

KYOGLE COUNCIL

Media Release



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Drink container collection point for Kyogle.

Kyogle is to get a drink container collection point under the State Government's new Container Deposit Scheme.

The manual collection point, which will open on Monday 29 January 2018, will be established at the Kyogle landfill and will operate during normal landfill opening hours.

People will be able to take their eligible drink containers to the landfill, hand them in at the collection point and receive cash or a cash voucher on the spot.

Kyogle Council Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland said Council staff had spent a lot of time over the past few weeks lobbying the EPA and TOMRA Cleanaway to establish a collection point in Kyogle.

"The community has indicated they wanted a collection point in Kyogle and we have done our best to ensure it is delivered," she said.

"This is a great result for our Council area and it's a tribute to staff that their hard work has paid off."

Residents are advised that under the Container Deposit Scheme:

- Crushed cans will NOT be accepted
- Bottles must NOT be broken
- The barcode on the drink container must be able to be read when processed off-site.
- NOT ALL drink containers are eligible for a refund

For further information on what containers are eligible and those that are not and how collection points will operate, go to the EPA's website at: <http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/your-environment/recycling-and-reuse/return-and-earn>

The Container Deposit Scheme, also known as Return and Earn, commenced in NSW on 1 December 2017 with the aim of reducing litter across the State - drink container litter makes up 44% of the volume of all litter in NSW and costs more than \$162 million to manage.

The largest litter reduction scheme ever introduced in NSW, Return and Earn will pay customers a 10 cent refund on eligible 150ml to 3 litre drink containers when presented to an approved NSW collection point.

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