 state for bits of rubbish dropped and third for the total weight of rubbish dropped. Keep Australia Beautiful Tasmanian chairman Ken Stewart said he could not understand why the message was not getting through. "This is an unenviable competition that we have won. "The old messages of the Do the Right Thing and appealing to people to have pride in their community seems to be missing the mark with the current culture," Mr Stewart said. Discarded cigarette butts, booze cans and takeaway wrappers were the main</p>	<p>items, accounting for about 60 per cent of the dirty dozen of items littering Tasmania's highways. Mr Stewart said it was about time Tasmanians took the Victorian approach and dobbed in people whenever they saw them littering. "There have been about 500 yobbos dobbed in over the last couple of years," he said. "But that is compared to Victoria, where they get thousands upon thousands of calls each year matched with hefty fines." Tasmanians manage to drop 86 items for every 1000sqm— 20 items more than the national average. These items add up to 9.04 litres for every 1000sq m, which is nearly 1.5 litres more than the national average. The Litter Index is the only national, annual, quantitative measure of litter by type, location and volume for all states and territories.</p>
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DUBIOUS HONOUR: Ken Stewart doesn't understand why we continue to throw our litter everywhere but in the bin.