



Scouts NSW Group Fundraising:
HOW TO RAISE FUNDS
USING THE NSW
CONTAINER DEPOSIT
SCHEME

NSW GOVERNMENT DEPOSIT SCHEME

Beverage container litter is a major issue in New South Wales. Around 160 million beverage containers are discarded as litter across the state per year, equalling almost half the volume of all litter. Beverage container litter costs the NSW State Government more than \$162 million to manage every year. Not only is it an eyesore, but, when discarded, also blocks drains, contaminates land, strangles waterways, and kills thousands of birds and marine creatures who mistake containers for food.

To tackle this issue, the NSW State Government is implementing a 10 cent refund container deposit scheme (CDS), giving everyday Australians a financial incentive to do their part in reducing the volume of litter in NSW. Under the scheme, 10 cents will be paid for every drink container between 150 millilitres and three litres, and displaying a NSW CDS label, when returned to an approved collection point or reverse vending machine.

BENEFITS

- ✓ Helps lift recycling rates of glass, plastic and metal beverage containers
- ✓ Plays a part in reducing the staggering 21,000 bottles and cans that are littered or landfilled in Australia every minute
- ✓ Lowers greenhouse gas emissions
- ✓ Reduces water usage
- ✓ Contributes to benefits to the environment equalling \$282 million over the next 20 years

KEY DATES

- **8 May 2016:** Then-Premier Mike Baird announces Container Deposit Scheme for New South Wales.
- **24 August 2016:** NSW Government releases draft legislation for Container Deposit Scheme.
- **25 October 2016:** Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Amendment (Container Deposit Scheme) Act 2016 is passed by the NSW Parliament.
- **21 December 2016:** 18 applicants are invited to tender for Container Deposit Scheme coordinator and network operator roles.
- **31 July 2017:** Container Deposit Scheme Coordinator and Network Operator announced.
- **1 December 2017:** NSW Container Deposit Scheme rolls out across the state.

RECYCLING IN ACTION: SCOUTS SA

The Container Deposit Scheme is already a huge success in South Australia.

A number of Scout Groups around South Australia collect recyclable material donations from their local communities, raising anywhere from \$2000 to \$10000 per year.

Read on to find out how different Groups are making the Scheme work for them.



Case Study 1: Blackwood Scout Group

Blackwood Scout Group set up a shed area at its Scout Hall, where members of the public can drop off recyclable beverage containers. Volunteers move the donated containers from the shed area to a locked area of the property, where they are stored in wheelie bins, before being transported to the Scouts Recycling Centre.

The Group also collects recyclable material from the local caravan park every fortnight. The Group does not advertise. Blackwood's recycling efforts bring in between \$2,000-\$3,000 worth of refunds per year.



Case Study 2: Belair Scout Group

Belair Scout Group actively collects recyclable beverage containers from the public through monthly bottle drives. The Group distributes ads to local businesses and community groups about the bottle drive in the weeks leading up to the event.

On the day, the Group drives around with trailers to collect the products. 6-10 people are involved in the bottle drive, which takes approximately 3 hours to complete every month.

The Group also collects recyclable beverage containers at its Scout Hall. It uses large collection bins to store and secure the donations. Belair's monthly bottle drives and collection bins bring in \$6,000 worth of refunds per year.



Case Study 3: Fullarton Scout Group

Fullarton Scout Group has set up a 'hole-in-the-wall' operation, allowing members of the public to drop off their recyclable beverage containers into a chute. The containers fall from the chute and into a wheelie bin, which is transported to the Scouts Recycling Centre.

Why throw something away when you can be rewarded for recycling it instead?

The Scouts NSW Recycling Scheme gives Scout Groups a way to actively generate their own income and help ease their financial pressures.

Groups can raise much-needed funds by collecting, storing and transporting eligible recyclable material for a refund under the Container Deposit Scheme.

Every cent refunded through the Scheme can support local Group activities, purchasing equipment, maintaining Scout Halls and fundraising for events!

"Scouts Australia NSW's Scouts Recycling Scheme aims to make the most of the CDS' benefits, offering Scout Groups a unique opportunity to live out the Scout Law, while raising funds to support their activities and initiatives."

Andrew Smith, CEO Scouts NSW



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the NSW Government's yearly cost to manage beverage litter

10c

refund for every container



MAKING THE MOST OF THE

How can my Group get involved?

Scout Groups can set up a donation site at their Scout hall, where friends, family and the community can drop off their donated eligible drink containers. The Groups are responsible for storing and transporting the containers to an approved collection point, where they will be paid 10 cents per eligible container.

What is a donation site?

A site to collect eligible containers without paying the refund to those who deposit containers at that point. Essentially, containers are gifted to the donation site operator (e.g. Scout Group), who can then return them to an approved collection point for a refund. Donation sites are not registered with the Container Deposit Scheme Coordinator and the Environment Protection Authority.

What do donation sites look like?

Donation sites will vary from Group to Group. Some may include shed areas with stacked milk crates, labelled wheelie bins, hole-in-the-wall chutes and/or locked storage bins located within a Scout Group's premises.



What makes a good donation site?

Donation sites must be able to collect, store and transport containers.

Good donation sites:

- are well-lit
- are accessible to the public
- pose no health and safety risks to Scouting members and volunteers
- have clear signage

There may be local Council regulations to consider when setting up a donation site. Check with your Council to see if you need special permissions and approvals.

How can Groups find their nearest collection point?

A full list of approved collection points will be available on the Environment Protection Authority's website before the Container Deposit Scheme launches in December 2017.

Can any Scouts NSW Group participate?

Yes. As long as the Group registers its Expression of Interest and signs the Scouts NSW Recycling Scheme Memorandum of Understanding.



Which containers are eligible for the 10 cent refund?

Most drinks sold in containers between 150mL and 3L will be included in the Scheme. The easiest way to find out if a container is eligible for a deposit will be to check the label – all eligible beverage containers will be clearly marked. Below are some examples of beverage containers which may be eligible for a deposit:



SCHEME FOR YOUR GROUP

How will Scouts NSW support our Group's fundraising effort?

To make the most of the Scheme, Groups must register their interest with Scouts NSW. To support Groups' fundraising, Scouts NSW will:

- Develop and supply an initial marketing kit to interested Groups, including signage, flyers and fact sheets
- Develop an MOU between Scouts NSW and Groups who wish to participate in the Scheme
- Promote participating Groups on the Scouts NSW website and to local media, helping members of the community locate donation sites across the State

Do Scout groups get to keep the money they raise through the CDS?

Yes. While there may be an initial cost to establish a Scouts NSW donation site, 100% of proceeds raised by the Group stay with the Group!



REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

To find out more about the Scouts NSW Recycling Scheme or to register your Group's interest, visit www.nsw.scouts.com.au and complete an Expression of Interest form.



Step 1: Collect

- Find a way to collect eligible containers.
- Set up a donation point at your Scout Hall – for example, a milk crate shelter or a hole-in-the-wall drop chute.
 - Plan a bottle drive.



Step 2: Store

- Store eligible containers at your Scout Hall.
- Wheelie bins
 - Locked storage bin



Step 3: Transport

Deliver your Scout Group's collected goods to an approved collection point.



Step 4: Raise funds

Groups are remitted for their donation

SCOUTS NSW NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We are looking to identify sites around the State where we can set up collection points to help facilitate the Scheme. Collection points are larger-sized depots where Scout Groups bring in and are remitted for their eligible containers. The operation of a collection point requires a formal agreement with the Container Deposit Scheme Coordinator and the Environment Protection Authority.

KEY FEATURES INCLUDE

- Large area (1500 – 2000 square metres), with an entrance and exit gate for traffic management
- Secured storage space (approximately 500 square metres)
- Secured office space, where refunds are recorded and payments are made to Groups
- A team of full time staff including a site manager and operational staff
- Operational equipment such as forklifts and sorting trays/tables
- Existing Council approvals for relevant land use

Do you know a site that can become a collection point? Contact us today!

