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## **GLADSTONE RECYCLERS REWARDED WITH NEW BOYNE ISLAND CONTAINER RECYCLING FACILITY**

Residents of the Gladstone region now have more convenient options for recycling their eligible drink containers with the latest Containers for Change refund point operating in the area.

CQ Recycling & Recovery Boyne Island opened on 31 December to service the communities of Tannum Sands and Boyne Island. The new depot at 16 Dennis St Boyne Island is open 7 days, offering refunds in cash and via EFT through customer scheme ID.

The CQ team have been part of the Containers for Change scheme since it started in late 2018 with a depot in Gladstone. They also ran a mobile service in Calliope which recently converted to a depot to meet customer demand.

Kevin Vickers, owner and operator of CQ Recycling & Recovery said the customer support for their existing services around the Gladstone region showed locals were keen to recycle even more.

“We’ve been with the Containers for Change scheme since day one and we’ve really seen the community taking advantage of the chance to make some change from their recycling,” Mr Vickers said.

“The benefits to the environment, the jobs that have been created and the funds that have gone to charities and individuals are what makes us so proud to be part of the scheme.”

More than five billion containers have been returned statewide and $500 million in refunds have been claimed since the scheme began in Queensland just over three years ago in November 2018.

Ken Noye is the chief executive of Container Exchange, the not-for-profit organisation that operates the Containers for Change scheme.

“This new depot is one of many more opening during 2022, giving Queenslanders even more convenient ways to recycle through the Containers for Change scheme,” said Mr Noye.

“CQ Recycling & Recovery Boyne Island offers a great incentive to charities, community groups and individuals keen to raise funds by recycling drink containers.

“The increased access to recycling in this growing region will make it more convenient for people and community groups in the area to return those containers for a 10-cent refund.”

The facility has opened just in time for customers to take advantage of Containers for Change’s Get Recycling Rich promotion which offers customers the chance to win a $1000 instant cash prize each day as well as go into the draw to win the major $50,000 cash prize.

CQ Recycling & Recovery Boyne Island is open Monday to Friday 7am – 5pm, Saturdays from 10am – 2pm and Sundays from 9am – 1pm.

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For more information visit:

[www.containersforchange.com.au/qld](http://www.containersforchange.com.au/qld)

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| Locals are invited to celebrate the opening of this new refund point at 16 Dennis St, Boyne Island at **9am Monday 7 February.** Staff will be onsite handing out exclusive Containers for Change merchandise packs to customers including insulated cooler bags, stainless steel drink bottles, coasters, white reusable recycling bags and piggy banks!To receive a pack just cash in your empty drink containers for 10 cents each - win-win!There is only have 50 to give away - first in, best dressed. |

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