Return and Earn starts 1 December 2017 and offers fundraising opportunities for school communities.

How can schools fundraise through Return and Earn?

Parent and Citizen committees can redeem donated containers at a collection point
Organise collection drives for eligible drink containers through school families and redeem these for 10 cent each at an approved collection point.

Register to become a donation partner on reverse vending machines
Receive donated refunds from people exchanging eligible containers at reverse vending machines

What is Return and Earn?
From 1 December 2017 anyone who returns an eligible drink container to an approved NSW collection point will receive a 10 cent refund.

Return and Earn will help to reduce litter in the environment and contribute to the Premier’s Priority goal of reducing litter in NSW by 40 percent by 2020.

Is there a formal process for collecting donated containers?
No. Any fundraising group, such as a charity, school, community or sporting group can encourage their community to donate eligible containers that can then be redeemed for the 10-cent refund at an approved collection point.

What is a donation partner?
A donation partner is a charity, school, community group or organisation that has entered into an agreement with the Network Operator TOMRA Cleanaway to be listed on a reverse vending machine.

They can receive potential refunds from anybody who chooses to donate to them when returning eligible containers.

Specific eligibility around registered charity and deductible gift recipient status, as well as for schools, sporting and other community groups will be available via www.returnandearn.org.au in early December.

What groups can be listed on a reverse vending machine?

Major donation partners are large organisations that have at least a NSW presence and can demonstrate a broad community benefit. They will appear across the statewide reverse vending machine network.

Local donation partners should have a predominately local presence and demonstrate a broad community benefit in the Return and Earn zone or where the local reverse vending machine is located. They will appear on a localised basis.

How will groups be selected for a reverse vending machine?
Applicants who satisfy the eligibility criteria will be chosen based on the order their application is received and on a discretionary basis to achieve a balance of donation partners at machines.

How long does a reverse vending machine listing last?
Approximately three months, although listings may be rotated more frequently to align with local fundraising drives, awareness raising activities or other events.

Where can I find more information?
Information is available at www.returnandearn.org.au