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**MACKAY BUSINESS WINS AWARD AS QUEENSLAND'S  
FAVOURITE RECYCLERS**

A Mackay recycling business has won the award for favourite container refund point in Queensland at a ceremony in Brisbane.

Anything Environmental was named the People's Choice winner for their outstanding efforts at the annual Queensland Change Maker Awards on Friday night.

Voted for by Containers for Change scheme customers from the more than 320 sites located across the state, the Paget-based business emerged victorious.

The Containers for Change scheme has recycled more than 4.5 billion beverage containers in Queensland in under three years by providing a 10-cent refund for every eligible container returned to a registered refund point.

Anything Environmental's business owners Jo Higgins and Jason Mordey were in Brisbane to accept the award and said they were overwhelmed by the passion that had been displayed by their local community.

"We have fantastic customers," said Ms Higgins.

"The Mackay region is just phenomenal and we truly believe in our community. It is a huge honour that they voted for us and enjoy the service we provide.

"We see people every week that are regulars that have been coming to the depot since day one.

"That is a huge compliment as far as we are concerned – the best compliment you can get from your customers."

Ms Higgins said they were always happy to assist people.

"We always trying to help educate them as well," she said.

"That is an important thing too - letting your customers and the people you speak to know just what they can do through the Containers for Change scheme."

Mr Mordey said the depot always made extra efforts to make the recycling process easy for those people returning beverage containers, whether they arrived with a small bag of containers or a truckload full.

"We tailor a lot of different solutions because we have so many different customers," he said.

"We just try to make it as simple as possible for them – whether they are from a big mining company or are an elderly couple that live down the road.

"Whatever we have to do to make it easy for them, we do it."



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Fourteen different awards across nine categories were presented at the third annual Change Maker Awards on Friday, hosted by Channel 7 personality Shane Webcke.

The awards ceremony live broadcast can be viewed on the [Containers for Change Qld Youtube channel](#).

For more information on the Containers for Change scheme, visit [www.containersforchange.com.au/qld](http://www.containersforchange.com.au/qld).

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*Cleaning up our state since November 2018, Containers for Change aims to increase recycling rates and reduce litter by allowing Queenslanders to exchange eligible drink containers to either earn a 10 cent refund for each container returned, or donate the proceeds of those refunds to their nominated community group.*

*COEX is the non-profit organisation that implements the Containers for Change scheme.*