



Buranda State School P&C Association

Bottle Refund Scheme

Buranda's P&C has now registered as a "Virtual Donation" point which allows our school to share its' scheme ID with our school community, supporters and network base, without physically operating a container refund point ourselves. When you take your containers to an over-the-counter depot, drop-off, RVM or mobile or pop-up site, simply use our Unique Scheme ID to donate your containers and the Buranda P&C will receive the 10-cent refund!

Buranda State School P&C's **UNIQUE SCHEME ID: C10073080**

Eligible beverage containers



Most aluminium, glass, plastic, steel and liquid paperboard beverage containers between 150ml and three litres are eligible for a refund when returned to a container refund point. To be eligible the beverage container must:

- Have contained a beverage product that is not excluded from the scheme. For example, cordials and plain milk are not included in the scheme so containers that have held these products are not eligible for a refund
- Display the refund mark. This is so that the container refund point operator can see if the container is part of the scheme. Most containers will already have a refund mark for SA and NT and these containers are eligible under Containers for Change. Beverage manufacturers have until 1 December 2019 to display the new refund mark on their containers
- Be an approved container. Some containers are made out of materials that cannot be recycled. These containers may not be approved (by the Queensland Government) as an eligible container as the scheme requires that when a refund is paid on a container that container must be recycled.

Excluded beverage containers



There are some beverage containers that are not eligible for a refund. Generally excluded containers are those that are less than 150ml and greater than three litres. Other excluded containers include:

- Any plain milk containers
- Any glass containers which have contained wine or pure spirits
- Containers 1L or more which have contained flavoured milk, pure fruit or vegetable juice, cask wine or cask water
- Concentrated/undiluted cordial or syrup containers
- Sachets above 250ml which have contained wine
- Registered health tonics

Excluded containers, such as plain milk bottles and glass wine bottles, can still be recycled through existing kerbside collection or drop-off services.

<https://www.containersforchange.com.au/where-can-i-return>

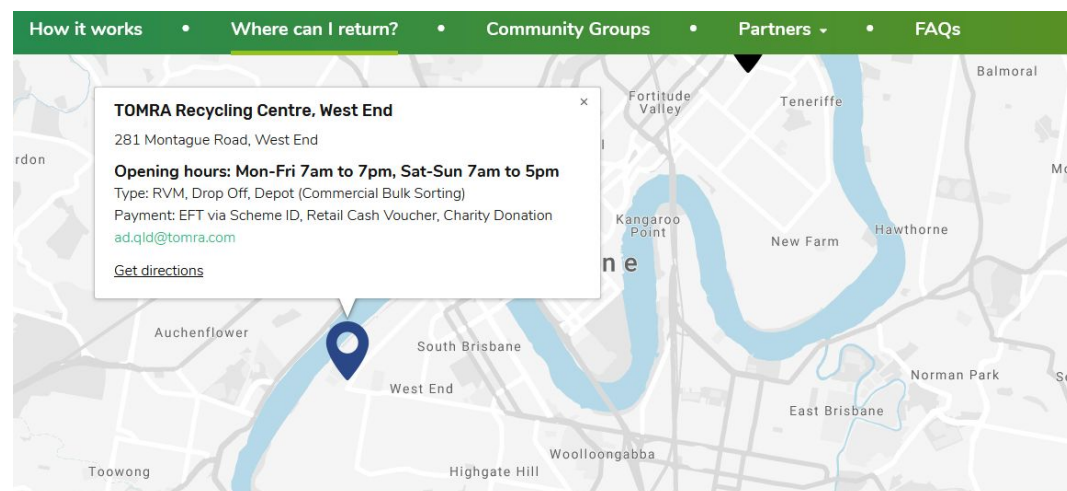
Queensland's Container Refund Scheme - Watch on youtube: <https://youtu.be/REicheZie3Y>

What are the different types of collection points?

- Drop-offs
- Over-the-counter depots
- RVM, Drop Off, Depot (Commercial Bulk Sorting)
- Mobile and Pop-up Refund Points

*** DO NOT USE BLACK GARBAGE BAGS**

*** IF CRUSHING CANS, CRUSH LENGTHWAYS SO BARCODE CLEARLY VISIBLE**





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Drop-offs

Drop-offs are a convenient way to recycle your containers and receive a refund. Collection and counting times at these locations vary. The refund is transferred after containers are counted and generally it takes 24-48 hours to show up in your bank account. Be careful to ensure that all containers are eligible, otherwise this could impact the amount you are refunded vs. what you were expecting.

At these sites, remember three key steps:

- **Bag it:** bag your containers using a bag from your local container refund point; or use your own (single-use plastic bags are not suitable) **NO BLACK GARBAGE BAGS!**
- **Tag it:** tag your containers using labels from your local container refund point, displaying your scheme ID and transaction ID
- **Drop it:** drop off your containers at your local container refund point

Over-the-counter depots

Over-the-counter depots, using manual or electronic scanners, will count your containers immediately and provide refunds in cash or via an electronic funds transfer (EFT) into your bank account – depending on the quantity of containers you have. You will also be able to donate your containers to a community group or charity, using their unique scheme ID (available closer to scheme launch).

Some over-the-counter depots will also provide a drop-off service, allowing customers to quickly 'drop-off' their bags of containers. See below section for further details on this type of refund point.

RVM, Drop Off, Depot (Commercial Bulk Sorting)

Convenient locations with more than one refund option, including:

RVM: Using the unique scheme ID of Buranda P&C, you can scan the barcode and insert uncrushed cans, plastic bottles and liquid paperboard containers into your local RVM.

Drop Off: Drop-offs points are a convenient way to recycle your containers and receive a refund. There are three key steps to remember:

- **Bag it:** bag your containers using a multi-use plastic bag (single-use plastic bags are not suitable) **ENSURE BAGS FAIRLY SEE THROUGH - NO BLACK GARBAGE BAGS!**
- **Tag it:** tag your containers using labels from your local container refund point, displaying your scheme ID and transaction ID
- **Drop it:** drop off your containers at your local container refund point

Depot (Commercial Bulk Sorting): large scale / commercial quantities of containers (refund not provided on the spot).

Mobile and Pop-up Refund Points

Mobile container refund points will provide a scheduled service, allowing customers, community groups and charities to return their containers for a refund either in cash or to the scheme ID provided. These points are operated by over-the-counter depots or drop-offs; usually using a trailer with a cage parked at a regional location such as a community store or supermarket, for a few hours on a Saturday morning (for example).

Pop-up (or temporary) container refund points operate at one-off events or functions. A pop-up can be used as a physical donation point for events such as school fetes.