



CARNIVAL ON COLLINS 2014

Sunday September 7th 2014



2014 STALL HOLDER ECO-FRIENDLY TERMS & CONDITIONS

Carnival on Collins is an ecologically responsible, carbon neutral event. Each year Council strives to reduce the environmental impacts of the Carnival by improving efficiency, reducing waste to landfill and offsetting carbon emissions through accredited carbon offset programs such as renewable energy projects.

We look forward to having you on board this year to assist us in managing the environmental impact of Carnival on Collins, particularly in the area of **WASTE MANAGEMENT & RECYCLING**.

To facilitate a waste-wise event, Council has established the following stallholder requirements. Please spend a few minutes familiarising yourself with these requirements and what changes you will need to make to your operations in order to comply.

By signing the stallholder application form you are accepting that you will comply with the following requirements, including acknowledgement that non-compliance may result in you being ineligible to have a stall at Carnival on Collins in the future.

The following requirements must be met by **ALL STALLHOLDERS** in order to operate at Carnival on Collins:

1. **BIODEGRADABLE PACKAGING:** Food vendors must use biodegradable food containers and eating utensils. Plastic food containers and eating utensils are not permitted due to lack of recycling options.
2. **NO PLASTIC BAGS:** Do not provide customers with plastic bags. Use alternatives such as paper bags and cardboard boxes instead.
3. **USED COOKING OIL:** Do not dispose of used cooking oil in any bin – take it home for responsible disposal
4. **USE CORRECT BINS & SKIPS:** A series of 'bin stations' consisting of 1 recycle bin and 1 waste bin have been positioned behind stalls for stallholder use. Do not move these bins to suit yourself! They are for shared use by all stallholders. During times of high waste generation, stallholders are encouraged to use the Carnival waste and recycle skip bins. When recycling cardboard, don't forget to flatten boxes to save bin space.
5. **KEEP BINS IN PAIRS:** Do not move the public wheelie bins for your own use. These bins need to remain in pairs to support recycling and responsible waste disposal by the general public. Use the allocated stallholder bins instead.

PLEASE NOTE: Pay particular attention to these requirements throughout the day, including set-up and close down. Event staff will be walking around throughout the day and non-compliance may result in your not being permitted back to Carnival on Collins in the future.

Refer to Stallholder Guide for more information.



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As a result of the great events that happen in Cairns every year, thousands of tonnes of waste is generated, often ending up in landfill or as litter polluting our streets and waterways. The waste is a loss of resources, as at least 60% of the material could be recycled. Working together we can reverse this mountain of waste and reduce the environmental impact of events.

This guide provides information on:

- Mandatory operating practices for stallholders
- Desirable operating practices for stallholders
- Frequently asked questions about stallholder compliance
- Resources to assist with event compliance
 - Recycling magnet for easy reference on 'which bin to put it in'
 - Identifying and sourcing biodegradable packaging

Mandatory Operating Practices:

Biodegradable packaging: This means using food trays, plates, bowls, coffee cups, cutlery, etc which are made from paper, cardboard, wood, corn starch, bamboo etc – products which can be composted at the end of their life. Plastic and polystyrene are not biodegradable.

No plastic bags: Single-use plastic bags have become a symbol of consumer waste. A plastic bag free Carnival supports community sentiment to kick the plastic bag habit. Explain to your customers why you don't have plastic bags and source an alternative option (e.g. paper bags, cardboard boxes) for the odd customer or two who still think plastic is fantastic.

Used cooking oil: Please take your used cooking oil home for responsible disposal via your local oil recycler.

Use the correct bins: The location of 'bin stations' (bins in pairs of 1 x recycle and 1 x waste) determines if they are for stallholder use or general public use. Use the bins located behind the stalls for your recyclables and general waste. Do not move these bins to suit yourself! They are for shared use by all stallholders. During times of high waste generation, stallholders are encouraged to use the Carnival waste and recycle skip bins. When recycling cardboard in the recycle skip, don't forget to flatten boxes to save bin space.

Keep bins in pairs: Do not move the public wheelie bins for your own use. These bins need to remain in pairs to support recycling and responsible waste disposal by the general public. Use the allocated stallholder bins instead.

See below for resources to assist with your operating requirements including:

- Recycling flier – what does into the yellow topped bins
- Packaging alternatives – suggested alternatives to non-compostable packaging
- Packaging suppliers – product descriptions and local suppliers of biodegradable packaging

Desirable Operating Practices:

Recycle right: maximise your recycling rates by having a kitchen waste bin and a kitchen recycle bin (supplied by you) set-up in your stall. Once full, transfer the contents to the correct wheelie bin. This is a common set-up for waste wise households and businesses.



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Energy efficiency: aim to reduce energy consumption associated with your stall setup and operation throughout the day with practical actions like switching off idle equipment. Act like you are paying the power bill and you can't go wrong.

Water efficiency: aim to reduce water consumption associated with your stall setup and operation throughout the day with practical actions like turning off hoses and taps when not in use.

Water pollution: reduce your impact on the stormwater system, which flows to nearby waterways by keeping your site litter free and avoiding unnecessary 'wash-down' of pathways and other hard surfaces. Keeping an outdoor broom handy can be.... handy.

Buy local: sourcing local ingredients and products has many benefits including supporting the local economy, reducing transport related greenhouse gas emissions and, if promoted well, increasing your business by engaging with the growing number of people who also 'buy local'.

Promote your achievements: use signage and other promotion techniques to let your customers know about what steps you have taken to make a positive contribution to the local environment, community and economy.

Frequently Asked Questions about stallholder conditions:

Q) Plastic is recyclable, so why can't I use plastic plates and forks?

A) Single use plastic (and polystyrene) food containers and eating implements are not commonly recycled in Australia as it is difficult to process, the quality varies enormously and contamination from food tends to be quite high.

In addition, general waste in Cairns passes through a large scale composting system to divert compostable waste from landfill. So using biodegradable food containers etc at events results in compost generation, whereas plastic and polystyrene packaging ultimately results in increased landfill.

Q) Take-away containers are accepted for recycling in Cairns, why can't I use them?

A) At events, single use plastic takeaway containers are unlikely to be washed by the user before placing into the bin, resulting in bin contamination and potential landfilling of all items in that bin. Preventing stallholder use of plastic take-away containers aims to reduce contamination of recycling bins with food and other non-recyclable items.

Q) Biodegradable food containers cost more than plastic ones. I just can't afford it!

A) According to the NSW Environmental Protection Authority, waste-wise principles are supported by 87% of the general public, who now expect recycling at events. Similar community research highlights that consumers are willing to pay more for non-plastic containers, so the solution to your cost increase is to pass the cost onto your customers. They'll end up paying less than 10 cents extra per meal and your bottom line won't be affected. Promoted correctly, switching to biodegradable food packaging might actually be good for business.

recycling at home!



do the **right thing** use the **RIGHT BIN**

remove lids and rinse all food scraps and liquids



GLASS

- ✓ all clear, green and amber glass bottles
- ✓ all glass jars
- ✓ clear glass sauce bottles




ALUMINIUM AND STEEL

- ✓ soft drink cans
- ✓ empty aerosol cans
- ✓ beer and alcohol cans
- ✓ food cans



PLASTICS

Look for one of these symbols: 

- ✓ soft drink and water bottles
- ✓ plastic cups
- ✓ milk bottles
- ✓ takeaway containers
- ✓ sauce bottles
- ✓ ice-cream containers
- ✓ yoghurt tubs
- ✓ shampoo and conditioner bottles



CARDBOARD AND PAPER

Remove any plastic wrap or polystyrene and squash boxes

- ✓ newspapers
- ✓ junk mail
- ✓ magazines
- ✓ envelopes
- ✓ loose office paper
- ✓ greeting cards
- ✓ telephone directories
- ✓ food cartons
- ✓ clean pizza boxes
- ✓ milk cartons
- ✓ egg cartons
- ✓ boxes

*** plastic bags * food scraps**

For more about recycling visit:
recyclerright.cairns.qld.gov



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LIKE OUR
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SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVES TO PLASTIC FOOD CONTAINERS	
Single Use Plastic Throw-away	Biodegradable / low waste alternative
Plastic or foam take-away containers	Cardboard containers, corn starch containers, paper plates & bowls, palm wood plates & bowls
Plastic film or cling wrap	Paper wrap Cellophane wrap
Polystyrene/foam cups	Double-walled paper cups, ceramic mugs, reusable hard plastic
Plastic straws	Eliminate or replace with paper straws
Plastic cutlery	Corn starch cutlery, wooden stirrers, wooden cutlery
Sugar, sauces and other condiment sachets	Bulk dispensers (where possible)
Plastic bags	Ask patrons first if they require a bag Use paper bags
Drink cup covers and disposable food trays	Avoid using if not an OH&S issue
ALTERNATIVE PRODUCT RANGES / CATALOGUES	
www.detpak.com	www.biopak.com.au
www.thinkecoshop.com.au	www.visyclosedloop.com
CAIRNS SUPPLIERS	
Enviromart, 164-170 Aumuller Street, Bungalow, Cairns, (07) 4041 2233 www.enviromart.net.au	
NB: if your business is a local supplier of biodegradable packaging described above, please contact Council to request your details be added to this list.	