



MEDIA RELEASE

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CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

RETURN AND EARN

The Container Deposit Scheme - Return and Earn - encourages residents to store 'eligible' drink containers and return them to a reverse vending machine to receive a 10c refund per container. The scheme was rolled out in December 2017.

Residents will be able to deliver eligible containers to sites to receive a 10 cent refund per container. The refund is redeemed by being added directly to either a designated Paypal account, donated directly to a nominated charity (will vary with each machine) or alternatively, they can redeem the refund receipt which can be used as cash when shopping at Woolworths Supermarkets.

The Shire currently has a return and earn collection point operating in Lightning Ridge (Ridge Royal Flying Doctor Service, 28 Nobby Road, Lightning Ridge, NSW 2834) and there is an opportunity for a facility in Walgett. Any organisation can apply to be a Collection Point Operator. It is up to TOMRA Cleanaway, the Network Operator, to determine where to locate Collection Points and who they wish to contract with to operate a Collection Point.

To register your interest in running a Collection Point, please visit the TOMRA-Cleanaway website and fill out their online form at: <http://www.tcnsw.com.au/> or call 1800 290 691.

Containers should not be crushed or broken and should have the original label attached to be eligible for the refund. To find out exactly what containers are accepted as part of this program please visit returnandearn.org.au

Please note this is not a Council program, but a NSW wide scheme introduced by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) to reduce the incidence of drink container littering in our community.

For general information about this program including fundraising possibilities please visit returnandearn.org.au.

