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MEDIA RELEASE

WINNERS FROM ACROSS QLD MAKE CHANGE MAKER AWARDS HONOUR ROLL

A family-run recycling business in Bowen, an employee of the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council, and a community group from the Darling Downs were the big winners at the Change Maker Awards.

The Change Maker Awards are designed to recognise Container Refund Point (CRP) operators, logistic providers and processors who are the backbone of the Containers for Change scheme.

The Containers for Change scheme provides 10-cent refunds on eligible containers and has reduced beverage container litter in the environment by 54% across Queensland since its establishment two years ago.

The event included awards presented in the categories Safety, Customer Focus, Sustainability, Innovation and Community Engagement.

Winners in the small to medium business categories came from far-flung points across the state, including Richmond and Normanton in north-west Queensland; Bowen and Mackay on the tropical coast; Barcaldine in Central Queensland; as well as from Toowoomba and Cherbourg.

Envirobank, TOMRA and SUEZ were all winners in the categories for large-scale businesses.

Family-run business Pilchers Recycling was awarded the inaugural People's Choice Award, demonstrating their popularity in the Bowen community.

Christine Beresford, the manager of the Kingaroy CRP run by the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council, was named the Change Maker of the Year for her outstanding efforts in an operation that delivers real benefit to the local community.

That award was presented by Minister for Environment and the Great Barrier Reef, Leeanne Enoch.

The joint venture between Return-It and Lifeline Darling Downs & South West Qld was another popular winner, taking home the Chairman's Award for the ongoing contributions they make in their area.

Ken Noye is the Chief Executive of Container Exchange, the not-for-profit organisation that administers the Containers for Change scheme for the State Government.



He was impressed that the honour roll of winners hailed from so many diverse places.

“I offer my congratulations to all of those who were nominated as well as the winners of the Change Maker Awards – their passion and drive for the Containers for Change scheme is the key to its success and continual growth,” said Mr. Noye

“It is encouraging to see the businesses highlighted in the Change Maker Awards come from a range of different areas across Queensland.

“The scheme provides business opportunities for people who live in the larger cities and regional centres through to smaller, more remote communities.

“This in turn creates jobs and drives back important funds to businesses, individuals and families, as well as sporting and community groups.”

The virtual awards ceremony was hosted by Channel 7 presenter and former Queensland Origin player Shane Webcke.

A special ‘Change Maker’ video featuring the Gold Coast’s Tom Pirie – better known as ‘10 Cent Tom’ – was premiered demonstrating the teenager’s extraordinary efforts in establishing his own recycling ‘business’ from his parents’ home.

2020 CHANGE MAKER AWARDS HONOUR ROLL

Chairman’s Award – Return-It and Lifeline Darling Downs/South West Qld

People’s Choice Award – Pilchers Recycling Bowen

Change Maker of the Year – Christine Beresford – Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council

SAFETY AWARDS

Small to Medium Businesses – Anything Environmental Paget

Large Businesses – SUEZ Emerald

CUSTOMER FOCUS AWARDS

Small to Medium Businesses – Gulf C4C Normanton

Large Businesses – TOMRA

SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS

Small to Medium Businesses – Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council

Large Businesses – Envirobank



INNOVATION AWARDS

Small to Medium Businesses – Ian James McLachlan (Richmond)

Large Businesses – Envirobank

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AWARDS

Small to Medium Businesses – True Value Barcaldine

Large Businesses - Envirobank

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