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**RECYCLED UNIFORMS HELP SHORTLIST BRISBANE  
BUSINESS FOR SUSTAINABILITY AWARD**

Wearing uniforms made from recycled material has helped shortlist an environmentally conscious Brisbane business for a state-wide sustainability award.

Family-owned business Advanced Container Recyclers accept eligible beverage containers for 10-cent refunds through their Containers for Change refund points in Capalaba and Cleveland on Brisbane's bayside.

They have been awarded as finalists in the category of *sustainability for small to medium businesses* in the annual Change Maker Awards that will be held in Brisbane next week.

And it is the shirt on their back that has caught the eye of judges.

Every staff member at their three depots wears custom-made shirts that are constructed from 100 per cent recycled plastic.

For a business that is committed to cleaning up the environment by recycling containers made of plastic and other materials, the product was a perfect fit.

"When it came time to order new uniforms we really wanted to be able to source a sustainable product for our work shirts," said Advanced Container Recyclers' business operator Janelle Zordan.

"We were so excited when we stumbled across these shirts made from 100% recycled plastic water bottles.

"Instantly we knew this was a match made in heaven.

"Each day we now proudly make a change through not only working in the Containers for Change scheme, but we do it in style in our shirts made from recycled plastic bottles."

The shirts are made by a local Indigenous-owned and operated business, Intercept Supply Co.

The 2021 Change Maker Awards offer the opportunity to shine a light on the incredible individuals and organisations creating real change through the Containers for Change scheme, which has recycled more than 4.5 billion containers since it was established in 2018.



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Fourteen different Change Maker Awards will be presented across nine different categories for both small to medium and large businesses that operate in the scheme across the State.

New awards this year include the Charity or Community Group of the Year and the Young Change Maker of the Year.

The Chairman's Award will be presented to an individual for their special efforts within the scheme, while the prestigious Change Maker of the Year award is the final honour presented on the night.

This is the third edition of the awards, which will be compered by Channel 7 personality Shane Webcke at Brisbane's Pullman Hotel on 15 October.

A live stream of the awards can be viewed on the [Containers for Change Youtube channel](#) or at [www.containerexchange.com.au/change-makers](http://www.containerexchange.com.au/change-makers).

For more information on Containers for Change, 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.*