



2026 WASTE COLLECTION TEAM COMMUNITY GROUP APPLICATION

About Energy Breakthrough

The Energy Breakthrough is a unique multiple-day youth event held annually in November in Maryborough. The event commenced in 1991, and has been held at the Princes Park Precinct, Maryborough every year since.

The EB attracts in excess of 5,000 participants who camp and participate in the various categories conducted as part of the event. For further information regarding Energy Breakthrough please visit www.eb.org.au.

What is involved

Council is seeking a community group to provide the collection and proper disposal of four waste streams at Energy Breakthrough, ensuring waste is placed in designated back-of-house (BOH) stations, and supporting our goal of a low-waste event.

Waste Sustainability 2026 and beyond

The challenge for 2026 is to maintain a high level of clean waste diversion without the support of a resource to sort waste at BOH stations. The Waste Management Coordinator will place greater emphasis on pre-event education with schools and on resourcing waste education at the bin stations during the event.

The Waste Management Coordinator will coordinate pre-event school waste education and waste education volunteers at the event.

At the event, bins will be colour coded to match the following waste streams:

- **Organics** (green bin): Food waste and compostable materials
- **Recycling** (yellow bin): Paper and cardboard
- **Container Deposit Scheme (CDS)** (blue bin): Cans and plastic bottles
- **Waste (landfill)** (red bin): Non-recyclable and non-compostable waste

The Waste Collection Team will work closely with the Waste Management Coordinator and waste education volunteers to ensure event waste is correctly disposed in each stream, working to support the event's waste minimisation goals.

Dates the Waste Collection Team is required onsite

Monday 16 – Sunday 22 November 2026

Roles and Responsibilities

Council's Waste Management Coordinator will:

- Be the main contact in the lead up to and throughout the event
- Arrange pre-event education for schools and recruitment of waste education volunteers
- Organise a pre-event meeting and ensure the Waste Collection Team is adequately trained in waste collection procedures
- Prepare maps of RRS and BOH locations
- Organise the setup of RRS and BOH
- Arrange for permanent bins to be emptied prior to the event
- Arrange the collection of the waste from the skip bins post the event

Waste Collection Team will:

- Attend pre-event meeting, including training for waste collection
- Cover permanent site bins with bulka bags (provided by the Event Waste Management Leader)
- Ensure event RRS are well presented (clean, no rubbish in the vicinity, signage in good repair)
- Regularly monitor and empty bins – schedule in timing with mealtimes and event break times to prevent bin overflow.
- Transport waste to BOH stations and use the bin lifts to place waste in appropriate skip
- Complete three visual contamination assessments for each stream, each day
- Collect loose rubbish across the event site and place in correct waste stream
- Interact with the public and vendors in a respectful manner (all volunteers must adhere to the Code of Conduct Policy)
- Be responsible for the Occupational Health and Safety of the volunteers, including provision of safety equipment (e.g. gloves) and ensuring appropriate processes are communicated

Objectives of the Waste Collection Team:

- Provide waste collection services throughout the event.
- Maintain separation of all waste streams.
- Ensure waste is disposed of in the correct skip bins.
- Monitor and service Resource Recovery Stations (RRS).
- Prevent bin overflow through regular collections.
- Support the event's waste minimisation goals.

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Communication

Council will designate a Waste Management Coordinator who will be the main contact in the lead up to and throughout the event.

Pre-event meeting

A pre-event meeting with the Waste Management Coordinator will be arranged to answer any questions, provide an overview of the event locations of Resource Recovery Stations (RRS) and BOH, and provide training for contamination assessments.

Attendance is required from Waste Collection Team leader/supervisor at a minimum.

Existing bins

Existing permanent bins will not be used during the event. The Waste Management Coordinator will arrange for these bins to be emptied the Monday, prior to the event. The Waste Collection Team is required to cover the permanent bins with bulka bags (provided by the Waste Management Coordinator) by Monday afternoon.

Resource Recovery Stations (RRS) locations

The Waste Management Coordinator will organise the setup of approximately 15 RRS around the Energy Breakthrough site. These RRS will be a combination of the four waste streams including organics, recyclables, CDS, and general waste.

It is the responsibility of the Waste Collection Team to ensure RRS are always kept tidy and well-presented. Any concerns or issues should be promptly reported to the Waste Management Coordinator.

Back-of-House Stations

The Waste Management Coordinator will arrange for the delivery and placement of essential equipment and infrastructure for BOH operations prior to the event.

- **Setup:** The two centralised BOH waste collection zones will enable the Waste Collection Team to sort waste from public bins into the corresponding large skip bins for collection post the event. Spare wheelie bins will also be stored in the two BOH locations
- **Access:** Restricted to authorised personnel only to ensure proper handling

Emptying of Bins

The Waste Collection Team is required to remove bins from the RRS as they become full and replace them with an empty bin alternative. RRS must be maintained in a neat and tidy manner. Bins with waste are to be returned to the BOH area and emptied into the corresponding skip bin. Maintaining waste separation in both Front-of-House and BOH areas is imperative.

Contamination assessments

Three visual contamination assessments will be completed for each stream each day. This will be completed back-of-house and will help monitor how well patrons are sorting their waste at the resource recovery stations. Knowledge gained from these assessments will influence education strategies for future events and track progress towards the event's waste reduction goals.

Training for contamination assessments will occur during the pre-event meeting.

High Traffic Times

	Track 2	Track 2 camping	Princes Park Oval	EB Central	Track 1	Jubilee Oval
Tuesday 4pm – 8pm						
Wednesday 9am – 8.30pm	2pm – 4 pm			9am – 6pm	6pm - 8:30pm	
Thursday 9am – 8pm						
Friday 9am – 9:30pm	9am – 5pm		Schools leave at end of day			
Saturday 9am – 8pm					24-hour event	
Sunday 9am – 3pm						

After event - collect bins from RRS (except for one on Jubilee Oval) and return to BOH area.

PRICING SCHEDULE

*No. of volunteers includes the Waste Collection Team leader/supervisor for each shift

Date	Task	*No. of volunteers	No. of hours
Monday 16 November	- Attend pre-event meeting, including training for waste collection - Cover permanent site bins with bulka bags (provided by the Waste Management Coordinator) by Monday afternoon.		
Tuesday 17 November 4pm – 8pm	- Regular patrols of the event site - Collecting and replacing full bins with empty bins - Transferring waste collected to BOH and emptying it into the corresponding skip bin. - Contamination Audit (Visual) 3 times		
Wednesday 18 November 9am – 8:30pm	- Regular patrols of the event site - Collecting and replacing full bins with empty bins - Transferring waste collected to BOH and emptying it into the corresponding skip bin. - Contamination Audit (Visual) 3 times		
Thursday 19 November 9am – 8pm	- Regular patrols of the event site - Collecting and replacing full bins with empty bins - Transferring waste collected to BOH and emptying it into the corresponding skip bin. - Contamination Audit (Visual) 3 times		
Friday 20 November 9am – 9:30pm	- Regular patrols of the event site - Collecting and replacing full bins with empty bins - Transferring waste collected to BOH and emptying it into the corresponding skip bin. - Contamination Audit (Visual) 3 times		
Saturday 21 November 9am – 8pm	- Regular patrols of the event site - Collecting and replacing full bins with empty bins - Transferring waste collected to BOH and emptying it into the corresponding skip bin. - Contamination Audit (Visual) 3 times		
Sunday 22 November 9am – 3pm	- Regular patrols of the event site - Collecting and replacing full bins with empty bins - Transferring waste collected to BOH and emptying it into the corresponding skip bin. - Contamination Audit (Visual) 3 times - After event - collect bins from RRS (except for one on Jubilee Oval) and return to BOH area.		
TOTAL COST		\$	